

Socialist Party To Be Made Official in Jan
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[Emin Demirel report: "Meeting Held To Establish the Socialist Party"]

[Excerpts] A meeting was held in Istanbul yesterday to establish the "Socialist Party." The new party, preparatory work for which has been continuing for the past 2 years, is reported to be supporting the former Worker-Peasant Party of Turkey, which was headed by Dogu Perincek. [passage omitted]

Addressing the meeting, Yalcin Buyukdagli, the spokesman of the new party's founding committee, said that the Socialists had failed to establish themselves in Turkey since the abolition of political parties after the 12 September 1980 military takeover in the country. Buyukdagli asserted:

"However, parties were later formed to represent all the political trends. Even those who were mainly responsible for the creation of an atmosphere of terrorism in the country prior to 12 September 1980 took part in the elections as political party leaders. But because the Socialist trend was the main target of the 12 September military coup, not to mention its weaknesses, the Socialists have been rather late in fulfilling their tasks. We were unable to inspire hope in the people when the social and political crises deepened. We have been forced to follow events activated by the referendum and the early elections from the outside. We have failed to come up with a program which would inspire hope in the people, who are in a state of helplessness."

Buyukdagli said that the Socialist Party would be officially established in January 1988. Noting that Turkey was experiencing the most serious crisis in its recent history, he claimed that the Socialist Party will provide hope for people who feel they are helpless. [passage omitted]

MILLIYET Cites Soviet Official on Boosting Trade
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[Varlik Ozmenek report: "A Positive Approach by the Great Neighbor"]

[Text] (ANKA)—Mikhail Kiselev, chief of the Trade With Asian Countries Administration of the USSR Ministry of Foreign Trade, has said "significant steps will be taken to improve trade relations between the Soviet Union and Turkey in 1988." Noting that a Soviet delegation headed by Katushev, chairman of the USSR State Economic Committee [name and title as published], will be visiting Turkey for that purpose on 15 January 1988, Kiselev asserted that the talks to be held in Ankara will establish the extent of economic and trade relations between the two countries in 1988.

Kiselev said that, compared with 1986, the volume of trade between the Soviet Union and Turkey increased by 30 percent during 1987. He described this increase as a "very important" development for 1988 and subsequent years. Recalling that the 25-year agreement between the two countries for the sale of Soviet natural gas to Turkey until the year 2011 created "new opportunities" in bilateral trade relations, Kiselev said that the Soviet Union would be supplying 6 billion cubic meters of natural gas to Turkey between 1993 and 2011. He added that the list of the commodities Turkey will be supplying to the Soviet Union in return for its natural gas imports will be drawn up on a yearly basis.

Kiselev asserted: "The reconstruction policy has created significant opportunities for developing the existing trade relations between the Soviet Union and Turkey. We regard our trade relations with neighboring Turkey as very important. We intend to upgrade the scope of our economic and trade relations to the highest level. We believe that this is required by our good neighborly relations."

Batu Comments on SFRY Conference Invitation
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[Text] Ankara (AA)—Ambassador Inal Batu, Foreign Ministry spokesman, said that the SFRY Government has extended an official invitation to Ankara and the other capitals in the region for the convocation of a Balkan conference.

In his news conference today, Batu announced that the invitation proposes holding the conference in Belgrade between 24 and 26 February. Batu noted:

"During Mr Halefoglu's official visit to Belgrade we declared our welcome in principle of such a conference. The question now is the agenda of the conference. The information we have indicates that the agenda will not be rigid. In other words, the Yugoslav authorities will not prevent participating foreign ministers from raising the issues they want. Our views regarding the agenda have not changed. As you know, during the conference we want Balkan countries to exchange views with the aim of developing their political, economic, humanitarian, and cultural relations. We have not been led to believe that an agenda ruling out the exchange of views on these issues is being prepared. On the contrary, we believe that the procedure to be followed will allow each country to raise any issue it wants. We will respond to the official invitation and I do not believe that this will take long."

Ozal, Jordan's Hasan Make Statements on Talks
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[Text] Jordanian Crown Prince Hasan left Turkey today after concluding his contacts. In a statement before his departure, he said that his talks in Ankara were satisfactory and successful. Pointing out that during the talks an

exchange of views was conducted on bilateral as well as multilateral issues. Prince Hasan said that his country accords priority to the development of cooperation among Islamic Conference countries. He noted that Turkey's contribution to the Islamic countries foreign ministers meeting to be held in Amman in March is of special importance. The Jordanian crown prince said that [words indistinct] the termination of the Gulf war, the resolution of the Arab-Israeli conflict, and the implementation of the UN resolution concerning the Palestinian problem, adding that this will assist in the establishment of stability in the area. Hasan also invited Prime Minister Turgut Ozal to visit Jordan.

In his turn, Ozal said that bilateral as well as regional issues, especially the Iran-Iraq war and the situation in the Gulf, and general topics on economic cooperation were discussed with the Jordanian crown prince. The prime minister remarked that the peace water project previously proposed by Turkey, whereby water will be transported from Turkey to regional countries, was also discussed. Pointing out that Jordan has proposed the establishment of an academic center in Turkey aimed at determining regional problems and conducting scientific research on these subjects, Ozal said that work on this may begin in the near future. He noted that there are plans for small groups of experts to work on economic cooperation in the region, adding that these groups can offer various options.

The Jordanian crown prince then left Turkey. He was seen off by Ozal in a ceremony at Ankara's Esenboga Airport. Foreign Minister Mesut Yilmaz, State Minister Yusuf Ozal, and other officials attended the ceremony.

Four 'Terrorists' Captured in Diyarbakir
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[Excerpt] Thirty-six persons, four of them terrorists, have been captured as a result of searches conducted in Diyarbakir. According to information obtained from the

State of Emergency Regional Governorship, it was determined that some of those captured extended aid to terrorists, conducted propaganda activities, and were involved in preparations for terrorist activities. [passage omitted]

Briefs

Heroin Impounded

During operations conducted in Mersin and the TRNC, security forces seized 10 kg of heroin and caught 3 persons. According to a Turkish Radio and Television correspondent, 5 kg of heroin was found in the luggage of a person who arrived at Mersin port from the TRNC. An investigation into the incident revealed that the impounded heroin was the remainder of a quantity that was taken to the TRNC to be sold. Icel Security Directorate teams then conducted an operation in the TRNC, capturing another 2 persons together with 5 kg of heroin ready to be smuggled to Europe. [Text] [*Ankara Domestic Service in Turkish 2100 GMT 28 Dec*]

Iranians Admit Drug Smuggling

Narcotics police have detained two Iranians who swallowed heroin in capsules which do not dissolve in the digestive system. Mohsen Khoshab and Turaj Bahreh were arrested in an Istanbul hotel while attempting to sell 500 grams of heroin to narcotics police posing as drug purchasers. During interrogation, Bahreh revealed that he had swallowed 190 grams of heroin contained in capsules that would not dissolve in the digestive system. He was accompanied to the bathroom by police who retrieved the heroin. The accused admitted that they had used the same method to smuggle 500 grams of heroin from Iran into Turkey on an earlier occasion. [Summary] [*Istanbul TERCUMAN in Turkish 27 Dec 87 p 10 NC*]