

Message to TKP/ML

MESSAGE TO THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF TURKEY/MARXIST-LENINIST ON THE OCCASION OF THE 12TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MARTYRDOM OF ITS FOUNDER, IBRAHIM KAYPAKKAYA

Dear Comrades,

Twelve years ago Comrade Ibrahim Kaypakkaya was the victim of a cowardly assassination while in the custody of the reactionary Turkish regime. At the time of his death Comrade Kaypakkaya was only 24 years old, yet he had already made great contributions to the development of the revolutionary movement in Turkey. His death was a serious loss to the proletariat in Turkey and to the international communist movement which was deprived of a leader and teacher who was making important contributions in practice as well as theory to the proletarian revolution.

The strength of the proletarian line of Ibrahim Kaypakkaya is illustrated by the fact that today,

twelve years after his death, thousands of revolutionary communists from Turkey, certainly, but from many other countries as well, continue to revere his memory and learn from his teachings.

The question of upholding Ibrahim Kaypakkaya's contribution to the revolution in Turkey is of no mere historical or academic interest—it is very much connected to life and death questions for the advance of the proletarian revolution.

Ibrahim Kaypakkaya's brief but extremely rich life was integrally connected to the world-wide struggle taking place in the 1960s between revolutionary Marxism and counter-revolutionary revisionism on a world scale. Under the leadership of Comrade Mao Tsetung and inspired to a large degree by the Cultural Revolution that Comrade Mao Tsetung had initiated, revolutionaries throughout the world launched a fierce struggle against revisionism on the ideological, political and organisational fronts. In most cases this meant a rupture with the

old revisionist parties, which had long abandoned even the pretense of revolution, and the creation of new revolutionary parties based on Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought.

In Turkey, it was Comrade Ibrahim Kaypakkaya who led this process in all its aspects. He developed a lucid and devastating critique of revisionism on a whole series of fronts and, furthermore, took the lead in putting this political line into practice—specifically by initiating the first serious attempt to launch a genuine People's War in the history of Turkey. Ibrahim Kaypakkaya was the most thorough and ardent defender in Turkey of the line of Comrade Mao Tsetung and was quick to grasp the world-historic importance of the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution and the development of the science of Marxism-Leninism carried out by Mao Tsetung.

For all these reasons Ibrahim Kaypakkaya has always been, in death as well as life, the target of all sorts of enemies of the revolution.

Those who oppose the development of the revolution have found it necessary to attack the line of Ibrahim Kaypakkaya, either directly or shamefacedly. On the other hand, the further advance of the revolution in Turkey has been shown to be directly linked to the defense of the line of Ibrahim Kaypakkaya. Some who, because of the high prestige of Comrade Kaypakkaya, hypocritically claim to defend his legacy while criticising "shortcomings," such as the self-proclaimed "Bolsheviks" and other renegades, have actually launched an all-out assault on the line of Ibrahim Kaypakkaya.

The current sorry state of affairs of these "Bolsheviks" is a clear warning to all of where this line leads.

It is certainly true that the first experiences of the rupture with revisionism and the launching of the people's armed struggle for power could only have been and were accompanied by weaknesses and shortcomings. But such is true of all new and correct things. As the *Declaration of the Revolutionary Internationalist Movement* puts it:

"In the 1960s and early 1970s Marxist-Leninist forces in a great many countries, under the influence of the Cultural Revolution in China and as part of the general worldwide revolutionary upsurge, joined with sections of masses in waging armed revolutionary warfare. In a number of countries the Marxist-Leninist forces were able to rally considerable sections of the population to the revolutionary banner and maintain the Marxist-Leninist party and armed forces of the masses despite the savage counter-revolutionary repression. It was inevitable that these early attempts at building new, Marxist-Leninist parties and the launching of armed struggle would be marked by a certain primitiveness and that ideological and political weaknesses would manifest themselves, and it is, of course, not surprising that the imperialists and revisionists would seize upon these errors and weaknesses to condemn the revolutionaries as 'ultra-leftists' or worse. Nevertheless these experiences must, in general, be upheld as an important part of the legacy of the

Marxist-Leninist movement which helped lay the basis for further advances." Such an attitude and approach is the only correct one to summing up the great contributions of Comrade Ibrahim Kaypakkaya.

Comrades, today the revolutionary movement of all countries is confronted with a world situation fraught with both great danger and great opportunities. The danger of world war is menacing but the development of the revolutionary struggle is also on the rise again. This puts a great burden on the genuine Marxist-Leninist forces to rise to meet the challenges and opportunities of the current period and fulfill their responsibilities.

In Turkey the fascist regime continues a reign of terror over the masses of people and the revolutionary forces. The followers of Ibrahim Kaypakkaya, the Communist Party of Turkey/Marxist-Leninist, continues to be hunted and pursued and large numbers of comrades have been martyred or imprisoned. Nevertheless the fascist rule is far from solid. Indeed, their terror is a response to their isolation from the masses. The situation in the region, despite the existence of reactionary regimes everywhere, is increasingly favourable for the people's struggle for liberation. The reactionary regime can and will be defeated! Continuing forward along the path charted by Ibrahim Kaypakkaya is essential to bringing about this long-awaited victory.

Comrade Ibrahim Kaypakkaya did not live to see the great advance and great victory for the world proletariat that is represented by the creation of the Revolutionary Internationalist Movement. The Revolutionary Internationalist Movement, together with other Maoist forces, are the inheritors of Marx, Engels, Lenin, Stalin and Mao Tsetung, and the formation of this Movement is a precious fruit of the struggle of the proletariat and oppressed people throughout the world. The experience of the proletariat and oppressed peoples of Turkey, of the struggle of Ibrahim and of his successors, is reflected, along with the struggle in different corners of the world, in the *Declaration of the Revolutionary Internationalist*

Movement to which the Communist Party of Turkey/Marxist-Leninist is a signatory.

Today, in a way unknown for a long time, the revolutionary proletariat is able to develop its ideological, political and organisational unity. Of course, as the *Declaration* points out, the crisis of the international communist movement is not yet resolved. Nevertheless the corner has been turned and the process of further disintegration and collapse has been replaced with one of higher unity and the growth of the revolutionary forces.

This is particularly evidenced by the rapid and inspiring development of the armed revolutionary struggle in Peru led by the Communist Party of Peru, which proudly proclaims its participation in the Revolutionary Internationalist Movement. Supporting and learning from this important revolutionary struggle is an important task for the revolutionary communists of all countries.

Comrades, the most important way of honouring the memory of Comrade Kaypakkaya is by persevering and advancing along the revolutionary road. Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought is the basic compass which charts the road ahead. It is this basic orientation that is embodied by the *Declaration of the Revolutionary Internationalist Movement*. By persevering on this path, strengthening the unity of the proletariat on a world scale as well as its contingents in each country, by striving to correctly assimilate the lessons of the past, we can march ahead victoriously!

LONG LIVE THE MEMORY OF IBRAHIM KAYPAKKAYA!

LONG LIVE THE CRIMSON PATH OF MARX, ENGELS, LENIN, STALIN AND MAO!

WORKERS AND OPPRESSED PEOPLES OF THE WORLD UNITE!

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