

The Trade Union Confederation DISK is BANNED

Over a million workers have been deprived of all free and independent forms of representation. Strikes have been outlawed and military occupation of factories is enforcing increased productivity, longer work hours and harsh disciplinary measures for "lateness and slackness". All employees are "actively" encouraged to join the state run union Türk-İş, whose General Secretary Sadık Şide, is Minister of Welfare.

The fate of DISK officials and militants has been widespread dismissal from their jobs, with thousands having been taken into custody. Two thousand trade unionists are now undergoing investigation by a special commission set up by the government, and *Milliyet* reported that Istanbul Martial Law Court is putting 68 DISK leaders on trial, including the President of DISK Abdullah Baştürk; Fehmi Işıklar and Rıza Güven, both executive members of DISK; and Ahmet İsvan, ex-mayor of Istanbul and Republican People's Party candidate. The charges include "trying to establish the rule of one social class over another" and breaches of laws from the very constitution which the junta itself has overthrown.

Evren is trying to smash all democratic organisations of the working people and Kurds in a seemingly "legal" fashion.

Torture and Deaths in Custody

Amnesty International has reported both before and after the coup, that TORTURE has become "widespread and systematic" with the use of electric shocks, falaka (beating of the soles of the feet), insertion of police truncheons and other objects into the anus and vagina, and stubbing of lighted cigarettes being most common.

Upto the new year (1981), over ten people have died from injuries received whilst in custody, and hanging has been re-introduced for the first time since 1972, with five executions already carried out. The censored press estimate that ten deaths a week have resulted from the nationwide manhunt carried out by the Army, especially in Kurdistan.

LEEDS TO LONDON MARCH AGAINST FASCISM IN TURKEY

The CDDRT is building the campaign in Britain with a sponsored March by 25 Turkish Progressives, who will concentrate on winning support from the Labour and Progressive movements in ten major cities, by holding Public Meetings and establishing local organisations for the CDDRT. The timetable covers 8 days during which the Marchers will walk 15-20 miles per day.

- MARCH 7th — Demonstration in Leeds at 12.00am.
Wakefield public meeting (evening)
- MARCH 8th — Barnsley public meeting (evening)
- MARCH 9th — Sheffield public meeting (evening)
- MARCH 10th — Manchester public meeting (evening)
- MARCH 11th — Stoke public meeting (evening)
- MARCH 12th — Birmingham public meeting (evening)
- MARCH 13th — Coventry public meeting (evening)
- MARCH 14th — Demonstration in Luton (Afternoon)

MARCH 15th NATIONAL DEMONSTRATION IN LONDON

Assemble in front of Euston Station at 1.00pm
March to Hyde Park (Speakers Corner)
Speakers from CDDRT,
Labour and Progressive movements
Please bring your TU Banners!

SPONSORSHIP

The Campaign against Fascism in Turkey doesn't only require political support, it also needs financial support. Therefore the CDDRT is calling upon its supporters and friends to sponsor the *Leeds to London March against Fascism in Turkey*.

- * Get your Trade Union and Party branch to make a donation by filling in the adjoining slip.
- * If you wish to sponsor individual marchers on a mileage basis, there are sponsor sheets available, which will be officially stamped, according to the distance covered.
- * The CDDRT welcomes all the help it can get from individuals and organisations in organising the March and the National Demonstration. Please write to the address below, from which all CDDRT material is also available
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SPONSORSHIP FORM

I wish to make the following donation to the March against Fascism in Turkey.

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Donation:

(Cheques payable to: CDDRT)

Send to: CDDRT

29 Parkfield St.,

London N1

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**Affiliate to the Committee for the Defence of Democratic Rights
in Turkey (CDDRT)**

*Cost of affiliation for one year: National organisations £20 (can be negotiated),
local organisations £5, individuals £2.*

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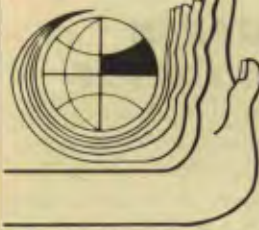
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(Make cheques or postal order to CDDRT)



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Committee for the Defence of
Democratic Rights in Turkey

FIGHT THE FASCIST JUNTA



Committee for the Defence of Democratic Rights in Turkey

MARCH AGAINST IN TURKEY



- 7th MARCH LEEDS (Demonstration)
WAKEFIELD (Public Meeting)
- 8th MARCH BARNSELEY (Public Meeting)
- 9th MARCH SHEFFIELD (Public Meeting)
- 10th MARCH MANCHESTER (Public Meeting)
- 11th MARCH STOKE (Public Meeting)
- 12th MARCH BIRMINGHAM (Public Meeting)
- 13th MARCH COVENTRY (Public Meeting)
- 14th MARCH LUTON (Demonstration)

**15th MARCH - LONDON
NATIONAL DEMONSTRATION**

(Assemble 1.00 pm. in front of Euston Station
march to Speakers Corner.)

THE COMMITTEE FOR THE DEFENCE OF DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS IN TURKEY

The CDDRT was founded in 1978 to rally world democratic opinion against fascisation of the state in Turkey, and in particular, Articles 141 and 142 of the Penal Code, which were directly culled from Mussolini's Penal Code.

Since the Army takeover on 12th September 1980, the CDDRT has launched an International Campaign (with organisations at present in Britain, France, West Germany and Norway), to expose the *fascist* character of General Evren's ruling junta, which has attempted to disguise itself as the only National Force capable of saving the country from terrorism and economic collapse. However, subsequent reports from bodies like Amnesty International and some Western newspapers are revealing a picture of increased repression, torture and murder, which support most of the evidence published in the CDDRT *Newsletter* to date.

Parliament and all political parties are BANNED

More than 40,000 people were arrested in the first few weeks, including members of the Government and opposition MP's. All decisions are now taken by five members of the National Security Council. The *Guardian* carried a report (January 16, 1981) of a rally addressed by General Evren, where he promised that a Constituent Assembly would be formed at the end of the year. However, he implied that no members of the former political parties would be eligible for election and said, "We shall never hand over Turkey to those who brought her to this condition." (*Guardian*, 16. 1. 1981)

Evren was further reported to have said that this assembly would function as the lower house in a two chamber legislative. "The Upper Chamber would consist of members of the five-man National Security Council and have ultimate authority."

This "return to democracy" indicates that the fascist junta is seeking ways to institutionalize its power and find a mass base, in order to consolidate itself for a long period of rule.