

porters of the pro-socialist trade union confederation DISK were fired upon by extremists linked to the neo-fascist paramilitary forces of Deputy Prime Minister Alparslan Turkes. Thirty-nine people were killed, and hundreds wounded or arrested. The operation was an invitation to the military to intervene and "restore order."

Interpol, Rockefeller's international policy apparatus, coordinated the massacre through the Interpol-controlled Turkish police. Oktay Engin, chief of the security department of the national police department in Turkey, was responsible for providing security during the May Day celebrations. In 1955, Engin, then a security officer, threw a bomb into the birthplace of Kemal Ataturk, founder of the Turkish Republic. The incident was blamed on the left, and several leftists were accused and tried. In addition, Mehmet Akzambak, former deputy director of the police force and current security chief at Istanbul's Intercontinental Hotel, is also implicated in the May 1 massacre. Several gunmen who fired on the crowd that day were stationed in the Intercontinental Hotel.

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A Chicago Banker On Turkish Crisis:

The Turks will simply have to bite the bullet. The problem with the Turks is that they are too nationalistic, too oriented to growth and that ideology of Ataturk that calls for development. If Demirel comes out and says forget about growth, he will lose the elections. We are keeping our fingers crossed that after the elections there will be a strong enough government to enforce the IMF reforms. If not, a military takeover is highly possible. The atmosphere in Ankara is highly charged these days...The worst scenario possible would be if the Turks requested a rollover without agreeing to impose the IMF reforms. This would be unacceptable.