

# Will Turkey get the 'Iran treatment'?

*NATO, IMF already mounting a 'dump Ecevit' drive*

If NATO intelligence planners and the International Monetary Fund have their way, Turkey and the government of Prime Minister Bülent Ecevit will be the next casualties of the "Islamic fundamentalist" chaos that has destroyed the national fabric of Iran.

Ecevit has run afoul of the IMF and NATO on several counts: his government has staunchly refused to adopt a stringent IMF austerity program which is a paradigm of the genocidal "conditionalities" which the IMF has imposed throughout the Third World and is now seeking to extend to the advanced sector. If Turkey is successful in resisting the conditionalities, other countries will be encouraged to do likewise. As well, Turkey, whose troops were once the pride of NATO, has all but withdrawn from the alliance in recent years, and has resisted pressures to strengthen its

NATO ties. Most recently, Turkey has rebuffed a U.S. bid to allow overflights by U-2 spy planes seeking to verify Soviet compliance with the SALT II treaty, and Turkish government policy for the past several years, in contrast to NATO, has been to cultivate better economic relations with the Soviets.

Moreover, the Turkish situation is a key test case for the projected European Monetary System policy of development lending. In January, West German Chancellor Schmidt forced through a pledge that the West would supply Turkey with credits to stay afloat; however, that pledge has been held up under a combination of pressure by the IMF and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, and vacillation by the Europeans.

Now, a full-scale drive is underway to topple Ecevit, plunge Turkey into a morass of IMF conditionalities and Islamic fundamentalist chaos, and involve the nation in geopolitical provocations against the Soviet Union.

Leading the operation against Turkey from the inside is a self-avowed fascist, former Colonel Alparslan Türkeş, leader of Turkey's Nationalist Action Party. Türkeş's political mentor is Franz Josef Strauss, head of Bavaria's Christian Social Union, with whom Türkeş met last week in Munich. Through Strauss, Türkeş has links as well to oligarchist Otto von Hapsburg, the Bavarian-based coordinator of the worldwide Muslim Brotherhood networks responsible for the chaos in Iran, the execution of Pakistan's former Prime Minister Bhutto, and now for the campaign to primitivize Turkey.

## Terror toll: 34 deaths in one week

Violent assaults by both right- and left-wing terrorists are daily fare throughout Turkey, making terror-plagued countries like Italy seem placid in comparison. Gunmen open fire in restaurants, classrooms, movie houses, and other public places, murdering at will. Last year, 1,400 people—most of them students—lost their lives in terrorist incidents. In the third week of May alone, 34 people were murdered.

The terrorism has split the country down the

### Soviets issue \$4 billion in development aid to Turkey

In what could be a boost to the beleaguered government of Prime Minister Bülent Ecevit, the annual meeting of the Turkish-Soviet Mixed Commission on Economic Cooperation concluded June 5 with the announcement that the Soviet Union will build a nuclear power plant in Turkey and guarantee its fuel supply

Part of an \$8 billion package of deals which will include a projected \$4 billion in Soviet credits, the nuclear plant deal is part of a package signed which also includes the import by Turkey of 3 million tons of Soviet oil, and \$400 million in Soviet credit for the expansion of several Turkish industrial facilities. The Soviets will also increase the amount of electricity they supply to Turkey.

*Financial Times* correspondent Metin Munir commented that "The signing of a \$400 million deal yesterday—and the prospect of a \$4 billion package—indicate that the Russians are pressing ahead with generous project credits, focused on infrastructure, energy and basic industries."