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NEWSLETTER
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The American Friends of Turkey

Ozal's Party Wins Again; Gets Nearly 2/3 of Parliament

Turgut Ozal has led his Motherland Party to a fresh electoral victory by winning 292 out of 450 seats in the November 29 general elections. Only two other parties -- Social Democrat Populist (SDP) and Correct Way (CWP) -- won the other seats. SDP, led by Erdal Inonu, got 99 and CWP, led by Suleyman Demirel, got 59.

Minor parties, including Democratic Left, led by Bulent Ecevit, failed to win any seats at all. On the morrow of the election, former Prime Minister Ecevit announced his retirement from political life. Since then, however, Mr. Ecevit has let it be known that his decision is not irreversible.

The percentage of popular vote for the three major parties were Motherland 36.29%, SDP 24.81%, and CWP 19.15%. Other parties each got less than 10% of the national vote and, because of the characteristics of the recently revised electoral law, failed to win any seats.

The new parliament was to convene in mid-December, beginning a five-year term. At the time our Newsletter was going to press, Mr. Ozal had not announced the make-up of the new cabinet. Several ministerial changes were expected, including that of Foreign Affairs. Outgoing Foreign Minister Vahit Halefoglu had not run for reelection to parliament.

Soon after the November 29 results were known, Mr. Ozal flew to the United States for delayed eye surgery -- reportedly successful -- and for a medical check-up, sequel to the heart surgery he underwent at Methodist Hospital in Houston last winter. On the way to Houston the Prime Minister held a round of financial talks in New York City. Mr. Ozal also met there with U.S. Undersecretary of State for Political Affairs Michael H. Armacost. 



Ozal



Inonu



Ecevit



Demirel

More Speakers Added to AFOT Conference Program

Outstanding new additions have joined the list of speakers and panelists for AFOT's February annual conference. Meanwhile former Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger is still on track for the February 4 defense luncheon spot notwithstanding his departure from government.

(Details on page eight)

AFOT Children's Hospital Assistance Program (CHAP)

A state-of-the-art overhead radiant warmer for the care of newborn infants was on its way to Turkey in November, thanks to AFOT's Children's Health Assistance Program (CHAP). The equipment will be used in Anatolia for premature babies or newborns threatened with jaundice.

The shipment is the latest achievement of volunteer efforts that began in Ankara in 1983 with American embassy wives. Some of those embassy wives have now returned to the U.S. and have formed a permanent committee within AFOT. They are collecting funds, donated equipment, and medical supplies that are shipped to Turkey with the assistance of Koclug Shipping Lines. The recent shipment of radiant warmers was packed courtesy of Freeman Company and sent to port by the AFOT Foundation.

Funds are short for this continuing program and friends are asked to send their tax-deductible contributions to the AFOT Foundation marked "for CHAP." Raquel Perez (Mrs. Frank Perez) is the chairman of AFOT CHAP Committee. 

AFOT's First "Chapter" Active in Texas

AFOT's Texas chapter launched its program in late summer with a meeting at Westin Oaks Hotel in Houston, coordinated by the chapter director, Frank Chura. The occasion was the presentation of the chapter's first appreciation certificate to Keith Dodson, president of Brown & Root International.

Brown & Root had made a substantial contribution to the AFOT Foundation to finance the fifth printing of the filmstrip An American Teenager Visits Turkey, 1984. Over 3,000 copies of the filmstrip, produced by Barbara Walker of Texas Tech University, have been distributed free of charge to public and private schools and to libraries.

Among other guests at the Houston meeting were representatives of Tenneco and Texas American Shipping and the Turkish Consul General, Selcuk Tarhan. Principal speaker of the evening was Mike Scorcio of the National Council of Sister Cities. He spoke about Houston's efforts to develop a Sister City relationship with a major Turkish city. 

"Golden Horn Club" Tops AFOT Membership Categories

For firms and individuals who are willing to be benefactors of AFOT's expanding activities, the AFOT Board of Directors has approved a list of new membership categories. The effort is quite frankly and urgently designed to elicit financial support over and above the modest individual or corporate membership fees now asked of AFOT participants.

AFOT's "Golden Horn Club" tops the list of categories. Contributors of \$10,000 or more, as Golden Horn Club members will be invited to specially arranged meetings during the annual conferences and at other occasions during the year.

Similarly members of the "Chairman's Club" -- \$5,000-9,999 -- and "Bosphorus Club" -- \$2,000-4,999 -- "President's Club" -- \$1,000-1,999 -- will be included in more intimate and targeted AFOT gatherings than those afforded by the general sessions of the organization.

Funds of these magnitudes are urgently needed so that AFOT can keep pace with the growing number of activities that are being urged on us and so that we can take advantage of newly emerging opportunities to reinforce the climate of U.S.-Turkish cooperation.

AFOT leadership has already taken steps to build the infrastructure to cope with AFOT's needs and perceived responsibilities. In its first eight years AFOT has reached its present stage of effectiveness entirely on the efforts of unpaid volunteers.

In recent months we have leased for the first time in our history our own office space in McLean, Va., and hired two full-time staff, equipped them with computer and other supplies. We began publication and distribution of this quarterly Newsletter in October, reaching a mailing list of nearly 6,000 readers.

Such outlays are bare essentials for a non-profit organization such as ours. To do the sort of programming and outreach that our friends and sympathizers expect of us requires substantially more funds. We hope that those who can will respond and enlist in one of AFOT's new "clubs." 

AFOT Tour Invites You to "Rediscover Turkey" in September



Restored Library at Ephesus (Aegean Tour)

AFOT is inaugurating its long-awaited tour program in September 1988 with a dazzling package that offers a choice of Eastern Turkey or the Aegean-Mediterranean area after three days in Istanbul.

The "Rediscover Turkey" tour is especially designed for friends who have known Turkey in the past but would like to see newly restored or newly developed sights while renewing acquaintance with the familiar.

Arrangements have been made with Academic Travel Abroad, Inc., a highly experienced travel agency that has managed similar tours in Turkey and in other parts of the world for many years.

The dates are September 17 through October 1. Full particulars will be available at the AFOT annual conference in February, where a representative of Academic Travel Abroad will be on hand to answer your questions.

Briefly, the main features of the tour are as follows: three days in Istanbul with the Eastern and Aegean groups together, seeing such new splendors as the Ibrahim Pasha Saray, the Khedive Palace, the Rug and Kilim museums, and the beautification project along the Golden Horn. There will be ample time too for seeing the old favorites for shopping at the Covered Bazaar.

On the fourth day, the "Mediterranean to Aegean" group heads for Antalya, Alanya, Termessos, and Pamukkale, with many other



Frieze at Yazilikaya (Eastern Turkey Tour)

stops including looks at the newly excavated wonders of Ephesus and Aphrodisias. This group concludes its tour at Izmir.

The "Ankara and East" group has a full day of sightseeing in Ankara, a day excursion to Bogazkoy (Hattusas) and on to Erzurum, Kars (and the ruins of Ani), past Mt. Ararat to Dogubayazit and the fabled Ishak Pasha Saray, before going to Van. The Van segment includes Hosap, Cavustepe, and the citadel by night, followed by a day on Lake Van with a visit to Akhtamar Island. The Eastern group concludes its tour in Ankara.

Uniquely qualified scholar/guides will be recruited to accompany each group.

Participants who want to arrive early before the tour or to tarry afterward to visit friends can arrange with Lufthansa to book accordingly without losing the price advantage of the tour group fare.

The overall tour prices including airfare are \$3,300 (Mediterranean-Aegean) or \$3,000 (Eastern Turkey). The prices include a \$200 tax-deductible contribution to American Friends of Turkey.

Inquiries and tour booking requests should be addressed to Academic Travel Abroad, Inc., 3210 Grace St., N.W., Washington DC 20007. Tel.:(202)333-3355. ☎

The Honorable Fletcher Warren, who was U.S. Ambassador to Turkey from 1955 to 1961, recently observed his 92nd birthday at his home in Greenville, Texas. ☎



Second Bridge Spanning Bosphorus Third Bridge May Span Dardanelles

Pedestrian traffic has already begun, so to speak, on the second Bosphorus bridge. Prime Minister Turgut Ozal and a throng of others walked across the "bridge deck" of the Fatih Sultan Mehmed Bridge in early November.

Installation of the bridge's roadway (known in the trade as "bridge decks") began in September. More than 17,000 galvanized, high resistance steel cables weighing about 10,000 tons were drawn between the Baltiliman and Kanlica pillars of the new bridge. Laying of the bridge decks began in September 1987 and decks were rapidly put in place. The completed bridge is expected to be in operation by the end of 1988, but some delays have been experienced in the time-table for building access roads.

There is talk of plans for a third bridge over the Bosphorus but it seems to have been overtaken by prospects for a bridge across the Dardanelles at Canakkale. According to the mayor of Canakkale, the feasibility study for the project has already been contracted for. The scheme will provide for a major new trucking highway from the Turkish border in Thrace down through western Anatolia in the direction of Izmir.

As for the third bridge over the Bosphorus in Istanbul, it appears that Mayor Bedrettin Dalan is still confident of getting financing for the project, which envisages a span very close to the first bridge which links Ortakoy district with Beylerbey. 

Congressional Trade Mission Studies Wood Products Market

Congressman Sid Morrison (R.-Wash.) led a Wood Products Trade Mission to Turkey in August. Seminar presentations for Istanbul and Ankara were prepared by the American Plywood Association. The most active topic of discussion revolved around U.S. log grading and scaling standards, stimulating plans for another seminar in Turkey on that subject for early 1988.

The principal barrier to increased U.S. wood products exports to Turkey was seen as the 100% tariff rate. Logs remain the only duty-free wood import permitted. During the mission's visit, U.S. Trade, Inc., a corporate member of AFOT, hosted a large well-attended dinner for the participants. U.S. Trade, through its companion firm, U.S. Forestry, represents both Weyerhaeuser and ITT Rayonier in the exportation of logs and lumber to the Middle East. 

State Trade Promotion Directors' Visit

A delegation of trade promotion directors from nine states visited Ankara and Istanbul November 9-13. U.S. participants were Donald C. Burdon (Connecticut), Bart A. Smith (Illinois), Paul Wagner (Iowa), Ronald E. Baker (Maryland), Martin Lewis (New York), Mariya Toohey (North Carolina), William Targe (Ohio), Andrew Jackson (Tennessee), and Dieter Breloehr (Wisconsin). 

U.S.-Turkish Joint Venture To Build Armored Combat Vehicles

A joint venture company formed by FMC Corporation and the Nurol Group of Ankara are gearing up to manufacture a family of armored combat vehicles (ACV) in Turkey. Besides technical and financial support FMC is also committed to technology transfer and research-and-development backup in a program that would create some 6,000 to 8,000 jobs in Turkey.

Major feature of the FMC-NUROL venture is a proposal to produce the Armored Infantry Fighting Vehicle in Turkey. The proposal was still awaiting decision by the Turkish Government in November. Both FMC and NUROL are corporate members and supporters of AFOT. 

S.E. Anatolia (GAP Project) Macro-Management Planning

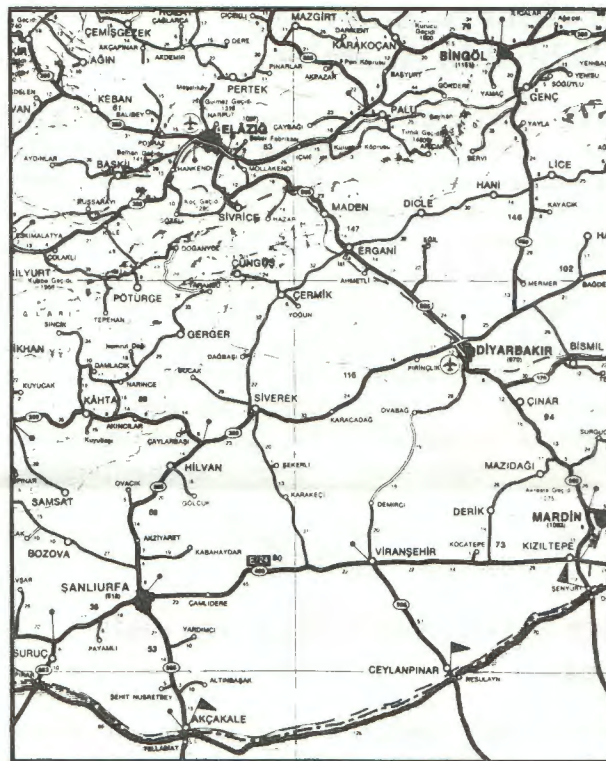
Macro-management to determine project strategy for the giant S.E. Anatolia project was to be opened for tenders in late November. Turkish press reports assert that Arthur Anderson, Bechtel, and Price Waterhouse would be among the firms short-listed for bidding on the \$2.2 million macro-management contract.

The Southeast Anatolia Development Project (known by its Turkish acronym, GAP) is one of the largest projects ever undertaken in Turkey. The project calls for construction of 17 hydroelectric plants and 21 dams, providing over 7,500 MW of power -- a 70% increase over present power generation capacity for Turkey. When the dams are completed, 4.6 million more acres of land will be irrigated, doubling the area of irrigated land in the area. The geographical reach of the GAP project embraces all of the provinces of Urfa and Mardin as well as parts of Gaziantep, Diyarbakir, Adiyaman, and Siirt. Its basis is the exploitation of the Tigris and Euphrates rivers. The centerpiece of the scheme is the Ataturk Dam at Karababa.

The Ataturk Dam will send waters down to the plains of Hilvan, Harran, and Ceylanpinar in the Urfa area, the conduits being two of the world's largest irrigation tunnels, each 24.6 kilometers long. The project aims at developing a total food surplus in Turkey worth \$5 billion a year.

The Turkish Government is actively seeking to encourage investments in the region by providing special incentives, such as investment premiums that could reach as much as 20% of fixed investment. Construction projects in the GAP region are proceeding on schedule. The Karakaya Dam, designed to generate 7.5 billion kwh of electricity, is undergoing test-runs. Ataturk Dam, the fourth largest rock-fill dam in the world, will be completed by mid-1990. Water collection behind the dam will begin next year. The lake formed thereby will take four years to fill.

A scholarly study of the potential economic and social impact of the GAP project was presented by William Mitchell of the U.S. Air War College at the 1986 Middle East Studies Association conference under the title Energy and Irrigation in Turkey: The Southeastern Anatolia Project.



Turkish State Highways Map

A New Sheraton for Ankara A New Ramada for Antalya A New Hilton for Izmir

Ground-breaking ceremonies were held in Ankara in October for the new Ankara Sheraton Hotel and Towers. The new complex will have a closed area of 37,000 sq. meters. It will rise to 23 storeys. The project, priced at \$43 million, is to be completed and ready for occupancy in 1989.

Ground has also been broken in Izmir for construction of a Hilton hotel, trade center and multi-storeyed autopark complex. The complex, to be built on an area covering 80,000 square meters of land belonging to the municipality, will be the tallest building in Turkey, with its 35 storeys and its height of 400 feet. The 5-star hotel, of 1,000 bed capacity, will also feature a heliport. The entire complex is priced at \$65 million.

Work is underway in Kemer, near Antalya, for Ramada's second hotel in Turkey. The first Ramada, in the Laleli section of Istanbul, opened for business in September. The 5-star hotel in Kemer is due to be ready for operations in December, 1988. It is being built by Gama Endustri, an AFOT corporate member and supporter.

Mobil Plans to Build 14th School in Anatolia

Mobil Corporation, now into its 83rd year in Turkey, is keeping up the momentum of its school building program. The 13th, a middle school in Mersin, was dedicated in September. The 14th, in Antalya, is to be built in 1988. The schools are operated by the Turkish Ministry of Education.

Mobil also contributes to the fine arts program at Istanbul University and other institutions. The company has been active in Turkey's cultural life, publishing books on the treasures and archeological monuments of Turkey. In 1984 Mobil also supported the pre-Olympic training of Turkey's marathon team. ☞

Procter & Gamble with a Turkish Partner

Procter and Gamble, one of the world's largest cleaning material producers, signed a partnership agreement with Mintax, one of Turkey's largest detergent producers in April. Announcement of the partnership agreement was made by Procter & Gamble's board chairman Edwin L. Artzt, during the meeting of the U.S.-Turkish Joint Business Council in Washington.

The agreement allows Procter & Gamble 50 percent interest in the Turkish joint company. The two companies have announced they will invest a total of \$40 million in the new venture. ☞

Periodicals in English about Turkey

Dateline Turkey, BBA, Basin Sarayi, Cagaloglu, Istanbul. (Weekly, 12 pp.) Overseas subscription \$160, incl. postage.

Newspot: Turkish Digest, Dir. Gen. of Press & Information, 203 Ataturk Bulvari, Ankara. (Weekly, 8 pp.) Complimentary subscription on written request.

Current Turkish Thought, Redhouse Press, P.K.142, 34432 Sirkeci, Istanbul. Subscription against \$10 contribution plus \$8 overseas surface mail.

Turkey Business Review: A Trade, Investment, and Finance Monthly. World Information Systems, Inc., 459 B Carlisle Dr., Herndon VA 22070. (Monthly) \$348 a year.

New Perspectives on Turkey (semianual). Cihan Bilginsoy, Editor, Vassar College Box 287, Poughkeepsie NY 12601. \$10. ☞

High School Teachers Needed in Turkey

Three American college preparatory schools for Turkish youth (Izmir, Tarsus, and Uskudar) require teachers of English, TOEFL, mathematics, physics, chemistry, general science, and drama. Two-year contracts provide salary, travel, furnished housing and other benefits. Teachers must be certified at the secondary level in the subject to be taught. For further information, send complete resumes to Douglas M. Hill, executive director, Friends of the American Board Schools in Turkey, Inc., 23 Mount Vernon Place, Asheville NC 28804. Telephone: (704)252-6943. ☞

Westinghouse and Sezai Turkes Fevzi Akkaya (STFA) have formed a joint venture company WESSAS. They are to manufacture electronic defense systems and avionics as well as radar for fighter planes, according to Dateline Turkey. The Wessas plant is expected also to export over \$6 million in defense equipment within five years. ☞

New Books about Turkey

Turkey on \$25 a Day (1988-89 edition), by Tom Brosnahan. New York, Prentice Hall, 1987. 300 pp. \$10.95.

Turkey: A Travel Survival Kit, 2nd edition, 1988, by Tom Brosnahan. Berkeley, Lonely Planet Publications, 1987. 480 pp. \$12.95.

Guide to Eastern Turkey and the Black Sea Coast, by Diana Darke. London, Michael Haag, 1987. 348 pp. \$17.00.

The Politics of Rapid Urbanization: Government and Growth in Modern Turkey, by Michael N. Danielson and Rusen Keles. New York, Holmes & Meyer, 1985. 286 pp. \$19.50.

Turkey Coping with Crisis, by George S. Harris. Boulder, Colorado, Westview Press, 1985. 240 pp. \$39.00.

Economic Shocks and Structural Adjustments, by Patrick J. Conway. Leyden, North-Holland, 1987. Dfl. 120.

Turkey: An Increasingly Key Strategic Asset for the U.S. Heritage Foundation Backgrounder No. 609, October 14, 1987, by James A. Phillips. 11 pp. Heritage Foundation, 214 Massachusetts Ave., N.E., Washington DC 20002.

[NOTE: Book listings are for readers' information only. AFOT is not equipped to market or place orders for books] ☞

Istanbul Festival Prepares for Summer 1988



Judith Ulug



Nejat F. Eczacibasi



Barbara Carter

The 16th annual Istanbul Festival is making ready its 1988 program. We are expecting many details to be ready in time for the AFOT annual conference in February. The Istanbul Festival Committee has been invited to participate in AFOT's Trade Exposition February 4-5.

Fans of the Boston "Pops" Orchestra for example, undaunted by the short time still remaining, are actively seeking a corporate sponsor so that the Boston "Pops" might perform in Istanbul next summer. The New York Philharmonic played at the 1985 Festival with the sponsorship of Citibank.

Among the most popular features of the 1987 Istanbul Festival were the July concerts of Chick Correa (piano) and Gary Burton (vibraphone). Likewise, the Modern Jazz Quartet performed for SRO crowds. The Raeletts and the Ray Charles Orchestra gave three performances to enthusiastic crowds at the Istanbul Open Air Theater.

Still further luster was provided by the Herbie Hancock Trio and the "Oregon" group. Garth Fagan's Bucket Dance Theater drew considerable critical acclaim.

On the more classical plane, Judith Ulug (pianist) and Lynn Trepel (mezzo-soprano), both born and trained in the U.S., gave joint concerts at the Ataturk Cultural Center. Ulug also performed with the Istanbul State Symphony jointly with Ayla Erduran, Turkish violinist. Elsewhere at the festival, were the Boston-born pianists, Anthony and Joseph Paratore.

On the festival's operatic stage was the Winston-Salem based Piedmont Opera's production of Carlisle Floyd's "Flower and Hawk." Featured in the now annual festival production of Mozart's "Abduction from the Seraglio" was Ohio-born Barbara Carter in the role of Constanza.

A comparable array is expected to carry the flag for the U.S.A. during the Festival program next June and July. The Istanbul Festival's founder and prime mover, Dr. Nejat F. Eczacibasi, is chairman of Eczacibasi Holding, an AFOT corporate member. Inquiries about the 1988 Festival program should be addressed to Istanbul Festivali, Yildiz Kultur ve Sanat Merkezi, Besiktas, Istanbul. Telex 26484 ISAM TR.

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More AFOT Conference Speakers

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For the February 5 telecommunications seminar Joel Alper, president of Comsat International Systems, has agreed to be our breakfast speaker. Craig Nalen, president of Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC), will give the luncheon address.

Telecommunications seminar panelists will include Herbert H. Schiller, Assistant Postmaster General for Technical Resources, Lawrence J. Gitten, of A.T. & T. Network Systems, and Leslie Cox, of Northern Telecom. Turkish seminar panelists are still to be confirmed but we expect one of the newly chosen cabinet ministers plus the director general of Turkey's P.T.T. and the chief of the State Planning Organization.

Other conference speakers, including Secretary of State George Shultz, were listed in AFOT's October Newsletter. 

First Turkish F-16 Fly-Past

Four U.S.-built F-16 fighter aircraft arrived in Ankara October 19 and were joined by the first Turkish-assembled F-16 planes for a ceremonial flight over the capital. Under the agreement between TUSAS and General Dynamics, eight U.S.-built F-16 planes are being delivered as the remaining 152 are being assembled at the TUSAS plant at Muratlı outside Ankara. General Dynamics is a corporate member of AFOT. 

U.S. Secretary of Energy Visits Turkey

John Herrington, U.S. Secretary of Energy, visited Turkey October 4-6. He met with Prime Minister Ozal and with the Turkish ministers of Finance and of Energy. In an Ankara press conference Secretary Herrington called the "Water for Peace" project -- aimed at piping water from Turkey to various Middle Eastern countries-- "an exciting and promising project."

Secretary Herrington told the Turkish press that the U.S. wanted to sell coal to Turkey with particular reference to coal-based power projects. One of those plants, at Tekirdag in Thrace, will be built by the Bechtel Corporation. 

For JUSMMAT "Life Begins at Forty"

The Joint U.S. Military Mission for Aid to Turkey (JUSMMAT) marked its fortieth anniversary in August with praise from Secretary of Defense Weinberger for continuous performance despite a Congress which, Weinberger noted, has been sometimes "reluctant" to extend aid to Turkey.

At the anniversary ceremony in Ankara, MG William Potts, current chief of JUSMMAT, recalled the slogan "Life begins at 40" and expressed confidence that JUSMMAT had only just begun to show what it can do. Present personnel strength at JUSMMAT includes 82 U.S. military and civilian staff. 

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