

**Kurdistanian Student
Society in America
and Canada**



**KOMELEY XWÊNDIKARANÎ
KURDISTANÎ LE EMRÎKA
Û KENEDA**

June 2, 1983

The Honorable Javier Perezdecuellard
Secretary-General of the United Nations
United Nations
New York, New York 10017

Dear Mr. Perezdecuellard:

Inside the borders of Iraq and Turkey lies a large portion of Kurdistan, where 13 to 15 million of our Kurdish people live. They are treated by the governments of both countries as second class citizens. Recent events prove, beyond a shadow of a doubt, that Iraq and Turkey have actively conspired to destroy our people. However, this is not a scilitary incident; official agreements and joint plans date back as far as 1937.

As you may well be aware, the current Turkish military invasion of Iraqi Kurdistan has been undertaken with the approval and encouragement of the Iraqi Government. Extreme governmental opposition, led by the National Democratic Front of Iraq (N.D.F.I.) based in Kurdistan, has resulted in an extreme weakening of the Saddam Hussein power base, and it is an unequivocal fact that Iraq invited the Turkish invasion in order to uproot the Kurdish national struggle. This struggle, which consists of Kurdish forces of the progressive May 26 Revolution in Iraqi Kurdistan, and which is led by the Kurdistan Democratic Party of Iraq, has had a major impact in undermining Saddam Hussein's credibility as a representative leader of the Iraqi people.

In Turkey last week, 35 Kurdish patriots were sentenced to death, as were 45 opposition leaders in Ankara prior to that. Hundreds of others have received prison terms ranging from three years to life, and still others are awaiting trial. Turkey is engaged in a massive harrassment campaign against all progressive forces and, to the economically depressed people of Kurdistan, this is a no-win situation. They must live under constant surveillance and harrassment, face mass arrest, summary trials, imprisonment and/or execution.

Ever since the takeover by the reactionary Tikriti group in Iraq, and the military junta in Turkey, both governments have institutionalized racist policies aimed at the effacement and destruction of the Kurdish national identity. This is demonstrated by the Iraqi Government's attempt to destroy all expressions of Kurdish culture, language, political organizations and national institutions.

K.S.S.A.C. P.O.Box 553 Oakton, Va. 22124

Letter to the Honorable Javier Perezdecuellard
June 2, 1983
Page Two

Today, the fever of racism has reached a peak in the governments of both Iraq and Turkey. The reactionary and fascist regimes of these two countries have joined forces against the Kurdish nation, and specifically against the Kurdish national liberation movement in Iraq.

The Kurdistanian Student Society in America and Canada urges you to intervene in order to end the Turkish invasion of Kurdistan, thereby preventing further racist military assaults against the Kurdish people. We strongly condemn the Turkish invasion of Iraqi Kurdistan and ask your support in bringing an end to this unwarranted invasion.

General Secretariat Bureau of the
Kurdistanian Student Society in
America and Canada

:scb