

## Letters to the Editor

### Cyprus: What Turkey Tries to Cover Up

To the Editor:

On June 17 you published a letter signed by N. Atalay as representative of a so-called Turkish Federated State of Cyprus—a hypothetical entity that exists neither legally nor *de facto* and whose purported creation has been overwhelmingly denounced by the United Nations membership.

Cyprus, with a history of civilization of 3,000 years, has always been one unbroken unit. Since its establishment in 1960, the Republic of Cyprus is indisputably a single entity, whose legitimate President and Government are universally recognized as such. The myth of a separate Turkish state is but a vain attempt by Ankara to create confusion and cover up the burning issue of Turkey's aggression and continuing occupation by its forces of 40 percent of the territory of the republic, in flagrant violation of unanimous General Assembly and Security Council resolutions demanding the forces' withdrawal "without further delay" and the "urgent return of all refugees to their homes."

What the artificial establishment by Ankara of this separate state connotes and represents is the genocidal elimination and uprooting from the occupied area of its indigenous population, with over 200,000 Greek Cypriots being rendered destitute refugees. In their homes and properties a massive population from Turkey is currently being implanted.

This double international crime of unparalleled dimensions, with the obvious aim of changing the demographic character of the island, makes up the substance of what is cynically presented by Ankara as the "Turkish Federated State of Cyprus."

Furthermore, Turkey is also violating the treaty of establishment of the Republic of Cyprus (1960), which expressly excludes any change in the demographic composition of Cyprus and specifically provides that in granting citizenship even to persons of Cypriot origin the demographic ratio of 4 to 1 has to be strictly maintained.

Ankara is ruthlessly pursuing its policy of partition with an eye to annexation. That was the purpose of the long-prepared "Attila" invasion of the island and the aggression that followed in its wake to dismember Cyprus and destroy its territorial integrity and independence. That is the purpose of Ankara's insistence on a "loose" federation pattern.

The present, unacceptable situation cannot be tolerated. Such use of force against a small, defenseless member state of the United Nations, still remaining unchecked, signals to the world that brute force is now rampant. Its repercussions would seriously aggravate developments in an already inflammable region and beyond.

ZENON ROSSIDES  
Permanent Representative of  
Cyprus to the United Nations  
New York, June 23, 1976