

## THE NECESSITY OF APPLICATION OF SOCIAL ANTHROPOLOGY ON THE WORKS OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IN TURKEY<sup>1</sup>

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The Turkish communities in Turkey are still showing great differences in the sociocultural aspects of their life. Thus two different kinds of communities are still living in separate ages:

- 1- Turkish urban societies.
- 2- Turkish rural societies.

The problems of Turkish villages and of the development of peasant communities, have always been handled as an actual topic in Turkey. It is a fact that Turkish peasants are still in lack of new attempts in the preparation of their development or welfare. Because they are very much confined in their traditions, in their every walk of lives, as well as in their adaptation to their material environment.

Or the other hand, the people interested in projecting the development of rural societies have to get to know the rural societies through analytical cultural studies, that is by learning cultural patterns of the people they are concerned with. Thus, the tendencies, in other words the factors,<sup>2</sup> stimulating people toward development and resistant factors would be discovered. In the end, the problem of peasants would be solved.

But the success in this work will only be achieved by the personnel who scientifically aware of this necessity and familiar with the Turkish peasants' culture (the personnel includes economists, social workers, specialist for the community development and administrators etc...).

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2 Cultural, Sociological and Psychological ones.

So, by emphasizing on these views and by recommending to include Social Anthropology in the curriculum programme of the Academy of Social works,<sup>3</sup> I was able to see good results. Today, after six years, great need is felt for social workers with the background of social Anthropology for their effective contribution to the new planning board in the development of the country and to the several sectors of government in Turkey. In the near future, I believe, social workers with the knowledge of their cultural patterns of the group they work with would be much more effective in their fulfilment of the development programme of rural communities in Turkey.<sup>4</sup>

3 This was founded on 1960 in Ankara.

4 As this is being happening for the Social Anthropologists or Ethnologists in their works of colonial development and administration for years