ADI SOYADI: Ezgi TUNA BAŞLIK: MEDİTERRANEAN TURK OCAKS 1923-1931 ABSTRACT

The first meaning of the word 'nation' is, owning the most important factors of communal heriatge jontly and secondly, belief of their destiny in the past and future is common.

In the transition process of from prenation to nation to nation the social economical political conversion in the western Europe has opened the period of nationalism especially with the French revolotuion is the general opinion. When examined perceptibly in the historical process in a broad perspective, nationalism is an egual concept with the existence of humanity.

The society has taken its final shape with the consisting of the nation. The last phase of humanity in the way to become communal existence has formed the nation. In the history process after the existence of nation. The concept nation exists since the first years has declared the first words regarding the consept nation. *Çiçi* has been the first one who made the nation as a basis in state politics. Also *Kaşgarlı Mahmut* has illustrated this concept obviously in his *Divan-i Lügat-i Türk*.

It has been one of the Pioneer Associations in consisting of Turkhish Homelan, Turkish Association, Turkish Information Assciations, the concept of Turkishness accelerated and the Turkishness awareness has developed. The journal Turkish Homelan has been active until today in illuminating outr recent history, *Tarik Zafer Tunaya* says.

Turkhis Heaths has been the advisor in developing the concept nation awareness. Even tough they were blamed to be the partners of İttihat Terakki during the II. Constituional Period, Hearts have contributed in national struggle. Turkish hearths an my field of study Mediterrenean Turk Ocaks regarded the begining and development of idea.

Turkish Hearths did important works for social, cultural, educational and sports development of the towns and took important steps for the development of a country got rid of occupation. Turkish Hearths have made significant services to the newly established Republic of Turkey. Turkish Hearths, closed on the grounds of deviation from the goal in 1931, have transferred all activities to Community Centers and their properties to CHP.

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