



Titel: Two Make Ends Meet

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Content:

Text:

1:03-1:23 At dawn, thousands of workers flood the city, which lately, wakes up somewhat differently.

The south and west, bring as always, in Nicosia, the cars of Greek Cypriots working at the services sector.

And Turkish-Cypriots citizens of the Republic of Cyprus are made welcome at the checkpoints from the occupied northern part.



1:26-1:27 Mustafa is one of them.

1:32-2:11 –Because of financial problems, I was left without a job, and where I live, job opportunities are few and far between and the money is not much and I've got a daughter at university and a younger son at school, so I need the cash, that's why I came to work here.

I am very happy here with the rest of my colleagues, we have a good time, working together, enjoying ourselves, and all our social rights are ok.

2:18-2:28 –I am pleased. We have the same rights with the Greek Cypriots.
I am pleased. There are no problems between us.

2:30-3:06 –The social security laws do not discriminate on the basis of religion or nationality.
Therefore, Greek and Turkish Cypriots enjoy the same benefits, as well as obligations arising from these laws.
Their employers make their payments to the social security fund.
Most of the Turkish Cypriots employed in the free areas are in construction and commerce, both wholesale and retail.
(Head of Social Security Service Mr. Michael Antoniou)

3:06-3:27 In May 2003, following the partial lifting of restrictions on free movement by the Turkish occupation regime, the number of Turkish-Cypriots applying for jobs at the Employment Agency at the free areas, through in the Labor Ministry, has risen from 450 to 1200.
Ever since, according to official data, there's been a steady monthly increase of 300 percent.

3:28-3:46 –I came here now to find a job.
At the moment I work in a restaurant.
My good friends over here gave me two or three choices.
I'll go and have a look at them. If we agree, I start work.



3:47-4:14 -You go across the line and there are no jobs, they don't give us any jobs.

A bunch of settlers have gathered, so they give them nationality and find jobs for them, while they don't give any to Turkish Cypriots.

That's why we're here at the Employment Office, they've opened the doors for us and we're very-very pleased.

They don't love us over there, I don't know what is going to happen.

4:14-4:22 Workers' unions are at the frontline of developments, contributing with the state, in securing the rights of the Republics' Turkish-Cypriot citizens.

4:22-4:45 –Following the opening of the checkpoints, I went to PEO and they found a job for me. I've been working here for a month, we're very pleased, we've got all our rights, they put in our stamps for social security, we get our money every Wednesday, and I am very pleased with my employer.

4:45-5:14 –The union's mechanism has launched a major campaign of informing those Turkish Cypriots that for thirty years did not know the facts concerning labor issues in the Republic of Cyprus, so it can help to incorporate them into the rest of the working force.
(Michael Papanicolaou, general secretary of Builders union at Pancyprian Labour Syndicate)

5:14-5:52 –When they fired me from my job on the other side, I went to PEO and they sent me here.

-How long have you been working?

-About a month.

-Are you happy?

-Very

-Do you come and go every day?



- Until the checkpoint, where they pick us up in the morning and when we finish, they take us back.
- How do you see things going?
- I hope that everything's settled and there is peace.
We want an opening to the world too.

5:52-5:58 They are hoping for a future that's interconnected with the European prospects of their Greek-Cypriot fellow countrymen.

5:58-6:11 –Greek Cypriots will join the European Union and as Turkish Cypriots we'll have more rights and we'll all live together well.

6:13-6:39 –My message to the Greek Cypriots is the hope that peace comes soon, so that there won't be any problems left and we'll live as brothers, like in the old days, I believe this in the depths of my heart.

6:44-6:58 As the sun sets, people go their separate ways again, according to religion and nationality.
Perhaps one of these days, the dividing line will fall and the citizens of Cyprus will all belong in the European Union.