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The Economic Policies of the Democratic Party and Their Effects on Adana / Demokrat Parti'nin Ekonomi Politikalarının Adana'ya Etkileri

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ABSTRACT

When the Democratic Party (DP), founded in 1946, came to power, it started to purvey the liberal values it had embedded in its foundational principals within the field of economy. DP's conception of liberalism did not disregard the role of the state within the economy and for this very reason it foresaw the state as the supporter of several sectors, agriculture and industry most significantly, where the private sector ran low. Coming to power in 1950 the DP became the chief architect of a firm rise within Adana's agricultural and industrial sectors due to the economic policies it sought after. The factories that were opened, the machines that were used in agriculture, the watering, the taxation and the credit. All these changes which took place in that period gave a considerable rise to the amount of production on the one hand and on the other changed the socio-economic infrastructure of Adana from head to toe. This study, by way of using local newspaper articles and studies of history belonging to that specific period, aims at portraying DP's policies on Adana and the effects those policies had on the people living there. The claim of this present paper is that the idiosyncratic liberal policies of the DP made certain structural and technological changes within industrial and agricultural sectors and that these changes transformed the socio-economic and the demographic structure of the city in a considerable way.

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