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The Bulgarian State, Turkish Propaganda and the *Turan* Society

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(Summary)

The end of World War I in Europe divided the continent into victors and vanquished, and three major empires disappeared from the map. At the Paris Peace Conference, the Great Powers who had won the war imposed severe terms on the defeated countries. The new status quo in the Balkans determined the course of the bilateral relations between Bulgaria and Turkey. Bilateral diplomatic relations between Sofia and Ankara changed after the eradication of the problem of the status and rights of the Bulgarian community in Turkey settled with the Angora Treaty. In the years after 1925, the issue of the Bulgarian minority and refugees from Eastern Thrace and Asia Minor was shifted to the periphery of Bulgarian foreign policy. On the other hand, the problem of the religious and educational rights not only of the Turks but of all the Muslims in Bulgaria came to the fore in the bilateral relations as part of the new Kemalist policy and propaganda.