When Tractors Came to Bursa

About ten years ago--I think it was in 1954 or 1955--there was held in a village near Bursa a demonstration of how a tractor works. This was held on a government farm. All of the ağa's and farm workers in all of the surrounding villages were invited to attend this demonstration. Many of these rural people were seeing a European tractor for the first time. The tractor was exhibited doing different kinds of work. One demonstration showed how it could pull seven or eight...
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( plows) at the same time, each plow digging a furrow at least six centimeters deep.

The villagers were very excited by what they saw, but they did not wish to make their excitement too apparent. I asked one of them, "What do you think about this tractor?"

"Who made it?" he asked.

"People in Europe," I said.

"You mean by infidels?"

"You might say so

"Well, whether or not they were infidels, those who made this should go to heaven. Whether or not they are Moslem, I believe that Allah will make an exception for them!"