

Story 1733 (1994 Tape 1

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Location: Taşkale village,  
Karaman (provincial  
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Atatürk Pitted Against İnönü

Once Atatürk and İnönü were eating breakfast together. Atatürk kept eating black olives.<sup>1</sup> He ate a great many of them, and as he ate them, he kept dropping the pits on İnönü's plate. He then said to İnönü, "Alas, what a gluttonous person you are to have eaten so many olives!"

İnönü answered, "You are really the more gluttonous. I have been watching you eat olive after olive, and apparently you ate even the pits, for there are no pits on your plate."

<sup>1</sup>Black olives are a staple of Turkish breakfast menus.