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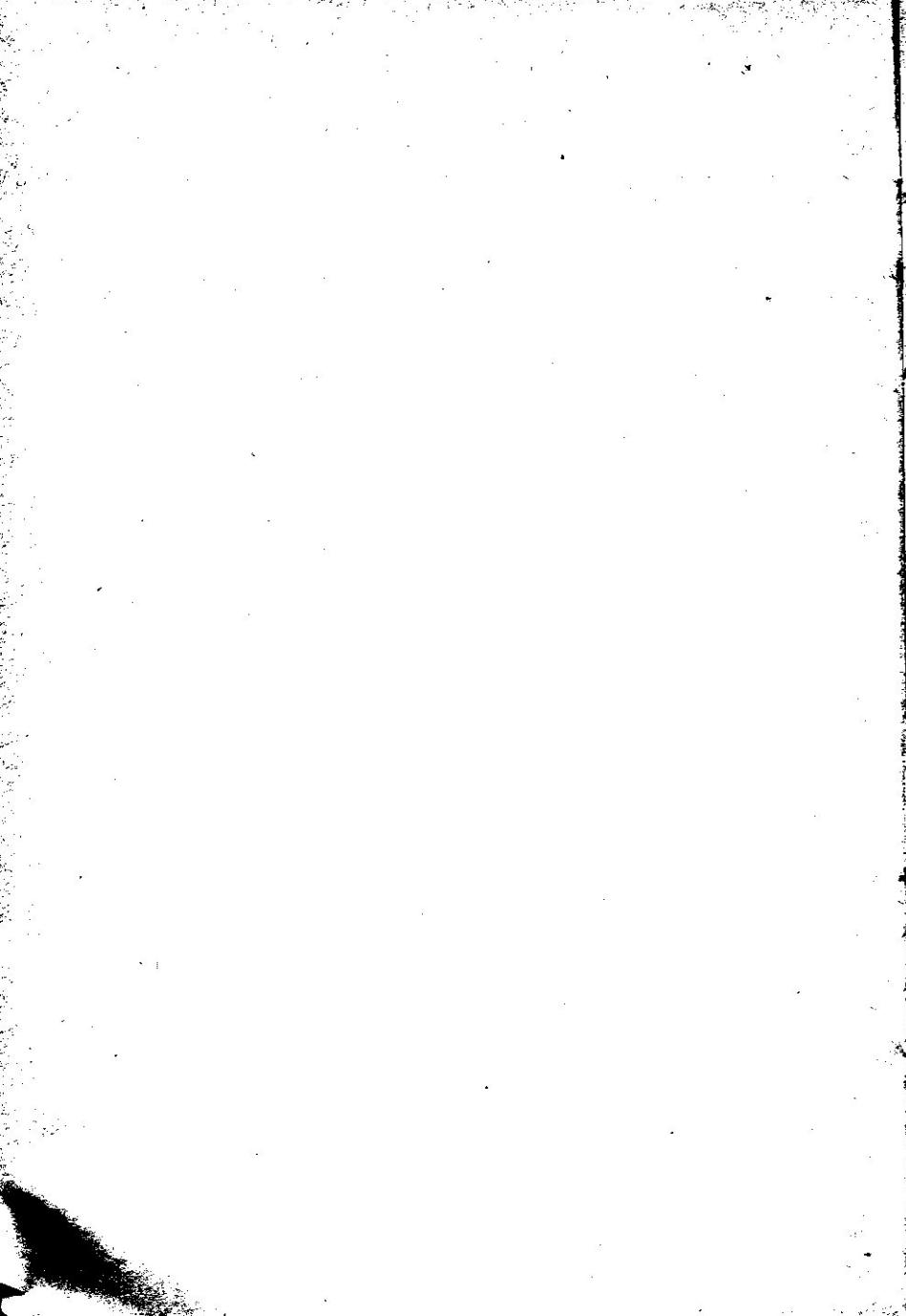
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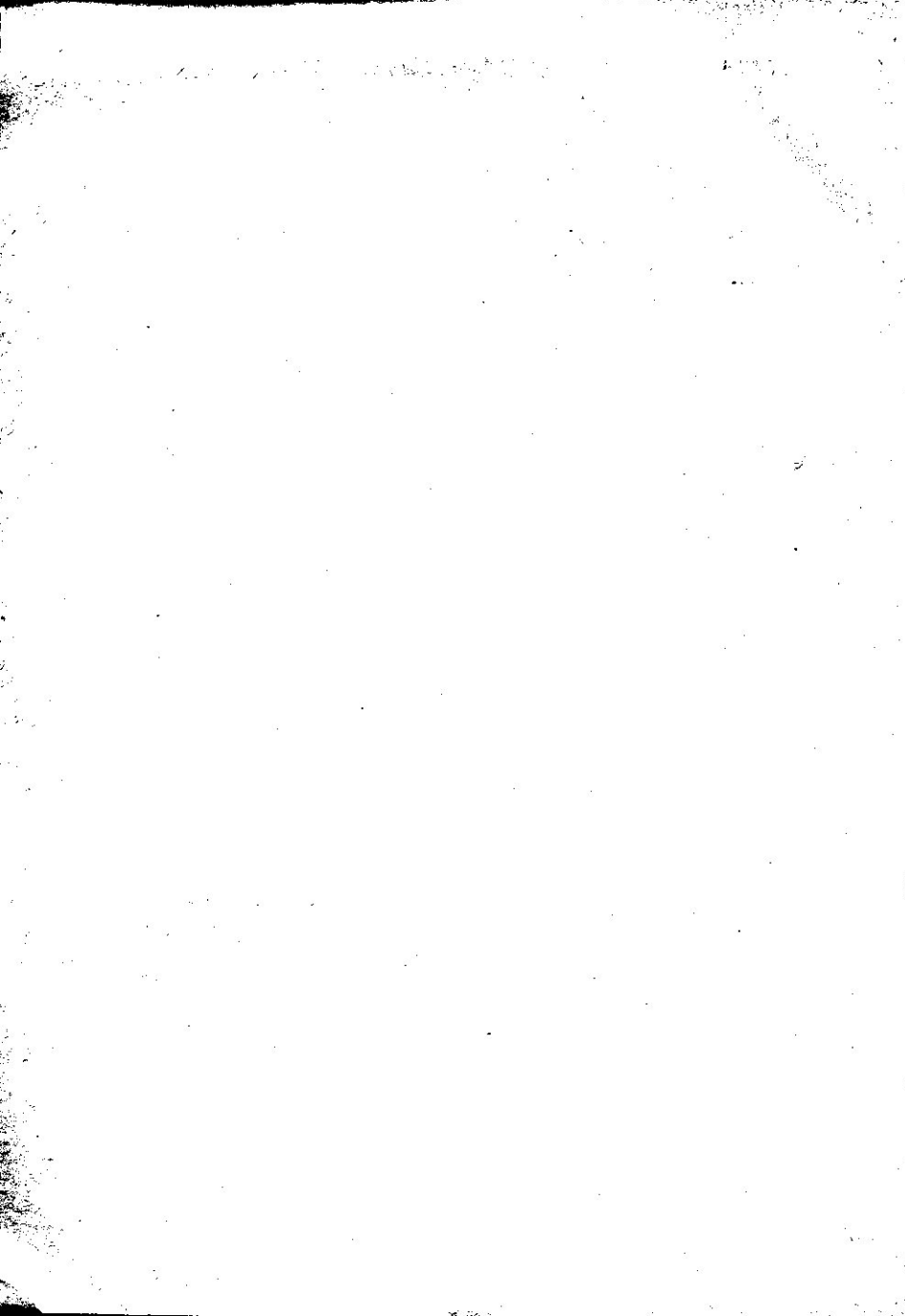
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Dear friends,
Sisters and Brothers,
Young men and young women,

Every meeting with the people is for me a very great joy, a real revolutionary school, for from the people we always learn great lessons, in their creative thought we find inexhaustible energies which give us new forces to fight and work. In particular, I am very glad to come to this electoral zone and meet my electors, because I come here not only as your son, as your brother, as your comrade, but also as the candidate for your representative to the highest organ of our People's Power.

I greatly appreciate the great honour you bestowed on me by nominating me candidate for deputy to the People's Assembly in this quarter of the capital with which unforgettable memories connect me for life. It is in this quarter that the Albanian Communist Party was founded, our great and wise mother that revived us, stretched us her hand and taught us how to fight and how to win over the enemies. The party was created under your protection, under your vigilant eyes, as you were guarding us against the persecutions of the spies,

of the militiamen and the fascists. Your homes were always open to us. Immortal revolutionaries like Gogo Nushi, Qemal Stafa, Misto Mame, Vasil Shanto, Vojo Kushi and many, many others, with whom I have fought together in this quarter and in the city of Tirana, have come to and gone from your plain rooms as if they were in their own homes.

Allow me, dear comrades, brothers and sisters, to thank you from the bottom of my heart and to express my deepest gratitude for the confidence you have shown by proposing me as a candidate for your representative to our People's Assembly. This ardent and sincere love expresses your attachment to our glorious Party of Labor, the heart and brain of our people, which brought me up, educated and taught me, just as you, how to think and work as a revolutionary undetached from our brave, hard-working and freedom-loving people.

On this occasion I want to assure you that, under the guidance of the Party, I will put all my efforts in order to deserve your confidence. I will always be the indomitable soldier of our Party, a loyal servant of the people for the happiness of our beloved Homeland, for the cause of socialism and communism, for the cause of Marxism-Leninism and the revolution.

It is for the seventh time that our people are most democratically electing their real representatives to the supreme organ, the People's Assembly. A common characteristic of all the election campaigns in our country has been the steel-like unity of the people around the Party. They have cast their votes, one and all, for the

candidates of the Democratic Front since they know that these are among their best sons and daughters and that, by casting their votes for them, they have voted for the building of socialism, for the freedom and independence of our Homeland, for its prosperity, for the Marxist-Leninist line of our Party. The Party is sure that this steel-like unity will still more excel in the September 20 elections, when our people, endowed with high revolutionary political awareness, with the maturity and wisdom which characterize them, will cast their votes for their State Power, which came to life through the barrel of the rifle of the people's struggle and which represents their will, wishes and aspirations, and for which we give, as the people say, «not only our votes but also our life if the need arises».

Comrades!

On September 20 all the people of socialist Albania without exception, men and women, young men and young women who have reached the voting age, will go to the polls and vote directly for the persons they wish to send to the People's Councils, to the People's Courts of Justice and to the People's Assembly.

This, in essence and procedure, from the point of view of the rights and obligations of man in an advanced and progressive society, represents the most democratic form of elections. This can happen, happens and is carried out only in a socialist country like ours, in a country of proletarian dictatorship where the people are in po-

wer and are guided by a Marxist-Leninist party like the Party of Labor of Albania.

The electoral campaign among us keeps assuming ever greater political proportions and massive expressions of popular joy and enthusiasm. Especially on this occasion, when the elections to all the stances of State Power, including the base and the People's Assembly, and to the People's Courts of Justice, are taking place at the same time, they constitute a major national event for many reasons.

The electoral campaign represents part of the rapid revolutionary political, economic and cultural activity of the entire people, of their Party which guides them, of the Democratic Front, of their People's Administration, of the organs of the dictatorship and of all the persons elected to them in the most democratic form by the people.

During the electoral campaign the working people, too, draw up a balance sheet of their creative work, point to the good and negative aspects of the work and persons, of the institutions, of the forms and methods of work, criticizing the weaknesses and shortcomings, adopting and upholding progress, promoting to government posts those devoted to ceaseless progress and revolution. The people do this in open, public and free meetings without the least obstacle and timidity. They have already won the political right and maturity to hold to account all those who err, to pass judgment on all culprits, to praise and encourage those who work well, and are conscious of the real force of the demo-

cracy of the majority, of our proletarian democracy.

The election campaign this year coincides with the ending of the 4th five-year plan which was decided upon by the 5th Party Congress. Party and people in unity are proud because the tasks set by the congress were successfully realized, and to this great victory there have contributed also the sweat, the maturity and sacrifices of those whom the people had elected to various state organs.

The election returns, which undoubtedly will be excellent, will fill the organs of our People's Power and our People's Courts with persons experienced in their jobs, as well as with young people who for the first time will set about work to carry out the new grandiose tasks of the 5th five-year plan which will be approved by the 6th Congress of the Party of Labor of Albania to be held in 1971.

The essentially democratic character of the elections in our country is a distinctive feature of our socialist regime. Different, quite different, is the case under the capitalist regime where, there too, they speak much of democracy and elections are held. There are capitalist countries which are called «advanced» and which claim that «democratic» elections take place in them. But in some of them women could but recently win the right to vote, in some others they still have not the right to vote. There are capitalist countries where this right is limited to those who have a given annual income, which means that there only the bourgeois vote, those who have large incomes; in some other countries soldiers do

not vote, but the election lists include also the dead. There are also countries where, as was the case with our country in Zog's time, elections are held through second voters. There exist also countries where the voting mechanism is arranged in such a way that it is not the candidate who has polled the majority of votes that wins, but the candidate of the parties representing the monopoly capital.

By these pseudo-democratic methods the monopoly capital aims at keeping the people in complete slavery, poverty and ignorance, and at the ruthless and most barbarous exploitation of the working masses. By these methods the capital aims to create and strengthen with every passing day various means and forms to disorientate, suppress and smash the resistance and struggle of the working masses against capitalist exploitation.

The management of the state, of economy, culture and army in capitalist countries is labelled as «democratic», but in fact there dominates the iron heel of the capital, its jungle law. There, «democracy» is for the rich, not for the poor. The latter have only to submit to the laws of this kind of «democracy» which, of course, seeks to create in them the impression that their «democracy», resting allegedly on the «popular» vote, which elects, for example, the senators in the United States of America, is «the most perfect democracy in the world». Reality, however, is quite different in that big capitalist country. None of the American senators, either of the «elephant» or of the «donkey» party, that is of the «Democratic» or «Republican» party, not

only do not come from the ranks of the working strata, but they do not come even from any faction of the middle bourgeoisie. They emerge from the factions of the monopoly high bourgeoisie which is trained in special universities in order to occupy the leading posts of the American capitalist state. This is the elite, the «de jure» and «de facto» aristocracy of the capital. The U.S. cabinet ministers and senators who are elected to the supreme state organs are at the same time directors or board members of the country's big consortiums and banks. Thus far no American statistics show any senator or minister having his origin, let alone from the working class, but even from the middle strata of the bourgeoisie. It is in this way that the whole body of the social pyramid, in all its directions, has been built there. So it can be easily understood of what regime and of what «democracy» and «free» elections can be spoken in that country.

In the other capitalist countries, the outside forms may not fully correspond to those of the United States of America, but they are the same in their content, in essence and in practice.

In the British parliament there are also Labourites who are representatives of the «trade unions». They pose as representatives of the British working class, but in reality they belong to the workers' aristocracy which is in full service of the British capital and imperialism. This «Labor Party», allegedly in opposition, comes also to power, but then it is not at all the working class that comes to power, for there it is always the British capital

which is in power, the Laborites being only subservient administrators of the British capital and stooges of British imperialism, a «stratum of political technocracy» in service of the monopoly capital.

The same thing happens in France and Italy as well, but in these two countries democracy allegedly takes more pronounced shapes. To the Italian and French parliaments come also «communists», «socialists», too, take part in the government, there are frequently formed coalition governments with all sorts of parties bearing «democratic» labels, but in reality they are all bourgeois capitalist parties. Now the French and Italian revisionists, who advocate the seizure of political power through parliamentary procedures, in a peaceful way and in coalition with the capitalist bourgeoisie, are seeking, they too, to enter the future governments in order to serve the capital. But despite all these changes, just as in the United States of America, in these countries, too, it is the monopoly capital that rules. Therefore, all these changes, which give the naives the impression of a certain «democracy», if the working class and the working masses of these countries do not delve deep into, do not analyze and do not fight with determination to extend them, they remain only vain illusions which, by throwing dust on the eyes of people, create the possibility and allow, up to a certain degree and at some key moments, to protract the domination of the capital.

It is clear that a wide gap divides our socialist world from the capitalist world. The Albanian people,

led by their Party in the heroic national-liberation struggle, against the nazi-fascist invaders and the local landlords, crossed the capitalist abyss and entered the socialist society, which they built and continue to build with full success, again with struggle and efforts, with selfless work and with unstoppable revolutionary impetus, with maturity and science, daily tempering themselves politically and ideologically with the teachings of the Party and of our triumphant ideology, Marxism-Leninism.

When we cast a glance at the past, we are proud of our heroic people, of our glorious Party who surmounted so many campaigns and battles, so much suffering and misery, indescribable difficulties and obstacles, and came off victorious, not for a single moment discouraged and disheartened, displaying gigantic spiritual and physical strength in building a prosperous socialist society, the new Albania of the people, on the ruins of the society with antagonistic classes.

Many of you young men and young women, our children, who will go along with us to the polls to vote for the consolidation of our Republic and People's Power, had not yet seen the light of day when our Republic was founded. Today, not only you who are voting for the first time but also those who have not reached the voting age are rushing forth like a huge unrestrained river to schools and to jobs in fields or factories, building railroads, combines and hydropower stations, laying the network of electric cables all over Albania, building schools and piercing mountains. All our people

are proud of you, of the younger generation of our country, since, while growing up, you are thinking, working and fighting ever better as true revolutionaries, you are the guarantee for a more prosperous development of our Homeland because you are creating this prosperity with your own work, sweat and wisdom, because the great cause of all our people is yours, because nowhere in the world has the problem of youth been grasped and solved so correctly as it has been grasped and solved by the Albanian people and their glorious Party of Labor.

But I wish to tell you one thing, that your children, our grandchildren, will be still more capable, still more learned and hard-working than we and you, since our Party is and will always be a steel-like revolutionary party which will imbue one generation after another with an iron character, with a major progressive culture, it will temper them in Marxist-Leninist ideology, making them tireless workers, trustworthy and open-hearted, freeing them of many encumbrances from which we suffer today, making them always indomitable fighters of our revolution, sharpening to the uttermost their vigilance and fighting spirit against the class enemies, be they internal or external ones. The beautiful and prosperous life which will continually flourish throughout Albania will bring joy to and prompt them to always forge ahead and not to rest upon their oars. The good work of the people must be continued, it must be perpetuated. It has been handed down to us by our heroes and the past generations. It is our primary duty to raise

this bequest higher and higher and to pass it from hand to hand, from heart to heart to the coming generations. This is what the people with their Party in the lead are contemplating.

Comrades,

Four years ago, on the occasion of the elections of deputies to the People's Assembly, the Party and the Democratic Front announced their election platform which contained the main objectives of the 4th five-year plan, the directives of which were approved by the Party's 5th Congress. They were hard and well-condensed tasks, for, as you all know, inspired from the call of the Party's Central Committee, the working masses fought until they succeeded in working out a real mobilizing and revolutionary plan.

And here today, on the eve of the new elections and of the closing of the 4th five-year plan, on behalf of the Party and of the Democratic Front and as your representative at the People's Assembly, reporting on the work accomplished, I declare that, as a whole, the targets of the 4th five-year plan for the development of national economy and culture have been fulfilled ahead of schedule, or are being successfully fulfilled, the 4th five-year plan for the total industrial production and for investments has been fulfilled in 4 year and 7 month; the plan for the construction and assembly work has been fulfilled in 4 years and 4 months. The production of food grains, the main task we set before our agriculture and

our national economy in general, during the 4 years 1966-1969, was realized according to plan, the tasks of reclaiming, virging lands, the tasks concerning education and other tasks were overfulfilled.

All this shows that the revolutionary impetus of the masses, their conscious mobilization, make every expectation of ours, however bold it may seem, to be exceeded.

On this occasion, on behalf of the Central Committee of the Party, the Government and myself, I express unbounded gratitude to the heroic working class, the cooperative peasantry and the people's intelligentsia of our country for these historic achievements. In particular, I congratulate all the workers, peasants and intellectuals of the city and district of Tirana who, during the whole 4th five-year period, as always, mustered all their efforts and, in a high revolutionary spirit, honorably fulfilled the main tasks set by this plan before schedule.

There is no doubt that they have come up against many difficulties and obstacles along their way of accomplishing these tasks. One comes up against difficulties and obstacles when engaged in minor and simple jobs, let alone when one undertakes such a stupendous job as that of accomplishing the task of a five-year plan. But they have been successfully overcome thanks to the high revolutionary spirit, enthusiasm, devotion to work and great ability of our marvellous people, thanks to the consistent implementation of the line of the masses and to relying, above all, on our inexhaustible availabilities and efforts. A role of no insignificance in

this direction was played also by the fact that our working class and the other laboring masses, led by the Party, were more thoroughly acquainted with the stipulations of the objective laws of socialism and with the scientific processes leading to the development of economy and culture. This went a long way towards making them more conscious of the policy of the Party and their obligations to intensify their efforts to raise the efficiency of work, to further enforce organization and discipline, to raise productivity to a higher level, to improve the quality of products, and so on.

Therefore, in the days to come, too, we should further intensify our efforts to broaden our knowledge of social and practical sciences, because no important task and problem of socialist construction can be solved without making the masses conscious of the objective necessity and the scientific ways of tackling and resolving them.

In addition, it is essential to uplift and strengthen still more the role of management and supervision of the working class on the whole life of the country as one of the unshaken Marxist-Leninist principles to promote our revolution.

In the whole complex, harmonious and fast-rate development of economy, as always, the main role has been played by industry. The productive potential of this branch, set up during the years of socialist construction with the work and sweat of the working class and of all the working people, has been further extended and modernized. The average annual rate of growth of

industrial production during this five-year period has been over 14 per cent, or two and odd times higher than that of the previous legislature, and much higher than that of every capitalist and revisionist country of Europe.

During the 6th legislature an important qualitative change began to take place in the structure of our industry. There were built up new mines, there were made the first strides for the creation of a modern chemical industry and metallurgy. The fuel basis was strengthened and the production of electric power grew 2.4 times more than in 1965. Machine-building industry is well underway of becoming a powerful factor in the development of the entire economy. Now these branches taken together account for one third of the total volume of industrial production.

As a result of the advance of socialist industrialization, new underground wealth, new mineral, oil, gas and coal fields have been discovered. Part of them has already begun to be exploited, increasing also the degree of their economic rentability through local processing. Others are waiting to be exploited and to be drawn into the general economic circulation during the new five-year plan period.

The results achieved in the production of electric power are speeding up the rates of the country's electrification beyond the previous expectations. With the present-day level of electric power production we have created the indispensable initial basis which will allow us in the future to pass at faster rates and on a broader

front over to a modern intensive production in all the branches of people's economy. Likewise, there will be made ever more use of electric power in order to lighten the work and increase its productivity both in industry and agriculture, in construction work and transport, as well as to fulfill the new needs from the rise of the living and cultural standards of the population.

We know that in the world there are not few countries (either capitalist or revisionist) which produce more electric power per capita than the People's Republic of Albania. Nevertheless none of them has carried out the electrification of all the villages, which in our country will be completed before long, not even in November 1971, which is the set time-limit, but as it seems, one year earlier, in November this year. The accomplishment of this by no means easy task in so short a period is a great and really historic victory. This is what superiority of the socialist order over the capitalist order means. Thus, it is in deeds that our Party and working class show their high appreciation of the work and role of our revolutionary peasantry, the stupendous and unsparing contribution they have rendered, render and are ready to render to socialist construction and to the defence of our Homeland, to the consolidation of their alliance with the working class and to the dictatorship of the proletariat.

A special role has been played by our machine manufacturing industry in raising the level of mechanization of work, in carrying out many creative and revolutionary initiatives on the part of the working

masses with regard to setting up new factories, sectors and lines of production relying on their own resources. Our gifted workers, technicians and engineers have drawn up designs for and produced many simple and complex machines and equipments, single or in series. A further deepening of technical and scientific revolution demands of necessity that this branch of industry be ceaselessly strengthened and developed. The Party has never viewed it as merely a repair shop or an establishment where minor spare parts are turned out but as a starting base which must gradually turn into a full-fledged industry to manufacture machines. For this branch this is an objective prospect fully realizable which the Party is preparing with patience and perseverance.

Although the main forces and means have been used to develop our heavy industry, the Party has in no way neglected our light and foodstuff industries. The construction of new factories and reconstruction of part of the existing ones have gone a long way towards increasing the production and assortments of commodities for broad consumption. Now we have come to a point where, without slackening our struggle for quantity, we should exert more efforts to make the commodities produced for the people more durable, simpler, better-looking and cheaper.

Outstanding ideo-political, economic and social victories have been scored in these last 4 years also in the socialist development of our countryside. The collectivization of agriculture has been successfully accomplished

in remote highland areas. Socialism has become now a direct social and economic order in the life and daily work of the peasants of these regions as well. Conditions were created for the peasants of these regions to upset at once and with revolutionary courage many things from the old economic, social and spiritual world: they detached themselves from private ownership and private enterprise, from individualistic mentality and seclusion, tramping underfoot many old enslaving customs and beliefs, receiving electric power, and so on. With all these things taking place at the same time, they really uprooted something which had maltreated, oppressed and strangled them for centuries in succession. For this they, like all the Albanian peasants, feel forever grateful to the Party because, under its guidance, they embarked onto the broad and bright road of socialism, onto the road of prosperity and life of happiness.

Great, as never before, are the successes achieved in agriculture as regards the increase of yields, the increase of the production of grains, reclaiming of virgin lands, the expansion of the irrigated area, mechanization and the use of chemical fertilizers. In 1969 there were produced 187,000 tons of food grains more than in 1965. With the high and constantly increasing rates of advance of the grain production in these last years, possibilities are being created to definitively solve the problem of achieving self-sufficiency in food grains.

We are aware that, in the field of agriculture, there may be a certain task set in the 4th five-year plan which can not be accomplished. Consequently, there may have

been certain temporary difficulties in supplying industry with agricultural raw products, as is the case with cotton, but which have been overcome by measures taken by the Party and the Government.

All the material conditions have been set up and are being strengthened from day to day so that our agriculture may steadily proceed towards its development and intensification. Parallel with these, a decisive role belongs to the subjective factor: to the improvement of organization and management, to the uplift of the cultural and agro-technical level of the peasants and of the agricultural workers as a whole. Deepening the technological and scientific revolution and the process of specialization and cooperation, combining the untiring work of the cooperative farmers with the use of scientific knowhow, have become that essential condition without which agriculture cannot be carried ahead at the speed required by our socialist construction.

In order to correctly weigh and appraise the results of the development of economy the Party has used a fundamental and unchangeable criterion: how much and in what way has social production served to fulfill the ever growing material and cultural needs of the people, today and in the future. The daily livelihood of every city and village family and of every working man, the economic, social and cultural indices prove that the living of the people is changing, that it is unceasingly improving.

The unprecedented narrowing of the differences in pays, the abolition of any sort of taxes on the population,

the establishment of the compulsory 8-grade education throughout the country, the increase of the specific weight of young ages in the total population in the conditions of the latter's rapid growth, the setting up of a wide network of the social-cultural services almost in all the villages, these are some of the outstanding successes that have characterized the rise of the well-being of the people in these recent years.

In order to have a more complete idea of this question, I will mention also some data. During the years 1966-1969 the national income increased at an average annual rate of 9.3 per cent. Such a rate has not been scored during this period in any other country of Europe. On this basis have increased also the real incomes of the workers, employees and cooperated peasants. In 1969 there were sold to the population 23 per cent more commodities per capita than in 1965.

A turning point is being reached in housing construction. The great revolutionary initiative that has burst forth almost in every city to build dwelling houses through voluntary contribution is one of those important factors that have opened new prospects for the rapid and complete solution of this acute problem for the living of the working people.

An integral part of the growth of the cultural standard of the population are also the results achieved during this five-year period in education, culture, art and literature. In this school-year, all categories of schools are attended by 622,000 pupils and students. 125 out of every 10,000 inhabitants in our country follow

their higher studies. With these indices our country has emerged on the front-ranks of the European states, leaving behind many of them in this field. The 8th plenum of the Party's Central Committee gave the people a clear program of action in the field of education. This program is an extensive and long term program, and that is why also its application is not a question of one or two years. Of importance is to take in hand individual links of it, to solve the most urgent tasks as they are raised by life and as far as our material means allow. The initiative, judicious spirit and creative mind of the masses will teach us, as always, how to overcome also these difficulties and honorably accomplish this job of the Party which is of incalculable importance to the destiny of socialism in our country.

In capitalist countries and wherever the modern revisionists are in power, the tableau is diametrically different. In general, the laboring masses here meet with difficulties in fulfilling their material and cultural needs. In one country after another, one comes across strikes and protests of workers, demanding a rise in wages and a halt to the skyrocketing prices, fighting for an improvement of the conditions at work, an extension of social insurances, for freedom and political rights, extension of education and its democratization, and so on and so forth. Even in cases where an improvement is made, this is always reached after a long struggle which the workers are compelled to wage and is always accompanied with a further intensification of their exploitation.

The results achieved in all the fields of activity

constitute a powerful basis on which will rest the whole of our development during the coming five-year period. As is known to the whole people, in accordance with the general orientations set by the Party's Central Committee and the Government work is now going on throughout the country to map out the new five-year plan. In the agricultural sector it has already become the subject of a broad popular debate. Before long, the same thing will be done also in the other sectors of national economy and culture.

The instructions of the Party are that, in this case, we should effectively involve the creative thought of the broad masses of workers, of the whole working class and cooperative peasantry, of the specialists and technicians, of the individuals and cadres at the base; that we should take into account and utilize all those colossal availabilities created in the ideological, political and economic domain by the numerical growth of cadres and their experience, by the revolutionary initiatives of the masses, by their ceaseless mass actions, by the rapid progress of the technological and scientific revolution; that we should utilize all that rich experience accumulated by the advanced economies and vanguard elements in all fields.

In the coming five-year period, too, socialist industrialization will remain in the center of the development of our national economy. The main objective of this five-year plan in this field is to build up such projects, especially of heavy industry, which, from the viewpoint of the technical level, of the technological

processes and the proportions of production, should raise our industry to a new, higher and more modern stage. The iron-nickel metallurgical combine, the complex plant for the deep processing of oil, the opening of large iron-nickel, chrome, phosphorites and coal mines, the commission of the «Mao Tsetung» hydropower station on the Vau i Dejes, the beginning of the work at the Fierzë hydropower station, as well as many other projects which will be constructed during the coming five-year period with the fraternal internationalist aid of the People's Republic of China, will play a decisive role in the transformation of the People's Republic of Albania into an advanced industrial-agricultural country.

The working class, the specialists and technicians, all the managers of production should concentrate their efforts, first and foremost, on improving the organization of work, on utilizing to the maximum all the productive capacities, on raising work productivity at a higher rate and on further improving the quality of products.

In agriculture, too, the tasks envisaged for the new five-year period are great and inspiring. The production of food grains will almost double, the production of industrial crops and of livestock products will greatly increase, fruit-trees will increase two-fold, etc. The objective in field crops and stock-raising is to reach such yields that should demonstrate a high organizational and productive level, a really modern and advanced agriculture. The ceaseless increase of output and a good harmonization of the development of field crops with

livestock point to the course which our agriculture should take in the future in order to reach as soon as possible a satisfactory level to meet the needs of the people for staple food products and of industry for raw materials.

The state will continue, as heretofore, to invest large sums for further mechanizing agricultural processes of work, for providing seeds of higher yields, for drainage and irrigation schemes, and so on. But the peasants, on their part, following the example set by the advanced brigades and economies which have already reached many of the targets set for the coming five-year plan, should increase their participation at work, doing all the services which agricultural science requires on time and utilizing to the maximum the many facilities which the State creates and the advantages which the cooperativist order provides.

This whole development and these great transformations which will be carried on during the 5th five-year period in our economy, as always, will for certain bring about a further rise of the material and cultural standards of the working people of the city and the country, they will increase the real income of the population, narrowing down the difference between the city and the country, they will increase the number of those employed. The life of the people will become more prosperous, happier and more cultured.

Obviously, we are taking stupendous tasks on ourselves for the coming five-year period. But the revolutionaries have never recoiled before major tasks. And

that is why they are such, because they carry out hard but heroic and glorious jobs at the same time. Our people, used to breasting ahead in defiance of difficulties and obstacles, by adding scientific knowledge to their revolutionary impulse under the guidance of the Party, will honorably accomplish, as always, the gigantic tasks which the coming five-year plan sets for them; they will certainly come off victorious also in this battle which will raise still higher the reputation and potential of our beloved socialist Homeland.

All the successes we have achieved are due to the always correct and consistent Marxist-Leninist line of our Party.

Eversince the day when Albania embarked on the road to socialism the Party has had it clear that the new social order could be built only by a conscious, resolved and politically enlightened people, by a people who would view all the tasks set by the revolution, through the clear prism of Marxist-Leninist policy, as tasks which served the interests of socialism, the building of their prosperous, cultured, free, democratic and sovereign life. At the same time, the Party was aware that the struggle to build socialism required that the masses should be armed with the most essential scientific knowledge, with the best experience accumulated by mankind all along the centuries in their struggle to subdue and transform nature.

In order that the correct Marxist-Leninist policy of the Party in all its aspects might be carried out by the working masses in a creative, and not in a dogmatic,

way it was essential to have it thoroughly grasped and absorbed by them and run through all their thoughts and deeds. And it is precisely because the Party took this course that Party and non-Party members, the cadres and plain workers in our country have always viewed the tasks set for them with a keen political eye even when they have not known «the great theory». This circumstance is to account for the fact that they are determined fighters for the line of the Party and that their struggle to carry out this line has been crowned with success. It is our duty to keep these political determination and readiness of the masses always alive, to strengthen them further, to turn them more and more into an inner ideological conviction, into a basic characteristic of our social life.

Our experience so far has taught us that the fulfilment of this task is achieved through the continuous education of the Party, of the Democratic Front, the broad masses and, especially, of the younger generation with Marxist-Leninist ideas. In this way should be grasped and to this purpose should serve also the Party's orientation that all learning and education in school should be run through by Marxism-Leninism, that our schools should train not only capable specialists but also determined revolutionaries. Such political training cannot be given through campaigns nor through organized forms alone, it should accompany the workers and throw light at each step of their lives, at work and in their family, as collectives and as individuals, by involving the masses in revolutionary actions and by using all the other means of forming public opinion.

In addition, the Party and the State had to root out the ignorance, the deplorable educational and cultural backwardness the people had inherited from the past, in order to succeed in building socialism in the country. They were aware of the fact that this could be done only by making education and culture accessible to the masses, by imparting learning and scientific knowledge to them. It was not a question of engaging in an undertaking of a purely illuminist character but of establishing close links between the uplift of the educational and cultural level of the workers with the tasks of socialist construction, with the actual and prospective problems of this construction. Therefore, while setting up the industry and developing agriculture and the other economic and social sectors, the Party took important steps to train cadres who, together with the workers and peasants, in a body, work, strive and advance our economy, education, culture, the whole life of our country. Thus, the Party filled that deep gap that had been left over by the past.

In our efforts to spread culture among the masses we took stock of all those sound spiritual values and progressive and democratic traditions which our people had created in the course of centuries. A scientifically based study of the history of our people, the creation of Albanological studies on sound Marxist-Leninist lines which was achieved thanks to serious studies and important archeological and archival documentary findings, throw more light on the high culture of our people dating as far back as the ancient times of which the

chauvinist and reactionary scholars of Europe had kept dead silence.

But the cultural heritage of the past alone could not meet the exigencies of the builders of socialist society. This had to be supplemented and raised to a higher level by the development of the new popular culture. Consequently, our art of socialist realism, our theater and music, our painting and sculpture, our literature of all genres marked an unprecedented progress during these years. A rich, variegated and high ideological and aesthetic level production has characterized the works of our gifted writers and artists. Their works, inspired by the ideology of the Party and nourished in the inexhaustible fountain of folklore, have rendered a valuable contribution to the education of our youth and workers as a whole with the lofty ideals of our Homeland, of socialism and communism.

The great, all-round and complex transformation of the entire life of our society along socialist lines could not be effected in a spontaneous and haphazard manner, or according to the practice of the petty bourgeoisie «let come what may». It was necessary for the Party to teach the people how to work in a new way, how to organize and direct the work so that it might yield as big results as possible. Therefore, the problem of organizing small scale and large scale work for accomplishing every task and fulfilling every plan which the workers have taken and will take on themselves, is and remains on the order of the day. Organization, which is being continually strengthened, has brought and

brings better to the fore the value of political and ideological work, of schools and of the knowledge disseminated among the people. The combination of the organization of work with these factors has been and continues to be the decisive condition for all successes. Where organization is lacking or limps there arise chaos and turmoil, nor can political work find vantage ground there.

In order to give full play to the creative work and thought of workers, it was necessary to strive to rid the minds of the people of the fog of the past, of idealistic views, religious beliefs, patriarchalism, backward customs and practices, individual petty bourgeois inclinations, narrow personal interests, and so on and so forth. All these constituted a major obstacle to our economic and social development, because they strangled the active and effective forces of our society, especially the young and the women. Therefore, it was indispensable to root them out. This was, of course, not an easy thing to do because it involved the inner convictions of every worker, his thinking and spiritual mood, it involved traditions and norms cultivated all along the centuries. But the Party set to work with patience and tact, and the results are stupendous.

What has already been achieved in this field, and everybody knows it, is nothing less than a revolution. Many of the invisible threads which kept many workers hitched to the old world were broken once and for all time. The principal factor which brought about success in all this struggle were the masses who launched the

revolution. The mass actions and revolutionary movements which burst forth with unprecedented vehemence shocked the most pronounced leftovers of the old world and led to the further emancipation of such dynamic and combative forces as the Albanian youth and women. Bringing to light and launching all these forces into revolution was the historic duty of the Party and of the working class which they fulfilled to the letter. Guided by the Party, these two forces became the decisive factors of the progress of new Albania, of socialist construction in our country.

To constantly brace up and temper the socialist sense of duty of our new man, emancipating him spiritually from the survivals and influence of the old world, remain a capital task of the Party, a task of vital importance to the destiny of the revolution and socialism.

The Party has never separated the building of socialism from the sacred duty of defending our socialist Homeland. It has striven with success to have the question of defence taken in the hands of the broad masses of the people. In all this work we have been guided by great Lenin's teaching according to which every good citizen should be also a good soldier, and every good soldier should be at the same time a good citizen. On this road the whole of our people, old and young, men and women, are advancing today. Without making it a secret, we publicly declare that we are proud of the fact that every citizen of the People's Republic of Albania learns how to use all sort of arms, studies military art, is eager to know his motherland span by span, loves it and is

ready to embellish and defend it from any foe and in any circumstances. With us army and people are one, they are united like flesh to bone around the Party. Our army is an army of the revolution, it is characterized by real proletarian democracy, iron discipline and fiery patriotism. As such should we always have and strengthen our People's Army, in this way should we constantly enhance the vigilance and combative preparedness of all of us to guarantee the protection of all the victories our people have achieved and will be achieving in the days to come.

Thus, the tempering of the new man, politically conscious and clear of purpose, willing to fight to the last drop of his blood for the interests of the Party and of the people, endowed with the high qualities of communist morality and with a conscience pure of the many stains of the old world, constitutes the greatest of the victories of our Party in these years of colossal struggle and work. Herein lies the source of our people's great and irresistible, avalanche-like, revolutionary impetus which characterizes our whole national life.

The road traversed by us is glorious. The experience we have amassed makes up an invaluable treasury. We should continue to advance on this road also in the future, we should enrich and raise all the amassed experience to an ever higher level.

Comrades!

Socialist Albania not only follows with vigilance the course of events on the international arena, but also

actively fights to influence them in a revolutionary way.

Whether the bourgeois like it or not, she minds her business and positively influences the course of events in the world, not by the size of her territory or by the number of her population or atomic weapons, but by the inspiring force of the Marxist-Leninist ideas, which she applies, defends and spreads throughout the whole world. From this viewpoint Albania's force is unmeasurable. The capitalist world feigns not to take her into account, but it is obliged to reckon with, for Marxism-Leninism is an ideology and a guide for action and struggle for all the world proletariat and the oppressed peoples.

World capitalism achieved a great, but temporary, success when the Khrushchevite clique betrayed Marxism-Leninism in the Soviet Union, followed on this road also by other revisionist cliques that rule in some countries and in some pseudo-communist parties. Socialist Albania and the Party of Labor of Albania remained and are remaining firm before imperialist and revisionist pressure. Both the imperialists and modern revisionists did everything in their power to drive us into submission. But all their attempts failed. This great fact, the determined fight of our Party, could not fail to influence the events on the international arena, the Marxist-Leninists of the world, the small and enslaved nations struggling for freedom and independence.

When the capitalist bourgeoisie and the modern revisionists saw that they were unable to bring socia-

list Albania to her knees, they changed their tactics but not their aims. They began to smile at us, to say that they wanted to have diplomatic relations with our state, to expand trade, swearing by their great gods that they entertained no evil aim towards our country. For some time now, they are claiming that a wind of liberalism is allegedly blowing over Albania and interpreting every diplomatic act of our state as a turn in our policy. They consider their change of tactics towards us as a change of ours towards them.

We did not make any change in our policy. If we yesterday established diplomatic relations with the Scandinavian countries or with Switzerland, tomorrow we are willing to establish similar relations also with the Latin American republics. This desire on the part of our Government existed ever since Albania was liberated and our people came to power. Others did not like it, for they were under the pressure or were attached to the chariot of those great powers which entertained hopes of depriving our people, through internal and external plots, of political power and of bringing the bourgeois cliques back to power. However, they not only were unable to achieve their aims, but life confirmed that no great power whatever is able to impose its will on socialist Albania. Everybody should behave correctly towards our People's Republic, respecting its full and inviolable rights. Albania neither made nor will make any concession in the principles of her correct, internal or external, policy. On these questions, the capitalist and revisionist countries in reality entertain no

illusion whatever, but even if they do, our powerful state of the dictatorship of the proletariat and the glorious Party of Labor of Albania are vigilant to discourage them.

We have declared and declare that we wish to establish good and correct relations also with states having regimes contrary to ours, provided they respect the freedom and independence of our Homeland, its sovereignty, territorial integrity and all the achievements of our people's revolution.

On the other hand, all the imperialist and revisionist states which have adopted a hostile stand towards socialist Albania have been and will always be rebuffed by us. They have heavy political and economic debts towards Albania, which cannot be settled by empty words and demagogy. The inevitable revolution in those countries will atone for the crimes which have been and are being committed not only against the People's Republic of Albania, but also against all the peoples of the world.

It is precisely for the triumph of this revolution that the People's Republic of Albania, the Albanian people and their Party of Labor are fighting, and it is precisely for this reason that socialist Albania enjoys deep sympathy among the peoples of the world who represent a force the imperialist-revisionist powers should reckon with.

We should make it clear, socialist Albania is not the center of the world: the axis of the world is Marxism-

Leninism, our revolutionary doctrine. If in Europe round this steel-like axis revolves socialist Albania, a tiny, independent and sovereign country, in Asia round this axis, Marxism-Leninism, revolves great China with its colossal territory, its 700-800 million inhabitants, its advanced industry and agriculture, its steel-like People's Army equipped also with atomic weapons. But this is not all. There are other socialist countries marching on the Marxist-Leninist road, there are other genuine Marxist-Leninist parties in all parts of the world waging a heroic and self-less struggle against imperialism, social-chauvinism, social-imperialism, the reactionary bourgeoisie and the revisionist parties. There are millions of proletarians and whole peoples in the world fighting for their freedom, for their bread, for their land, for their factory, for human dignity. Then the question arises: who is making concessions, we or our opponents?

We make no concessions. The situation is developing favourably for us, for revolution. You very well remember what difficult situations we have gone through, and if socialist Albania never bowed down to anybody at that time, it will not do it today. At present the enemies of communism and Marxism-Leninism — U. S. imperialism, Soviet revisionism and all their satellites — have weakened, they are in a great crisis. In order to breath again, to strengthen for new wars, they are compelled to make some concessions. We should not forget this. The predatory wars they wage are inseparable part of their capitalist regimes, of their policy and ideology of capitalist ownership.

The history of the peoples of Europe knows a series of upheavals recorded as Barbarian invasions. The incursions of the Huns and of other nomadic tribes destroyed states and empires, badly damaged the civilization mankind had created until that time. It took many centuries for mankind to gain breath and recover. At present, too, U.S. imperialism and the capitalist world are striving to invade countries and continents, to oppress the peoples and to ruin their culture, to spread degeneration and the American way of life, etc. They do this by means of the dollar, by corruption and the force of arms. But they do not disdain to use also a motley army of «tourists» and «visitors».

The betrayal of the Soviet revisionists and their companions, who have flung the doors of the Soviet Union and of the other countries they rule wide open to foreign capital and the dissolute capitalist life, to spies and degenerated persons, has sharpened the appetite of the capitalist reactionary bourgeoisie of the various countries from which tourists keep flooding the revisionist countries like the ancient barbarian invasions. Foreign currency has become the idol of the modern revisionists who swear by it. They have pinned their hopes on the income from tourism to boost their shaky economies. They pose as fashionable and civilized supporters of democracy and democratic liberalism although they sell out their homeland and lower the dignity of their people. They disseminate degeneration among the youth, they incite to speculation and crime brought along by a heterogenous crowd of tourists who

have right of access even into intimate family questions.

A state which respects itself and its people, which fights for progress, which does not allow its freedom, independence and sovereignty to be endangered, which desires to preserve pure and further develop the lofty virtues of man, can never follow the dirty capitalist revisionist ways and practices. This is how our state of people's democracy acts.

The enemies describe the People's Republic of Albania as a country closed to foreigners. There is a part of truth and a part of slander in this assertion. Yes, the People's Republic of Albania is closed to enemies, to spies, to hippies and hooligans, but it is open to friends, Marxist or non-Marxist, to revolutionaries and progressive democrats, to honest tourists and all those who, irrespective of their political viewpoints, come to our country to rest in its beautiful environment and amidst our valiant, generous and industrious people, without any intention of interfering in our internal affairs and carrying out subversive work. And such men and women flock by the thousands every year to our country, and return satisfied to their countries to speak with sympathy of the Albanian reality. We respect the French progressive-minded democratic journalists and others who are given the possibility to go everywhere in our country and, on their return, deliver a fair and friendly report of what they have seen, of course, with the limitations of their world outlook. We have but respect for the German, French, Austrian and other scientists, the Italian agronomists, who although politically do not

think the same as we do, after becoming acquainted with our reality, write about it in friendly and sincere words.

Once I was told that, some time ago, to our country had come two foreign industrialists who had sold us some machinery. Before leaving, after having visited some cities, they told our comrades among other things: «The reactionary press conducts a slanderous propaganda against your country, which we found beautiful and well-advanced, entirely different from what we were told. But we must tell you that, on our coming here, we wanted to see three things. We walked through the streets of Tirana, Durrës and Elbasan in different hours of day and night and watched everything attentively. First, the newspapers abroad write that there are Chinese troops stationed on Albanian soil. After all our investigations we did not see a single Chinese soldier. Second, we tried hard to find a drunkard in the streets or coffee-houses but we were unable to detect even one. Third, abroad you are said to be hungering. So, wherever we went across Albania, we looked for beggars asking for alms, but we did not find any of them either. And you should believe us, because we have seen all this for ourselves».

Socialist Albania can never become a hotbed for capitalist-bourgeois degeneration. She is neither dazzled nor captivated by the dollar or the rouble. She is in excellent health and marches ahead along the bright trail blazed by her Marxist-Leninist party. And, on this correct, honest and glorious trail, she meets everywhere

in the world with innumerable sincere friends. The People's Republic of Albania and its people have faithful comrades, in politics and ideology, they have such friends who love and respect them for their bravery, maturity, for their industry, for their righteousness of cause and moral courage on the world arena.

The betrayal of the Khrushchevites did great harm to communism, it was a new danger threatening mankind and the whole world. Not everyone was aware of and realized this danger, indeed some do not properly realize it even now. In the history of the international communist movement the Party of Labor of Albania should be given the credit of having sensed danger and declared a merciless war on it, without making any compromise at all, without shirking any sacrifice. A determined war was declared on it also by the Communist Party of China and the Peoples' Republic of China. Under the complicated circumstances of that time and in the political-ideological chaos which had arisen as a result of the Khrushchevite betrayal, some considered the resistance of our Party of Labor as correct and principled, others as adventurous and quixotic. There were also those who accused us of being sold out to the imperialists. But, besides our friends and comrades who approved and helped our just and selfless struggle, even the hostile imperialist-revisionist coalition which was fighting us knew well enough that we were not sold out. Some, as imperialists always do, underestimated our strength and predicted that the socialist regime in Albania would survive only for a few weeks,

for, referring to their Bible, they said, «David is fighting with Goliath». On their part, in the early days when they were enjoying the fruits of their betrayal, the Soviet revisionists were convinced that, at the first signs of the pressure they would exert on the Albanian communists, the latter would fall to their knees before them.

History proved that it was they who suffered and are suffering defeat at the hand of the steel-like Party of Labor of Albania and the Albanian State, for they were forced to ask for the polemics to cease, for the resumption of trade, for the re-establishment of diplomatic relations, etc. The Soviet revisionist traitors, after being unable to bite our hands, want now to kiss them, but the fist of the Albanian people and communists is clenched, it has hit and will hit them ever harder.

They very well know that the Albanian people, the Party of Labor of Albania and the People's Republic of Albania are their sworn enemies, monolithic in their unity and invincible in their struggle. With us do not pass either the sword rattling or invasion threats of the Brezhnev-Kosygin treacherous clique or its olive branch demagogy. We are not afraid of their fascist military adventures and we are fully prepared to face them successfully, their flattery and demagoguery cannot deceive us, their subversion cannot shake us and their loan offers cannot hoodwink us. They cannot conquer our fortress either from within or from outside. We have no other choice but the road of struggle and we shall struggle against them up to the complete victory of socialism and communism.

You certainly recall, comrades, the different stages of the glorious struggle of our Party against modern revisionism. Today the correctness of its Marxist-Leninist line, its correct predictions and its consistent decisions are confirmed by the facts and the course of historical events.

The Khrushchevite revisionists tried hard to put out the polemics between the Marxist-Leninist parties and those parties which had betrayed Marxism-Leninism, between the Marxist-Leninists and the modern revisionists. The Party of Labor of Albania did not accept, even for a single moment, this anti-Marxist trick of the revisionists which was aimed not only at covering up their betrayal, but also at supporting their tactics and strategy. By the «ceasing of polemics» the revisionists were seeking to have the communists themselves legalize the fight against communism, to have them accept their anti-Marxist deviations as a «new contribution», and what a contribution! to the treasury of Marxism-Leninism of the present times.

Of course, the principled and courageous fight of our Party caused great damage to the modern revisionists and prevented them from reaching their main aim. They were badly exposed in all and every action of theirs, internal or external. This was a great success of Marxism-Leninism over modern revisionism.

The polemics and the fierce struggle of the Marxist-Leninist parties and of the revolutionary communists the world over not only exposed the false coinage, but also prevented the Khrushchevite revisionists from go-

ing down in history as Marxist-Leninists and establishing their hegemony over the international communist movement. A split occurred between the Marxist-Leninists and the revisionists, a process which is successfully being deepened. This is another great victory of Marxism-Leninism over modern revisionism.

After suffering defeat in this great ideological struggle, the Khrushchevite revisionists strove and continue to strive to dominate at least over the different revisionist clans. But here, too, polycentrism, contradictions and the quarrels amongst the revisionist cliques ruling in the revisionist states and parties are foiling the desperate efforts of the new Soviet chauvinist bourgeoisie. The ruling revisionist cliques are at loggerheads and in deep contradictions with the Soviet revisionists, whereas those leading the revisionist parties in capitalist countries identify themselves ever more with each passing day with the various political factions and trends of the local reactionary bourgeoisie. This is also another success of Marxism-Leninism, for the ideologically camouflaged enemy is being exposed and routed.

Some pseudo-Marxists in power are seeking to regroup the foreign factions dissenting with the Soviet revisionists, to «rehabilitate» them and drive them over to a «Marxist» platform like theirs. This is a hopeless effort and the Marxist-Leninists will never allow themselves to be deceived by these tricks bankrupt in advance.

Imperialism, the supreme stage of capitalism, is con-

demned by history to cease to exist, but its disappearance should be accelerated. Today on the international arena the progressive revolutionary forces are clashing with the regressive counter-revolutionary forces; the capitalists, imperialists, the reactionary capitalist bourgeoisie are clashing with the working class, with the laboring peasantry, with the revolutionary intelligentsia. The clashing forces are not divided by unsurmountable walls, and the political and ideological clarity is not the same everywhere. The revolution which is on the rise has not and cannot have everywhere the same direction or intensity. Of course, many factors intervene here, positive and negative factors clash with one another, but the struggle, with its efforts and sacrifices, helps clarity, eliminate the negative sides, strengthen the positive sides. Politics, ideology, the development of economy and culture play their positive or negative role, according to the actual conditions of the clashing forces. In these great revolutionary encounters the duty of the Marxist-Leninist parties is to clarify the masses of the people politically, to show them who is the enemy, where he is, how he hides and organizes himself, how tries he to exploit our actions, how should be mercilessly fought he and his allies, how should we organize ourselves so as to hit him hard with all our weapons.

U.S. imperialism is the main and most savage enemy of the peoples. This should not be considered as a mere slogan. In all the parts of the world it is indispensable that the peoples should wage a fierce struggle

against this ogre. But U.S. imperialism is not the only enemy of the peoples. It has the backing of many of its capitalist friends who try to preserve their rule and domination over the peoples they are exploiting through all sorts of combined international actions, through brutal pressure and oppression, through political, ideological and military alliances with U.S. imperialism, irrespective of the natural disagreements and contradictions they may have amongst them. To pretend that you fight U.S. imperialism while, on the other hand, not fighting and striving to weaken its friend and ally you have right at your home, while not fiercely fighting at the same time also the modern revisionists, then this fight against U.S. imperialism remains only a slogan. U.S. imperialism struggles to dominate the world, it sucks the blood and exploits the wealth of other peoples, it maintains military bases and intervenes by means of force everywhere its capitalist friends see their positions endangered. So, it intervenes with all its might not merely to save the skin of a Lon Nol, but, in the first place, to defend its political, economic and strategic-military interests.

But let us pass over to other enemies who are not less dangerous, less savage and less cunning than the U.S. imperialists. These are the modern revisionists with the treacherous Brezhnev-Kosygin clique of the Soviet revisionists at the head.

By exposing and fighting these enemies you render the greatest of services to your people, to your party, Marxism-Leninism, socialism, and revolution. It

should be once more forcefully affirmed and reaffirmed that it is only in this way that you render the greatest internationalist service also to the people of the Soviet Union and to the genuine Soviet Marxist-Leninist revolutionaries whom we do not confound with the revisionists.

«Peaceful coexistence», as understood by the Khrushchev clique who seek peace with anyone and at any cost and makes hysterical calls «to forget what divides us», «to consider what unites us», has pleased the imperialists. Now the imperialists and revisionists are jointly seeking to muddle the minds of men, declaring that who thinks and acts not in accordance with their slogans is allegedly a warmonger, an anachronist and an outdated politician. And therefore some «intelligent» persons abroad may say: «And peaceful coexistence, which is accepted also by you Albanian communists, where does it enter, how is it understood, how is it applied by you?» And we are obliged to explain this to everybody.

For the Party of Labor of Albania there are two kinds of peaceful coexistence, the Leninist and the Khrushchevite revisionist peaceful coexistence. We stand for the first and are against the second. According to Leninist coexistence, which is consistently applied by our Party, we stand and actively struggle for revolution, we never renounce the political and ideological struggle to defend our victories and Marxism-Leninism on a national and international scale. We are against imperialist oppressive and predatory wars, but

we stand for just wars and actively help the people fighting against physical, political, economic and other sorts of slavery; we are against imperialism; we are against U.S. -led imperialism and Soviet-led modern revisionism, we stand for world revolution and actively fight for it. We politically and ideologically support all the progressive movements, we stand for and desire to maintain good and correct relations, to develop trade and cultural exchanges also with countries and states having regimes different from ours, provided these relations are based on principles acceptable to both sides, leaving no room for interference, political pressure, blackmail and threats. We are not against a just and real peace in the world either, or against a real, complete and total disarmament.

This is the Leninist coexistence that the Party of Albania implements. If one likes it, allright, if one does not like it, little imports to us.

The Party of Labor of Albania and the Government of the People's Republic of Albania are in a good position to judge and evaluate the danger coming from international conjunctures, to appraise friends and enemies, and they will never lead their homeland into wrong combinations, prepared or hatched up by bankrupt policy-makers who think to play their trumped up cards.

The Khrushchevite revisionist peaceful coexistence is in flagrant opposition to Leninism. It adapts itself to and mirrors up the whole ideological, political, economic, organizational and military course of the traitors

to Marxism-Leninism. For the revisionists peaceful co-existence means, in fact, ideological reconciliation with the enemies of revolution and socialism, a reconciliation reached after many peripeties and stunts by Khrushchev the clown. The ideological and political reconciliation with U.S. imperialism and the world reactionary bourgeoisie was achieved because the Bolshevik Party of the Soviet Union was dismantled, the construction of socialism was interrupted, the Patriotic War and Stalin were discredited, the Komsomol was degenerated, socialism in the industry and agriculture was undermined, the terror within the country was increased and counterrevolution was strengthened and restored to power. All these great «successes of communism» in the Soviet Union made the Khrushchevite peaceful coexistence flourish: U.S. imperialism, from an enemy of communism and revolution, became the best ally and partner of the Soviet Union. Investments from the United States of America and other capitalist countries flooded the Soviet Union and the other «socialist» countries. In other words, the capitalists finance the «construction of communism» in the Soviet Union. Now, as is known, Titoite groupings, the Soviet revisionists and all the Warsaw Treaty member countries implement the Trotskyite-Bukharinite theories to integrate U.S. capitalism, Bonn revanchism and Japanese militarism into socialism.

Modern revisionism, as a powerful bourgeois anti-Marxist and anti-Leninist trend, after having come to

power in the Soviet Union and in the other socialist countries, would carry out in these countries the transformation of the socialist society into a bourgeois society, would give world capitalism tangible proofs that this transformation is real, that revisionists and capitalists could enter talks, could come to terms, could adopt joint decisions to their common interest against socialism and revolution. The forms and masks that they used were indispensable, efforts were made, just as today, to cover everything with the name of Lenin. The capitalist reforms in the Soviet Union, according to the Khrushchevite revisionists, are «Leninist» measures, «the party of the entire people» is a «Leninist» concept, the denunciation of Stalin as a «criminal» was «Leninist». To put the Soviet Union up to auction and sell its riches to the capitalists, this is «Leninist»; to attack and occupy a socialist China and socialist Albania, this is as «Leninist» as the alliance of the Soviet revisionists with the United States of America and the agreements they have signed with the Bonn revanchists and Japanese militarists. And the list is far from complete.

The Soviet Khrushchevite modern revisionists are the greatest traitors international communism has known so far, because, betraying Marxism-Leninism, they have put the Soviet Union, the great prestige it has won through the heroism of the Soviet people, its economic and military power, against revolution, against the world proletariat, against the liberation of the peoples. From a base of the revolution they have turned the Soviet Union into a prop of the world capitalism. Therefore, to

back up these traitors is to commit a treachery against the revolution and the peoples.

The Khrushchevite peaceful coexistence, which the Party of Labor of Albania exposed by all its forces, is a reactionary counterrevolutionary political platform aimed at destroying socialism, at fighting against Marxism-Leninism and at supporting the world capitalism which has entered into great crises. In a word, it is aimed at putting out revolution and the national-liberation struggles of the peoples.

The peace which the peoples of the world like and strive for is not to the taste of the U.S. imperialists, Soviet social-imperialists, world capitalism. They are enemies of peace. By peace they mean their domination over the world, over the peoples. To dominate, to get rich, to extend their spheres of domination and plunder, they are bound to suppress the resistance of the people and enter into conflicts with and wage predatory wars against each other. Imperialism, social-imperialism and the whole world capitalism continue to live according to this policy, therefore at any time, whether of «relative peace» or of «local war», the various imperialists always prepare to unleash partial or general wars. During these preparations they demand from the peoples to keep quiet, to approve and applaud their actions. Those who stand in the way of their dark aims are labelled as war-mongers, as enemies of peace and détente. And if the peoples rise arms in hands for the freedom and independence of their countries, aircrafts, cruisers and tanks are rushed to suppress the «rebels».

All these atrocities are committed in the name of «peace», of «peaceful co-existence», in the name of the capitalist bourgeois «culture and civilisation».

Capitalism and the great imperialist powers have more than once unleashed destructive wars in the world, they are preparing for and will unleash them even now if revolution does not deprive them of this possibility. They cover up their actions, their predatory wars with formulae, with demagoguery. Besides the club and bomb, they have set up everywhere also a broad propaganda network, a host of parties with all sorts of pseudo-democratic, pseudo-socialist and revisionist labels to deceive and poison public opinion, to split the unity of the peoples in war and revolution against capitalist domination. Therefore, everybody who fights for the cause of revolution and the people cannot remain with folded arms before this imperialist-revisionist course, before their aims and manoeuvres. To react, to rise against all the evils and frauds of this course means to serve the cause of the people.

The Albanian people, their Government and the Party of Labor of Albania that leads them have declared open war on this course and its protagonists, the U.S. imperialists, Soviet social-imperialists and the reactionary bourgeoisie. Albania has endured great sufferings and miseries from them. The Albanian people have been and are friends to their peoples. But if Albania was not obliterated from the map of Europe, this is due to the heroic struggle of her own people. This should be clear to everybody abroad. The internal factor has

been the decisive one, without it there would have been no free Albania, the external factor, that of the heroic Soviet Army, was the second. And this is true today and will continue to be true tomorrow as well. Socialist Albania is and will continue to be free, independent, sovereign, because she is strong, because she is a real socialist country.

The policy of the People's Republic of Albania is clear and determined by the lawful interests of its people and those of the freedom of the peoples and of revolution. Its policy enjoys the sympathy of and is supported by all the progressive and revolutionary peoples. It is hated and fought only by our enemies, while it is respected by all the sound minded people although they may not agree with us on some questions. This is the reality and it is a very positive one.

We never detach words from deeds, we do not conceal our opinions, on the contrary, we express them openly, we do not recognize any of the bourgeois labels applied to us, just as we will not apply any labels to the bourgeois states with which we have established relations. We are correct in our relations with other states and we demand to reciprocate towards our country. We neither stretch now nor shall we stretch the hand to anybody for alms in the future. We are not revisionists. We cherish the life of every citizen. We do not sell out our Homeland and the freedom won with so much blood in exchange of rags. Advantageous trade, yes, we have and we will have ever better commercial relations with all those capitalist countries which behave correctly

towards the People's Republic of Albania. We are ready also to increase our trade relations with them.

The Soviet revisionists will say, as they are used to: «What Marxists are you who trade with the capitalist countries and with us not!» We say to them: «You are renegades, you are worse than the capitalists. And if, looking at things from the viewpoint of the state interests, we trade with you, do not forget that you have great debts towards Albania, political, ideological and economic debts. Even if you entirely and publicly settle these debts, again the People's Republic of Albania will see about it if you deserve to exchange some trade commodities with her. And this stand of ours is fully Marxist, because it is exposing you that revolution and communism win. You are demanding that we should open you, at least, a small window so as to have it as a capital of exculpation for your great betrayal, but you should well know that we will not give you even a drop of water on your deathbed.

Our stands towards you are well weighed, correct and adopted in the light of Marxism-Leninism. The documents of our Party prove this, they prove our Marxist patience and your fascist savagery, our political maturity and your adventurism. You hit us, we fired a volley on you, you thought you could liquidate us, we smashed to pieces your plans, we exposed you, and the world recognized your real countenance.

The Second World War ended 25 years ago. Despite this, with the exception of some states, all the other states of Europe, so-called free, independent, sovereign

states, are occupied by foreign armies, by the Soviet and U.S. armies. The irony is that these two imperialist states, while speaking uninterruptedly about peace and freedom of the peoples, about democracy and national sovereignty, about complete and total disarmament, about the prohibition of atomic weapons, in reality, as their imperialist policies coincide, are becoming friendly with one another, they have signed a series of treaties, have divided their zones of influence and their coordinated actions are seen everywhere in the world. The armies of these two big powers keep Europe under occupation, they are armed up to their teeth and continue to arm themselves, one under the sham slogan of the «defence of the free world» and the other under the sham slogan of the «defence of the socialist world». They have perfected and built up large stockpiles of atomic weapons and are doing everything in their power to preserve their atomic monopoly. France, which is independently developing her atomic power and, in this way, disturbing their tranquillity and foiling their hegemonic plans in Europe, is for them a «rebel». But, in particular, the glorious socialist China of Mao Tse-tung, which, she too, possesses the atomic bomb, is spoiling the sleep of the U.S. imperialists and the Soviet revisionist social-imperialists to the point that the latter consider even the aerals of our radio-stations as missiles.

The People's Republic of Albania has its word to say on all these problems and she has always said and has acted accordingly. And so she will continue always. She relies in the correctness and support of the peoples.

The NATO treaty is an aggressive alliance ruled by the United States of America and the German Federal Republic. It is aimed at opposing communism and maintaining all its member countries under the heel and dictate of U.S. imperialism. The aggressive NATO forces keep the peoples of Europe oppressed and dictate on them the U.S. hegemonic policy. The so-called «independent internal and external policy» of the NATO member states is just as free and independent from U.S. dictate as the internal and external policy of the Warsaw treaty member countries is free and independent from the Kremlin dictate.

As a result of the treachery of the Soviet revisionists, the Warsaw Treaty is transformed into an instrument of enslavement of the peoples of its member countries. That is an aggressive treaty, which was proved by the occupation of Czechoslovakia and the invasion threats against Rumania, Yugoslavia and Albania. Socialist Albania withdrew from this treaty, and the Khrushchevite revisionists called us traitors to socialism while the capitalist states welcomed it in the hope that we would come nearer to them. But both sides were disillusioned. We pursued the only correct Marxist-Leninist road, we helped socialism, because we were not of those allying with the capitalist states.

The Party of Labor of Albania exposed, together with the Moscow revisionists, also the activity of their stooges in the satellite countries. When we were exposing the Novotny and, later on the Dubcek clique, Brezhnev and Kosygin were kissing them. We know

but too well how all these kisses and Czechoslovakia ended. Indeed it should be pointed out that the Soviet revisionists, to justify their rape of Czechoslovakia, did not fail to proclaim that the Dubcek clique was collaborating with the Bonn revanchist government. Now Czechoslovakia, which is called a «socialist, independent and sovereign country», writhes under the heel of the occupant, lives under his terror and that of the local Quislings at a time when the Kremlin clique has signed a treaty of friendship with the Bonn revanchists.

The Soviet modern revisionists say that tension in Europe has decreased but the Warsaw treaty armies are making every month more military exercises than there are Sundays in a month. They say that they must be prepared against the enemy, but the German revanchists, from the plotters of yesterday, have become the «sensible men» of today. After the Moscow-Bonn treaty was signed, it was proclaimed that allegedly peace was secured in Europe, that allegedly German imperialism and Soviet social-imperialism had secured the borders of the states of Europe. Nobody was asked about this treaty, but the revisionists pretend that all should accept and applaud it. In Europe, however, there is a small socialist republic, Albania, which not only does not accept it and does not applaud it, but, on the contrary, denounces it publicly, and this not in a spirit of contradiction, but with sound reasons. We think that there are also other states in Europe which must not agree with this treaty, but now only the voice of Albania is heard against all those who approve it.

Why are we against this treaty?

Germany came out of the war as a defeated power after causing innumerable miseries to mankind. She should have signed a peace treaty with all those countries who fought against and won over her. The clauses of this treaty should have been such as to make the German revanchism unable to throw the world into new shambles. The Soviet Union, by signing the Moscow-Bonn treaty, capitulated before the imperialist powers and the German revanchism and trampled upon the rights of all the peoples who shed their blood. The revisionist Soviet Union showed itself, in this case, as a state which looks only after its own interests, a great chauvinistic imperialist state profiting to the detriment of the other peoples.

A peace treaty with Germany should have confirmed publicly and internationally the existence of two German states. The Moscow-Bonn treaty left this aside, violating the sovereign rights of the German Democratic Republic, it accepted the status quo of Berlin, made perhaps other concessions to the German revanchists and placed the German Democratic Republic at the mercy of both Kremlin and Bonn.

The Soviet revisionists have made the German Federal Republic an equal partner of theirs, have greatly raised its credit in Europe and in the world, while the capitalist countries, the allies of Bonn's Germany, do not even recognize the German Democratic Republic, do not even want to mention it by its name, but as «the Pankow government».

The Moscow-Bonn Treaty considered Poland as unworthy to participate in it, leaving the question of the Oder-Neisse border to be settled in indirect channels, or behind the scenes, which of course, forces Poland to submit constantly to the Soviet revisionists blackmail. On the other hand, Bonn, too, does not want to recognize the borders of the German Democratic Republic.

The Moscow-Bonn treaty has been schemed in such a way that the Soviet revisionists will get the lion's share of Bonn's loans while their satellites, who must bend under Moscow's dictate, will get only the crumbs. It is for this purpose that there are Warsaw Treaty armies in the other revisionist countries: they are there to contain the desires of their lakeys.

The Munich treaty is not mentioned at all, and this shows that the present-day clique of Czechoslovakia is a puppet of the Soviets.

The affirmations that the Moscow-Bonn Treaty is allegedly a factor of détente in Europe is a fraud, for this ill-famed treaty will even more sharpen the contradictions between the capitalist countries of Europe and its three main beneficiaries: the United States of America, the Soviet revisionists and the Bonn revanchists.

It is also quite clear that this treaty aims at creating a certain tranquillity in Europe, at freeing the hands of the U.S. imperialists and Soviet social-imperialists to settle in their favour, that is, to extinguish, the liberation struggles of the Vietnamese and the other peoples of Indo-China, of the Arab and Palestinian peoples, of the

peoples of Africa, and to prepare for their great aggressive war against China.

Hardly had the ink on the Moscow-Bonn treaty dried up that renegade Brezhnev sped to Kazakhstan, Tajikistan and Kirghizia and Marshal Grechko to Mongolia, all areas bordering with the People's Republic of China, where the Soviets are building up large military forces. No propaganda whatsoever can cover up the anti-China character of these visits.

For these and many other reasons, how can the People's Republic of Albania find correct such a treaty concluded between two imperialist powers, an imperialist-fascist power defeated, but left unpunished and unrestrained by a peace treaty, and another imperialist-expansionist power which plots and threatens the freedom and independence of Albania? If we consider this treaty from an European viewpoint we see that it is signed between two imperialist powers which want to make the law in Europe. The Soviet revisionists' and German revanchists' hegemony, although at this stage it has the blessing of the United States of America and the «forced smile» of England and, especially, of France, until a new international conflagration is ripe, aims only at elbowing out the others. The Germany of Bonn is now quite at ease, she is the first partner of the United States of America in the NATO, she is the first economic power in the Common Market, and now she has become the partner of the Soviet Union, as well, Weimar began with the Willy Brandts and ended with Hitler. This new polarization of the European and world imperialist

aggressive forces is aimed at strangling France. They seek to crown such actions with another aggressive act, the «European Security», which means nothing but the subjugation of the European states to the dictate of the United States of America, the Soviet social-imperialists and German revanchists. This is a new pact of the Briand-Kellogg type, and we know who made it and how it ended.

One should be naïve in politics not to notice the aims of these imperialist plots, one should ignore or betray the cause of the peoples if one does not fight these plots, one should be short-sighted if one does not see through them but hopes that the conjunctures will change by themselves. The rise of the Hitlerites is still alive in the memory of men. It was neither Albania nor the Scandinavian countries which put Europe to fire, but Hitlerite Germany.

The People's Republic of Albania is, against the so-called «European security», for it spells European enslavement, suppression of freedom, of democracy and independence of the European peoples by the great imperialist powers and by all the capitalist groupings ruling the other countries of Europe which blindly follow in the wake of this criminal activity.

Some say, «You Albanians are foolish, you go against the whole world». This is not true. We are not foolish and, far from going against the majority, we go with the whole world against a minority. We are the majority, our enemies are the minority, and we are those who will defeat them.

Besides being hatched up by a minority, these imperialist plots are being schemed in great fever and uncertainty. The peoples of Europe are moving, the workers are seething with discontent, the youth is in ferment, the fire of revolution is rising. Herein lies our indomitable force. It will tear the enemies and their agreements to pieces.

The so-called «European security» under the sponsorship of the two great imperialist powers, the United States of America and the revisionist Soviet Union, aims not only to enslave Europe, but also, and this is the main aim, to give a free hand to these two aggressive powers to dominate the world.

The sanguinary U.S. imperialism cannot live long if the people of the world it mercilessly oppresses and exploits make its life impossible by rising in liberation struggle against it and its satellites. The economic might of U.S. imperialism derives from the plundering of the material and cultural wealth of the peoples. In order to keep on its rapacious activities, U.S. imperialism has built up and is constantly expanding a great atomic arsenal, it has established military bases the world over and interferes by armed force everywhere dollars, intrigues and subversion do not achieve its ends.

The course of events in the world shows that U.S. imperialism is being shaken from its foundations, that its striking force is greatly weakened. Within its empire and in the fold of its aggressive alliances, too, it is undergoing through serious crises, it is being corroded by

contradictions which not only cannot be solved, but are constantly growing and deepening.

All this great crisis the world capitalism, headed by U.S. imperialism, is going through is due to the rise of the impetus of revolution in the world, to the revolutionary struggle of the world proletariat, to the national-liberation struggles of the peoples on all the continents. The economic crises, the military defeats the U.S. imperialists are suffering in their armed clashes with the peoples, the memmoth strikes of the workers in all the capitalist countries, the armed occupation of the liberated countries, the fascist terror they are exercising everywhere to suppress the black people, students, etc., who have launched an offensive for their rights — all this shows nothing else but the rise of the revolutionary struggle and the weakening of the imperialists and Soviet revisionists. They are caught in the fire of the popular struggle, therefore, in order to be able to stand on their feet, although on the verge of abyss, they speak a lot about «peace», «status quo», the triumph of «peaceful coexistence», the settlement of the conflicts «in a peaceful way», the «great role of the UNO», where the Soviets and Americans are ruling and where idle talks are going on, about the «peaceful» role of a certain Jarring, etc.

The Soviet social-imperialism, together with U.S. imperialism, is also playing the main role in suppressing the popular revolts. The Soviet revisionists have become the main partner of the United States of America in everyfield. They have raised the friendship and secret

diplomacy with the United States of America to a principle of their policy. This is in the interest of both sides, especially of the Soviets who, in this way, are not exposed. The «anti-imperialist» words uttered by the Soviet revisionists in public are sheer demagoguery, nobody now believes in them and neither the United States nor any other capitalist state get cross with them. They look after their own business, for the policy of the Moscow revisionists is to their benefit, and maintain and extend secret diplomatic links between them.

The Soviet revisionists attack and oppress free countries, set up military bases and open markets to exploit the wealth of other peoples, to extend their empire and to profit from the naivety and difficulties of the others. They try to contain the impetus of revolution, to extinguish the national-liberation struggles of the peoples, they come to terms with the Americans and betray the cause of the peoples fighting for freedom, independence and social progress, they strive, together with U.S. imperialism and Japanese militarism, to encircle socialist China with a ring of fire. And they do all this «in the name of Lenin and Leninism».

But all this treachery will be foiled by the revolutionary struggle of the peoples. In final analysis, the glorious and revolutionary Arab people will not allow themselves to be hoodwinked by the sham friendship of the Soviet social-imperialists who have availed themselves of their temporary difficulties to occupy their harbours, to plow their seas and to extinguish their just liberation struggle against the Zionist fascists and

U.S. imperialists. The two imperialist aggressive powers are interested in taking deep roots in the Near East, in securing economic, political and military bases to oppress the peoples of these countries, to lull them to sleep by idle talks, to demoralize and corrupt them. It is from these bases that they plan to throw themselves on Africa, Asia and other countries, to start colonial and predatory imperialist struggles on various continents.

The Albanian people love the Arab people, for they are their brothers and friends both in days of weal and in days of woe. At the time of their revolutionary and liberation struggles we stood and will always stand by them, we supported and will always support them by every means. We are confident in the triumph of their just struggle. But in order to win a quick victory over their common enemy all the Arab people should establish a steel-like unity in their armed struggle. The Zionists, the U.S. imperialists and the Soviet revisionists are seeking to split the Arab people, to disarm them, to dictate on them a peace which cannot be theirs, but of the enemies. The arms they have been given are under Soviet control, they are not used for the sacred Arab cause, but only to deceive them, to tie up their hands and to drive them to the slaughterhouse. The infamous «Rogers» plan, to be accurate, should be called «Rogers-Gromyko» plan. Our Arab brothers for sure will not fall into this terrible trap. The Soviet and U.S. imperialists may manoeuvre to have their troops stationed on both sides of the Suez canal, and then all Soviet arms in Arab hands will be useless. But the

Arab people did not fight heroically to expel from the Suez Canal one imperialist to have it now occupied by two others.

Dayan's shouts find their response in the secret actions of the Soviet revisionists, but the heroic rifle of the Palestinian Arab brothers is the most glorious answer which will smash this sinister plot of the enemies to smithereens. Therefore, the just Palestinian partisan war is actually in the van of the all-round and general struggle which must be waged everywhere by the Arab people. This struggle must be aided with might and main. Our Arab brothers will know how to raise high the banner of the liberation struggle against imperialists and Zionists, will know how to foil the Soviet revisionists' schemes and all the provocations organised by the CIA agents who try to undermine the liberation struggle of the Palestinian people and of all the Arab people.

For years in succession U.S. imperialism is suffering colossal losses in Vietnam because of the unity and unswerving determination of the Vietnamese people in their heroic struggle. The USA is now facing catastrophe in Vietnam, political, military and strategical disaster. The Soviet revisionists, too, have long been helping U.S. imperialism in Vietnam by attempting to extinguish the struggle, calling for a compromise peace. They secretly preach about two Vietnams just as they openly accept two China and two Cambodias by recognizing the treacherous Lon Nol government. But the Soviet revisionists have never succeeded and will never

succeed in their intrigues. The heroic struggle of the Vietnamese people will drive the U.S. imperialists into the sea. They know that, in their life and death struggle against U.S. imperialism and its Saigon puppets, the Vietnamese people have People's China as a great and strong rearline of their liberation war. The Albanian people have always been and will always be at one with the heroic Vietnamese people and with their great struggle against U.S. imperialism and its Saigon puppets. Geographically, we are far away from that fraternal people but our hearts throb together, we share sufferings and victories with them. The victory of the Vietnamese people is sure, the U.S. enemy will be driven into the sea together with its puppets of South Vietnam, of Cambodia and of all Indochina.

The Party of Labor of Albania and the Albanian people see in the glorious great socialist China of Mao Tse-tung the beacon light beaming on the peoples of the world marching to revolution, the steel pillar of revolutionary Marxism-Leninism, the great, sincere and invincible supporter of the peoples fighting for freedom, the sworn enemy of U.S. imperialism, of Soviet social-imperialism and of the world reaction. All the progressive peoples of the world see in the great China a courageous and disinterested friend who helps them openly and sincerely by all ways of means, as a real socialist country, where the all-conquering Mao Tse-tung's thought has triumphed, should do. Nowhere in the world can you see a Chinese soldier, nowhere in the world can you find a single Chinese military base. There is no

people and state in the world to pretend that they have been occupied by China. All the peoples and states — and they are not few — who have demanded and received financial aid in form of loans from socialist China or trade with it have nothing but words of praise and gratitude for its generosity, for its correctness, for the exemplary conduct and artlessness of its people, for the rapid aid it gives with no political strings attached. Every commodity China sends to the friendly and allied nations is of high quality, which proves the deep political significance China attaches to the aid it gives its friends, confirming, at the same time, the high technical level the People's Republic of China has reached in the development of its socialist economy and culture.

But the aid China extends to the peoples of the world is invaluable, first and foremost, from the political and ideological point of view, for Mao Tse-tung's glorious thoughts have educated a Marxist-Leninist party and a 700-800 million strong people. It is for this reason that the policy of the Chinese state, too, is a correct and glorious policy serving socialism, revolution, the national-liberation struggles and the freedom and independence of nations. Therefore, the communist parties, the revolutionaries, the peoples of the world and the progressive states see in China and Mao Tse-tung a great comrade, a friend, a brother, an assistant and supporter in any situation, in sunny or stormy weather.

Without socialist China not a single international important problem can be correctly solved. There is no

force on earth to stop the forward march of socialist China and of its comrades and friends. Who tries to hinder this march will be trampled down. And the first to be trampled by this colossal force will be the U.S. imperialists, the Soviet social-imperialists and the world reactionary bourgeoisie. And it is for this reason that this counterrevolutionary coalition, these sworn enemies of the peoples are plotting against China, are making new alliances in Europe so as to be able to send their armies to its borders, are trying to enliven the old and to create new aggressive alliances against China in Asia, are financing and even selling out Siberia to fascist Japan in order to incite it to a new bloody war against China. But what will come out of these frenzied preparations? Only shameful defeats for the enemies of China, of the peoples, of socialism and revolution.

China, the great and respected ally of socialist Albania, is ever more strengthening and tempering just as our great friendship is strengthening and tempering with every passing day. China and Albania are two friendly and fraternal countries, and there is no force in the world to separate them. Who touches Albania has touched China, who touches China has touched Albania as well. We are bound by the same ideals, the same aims, the common struggle against the same enemies, by socialism, communism and Marxism-Leninism.

In both our countries socialism is being constructed successfully and rapidly, we help each other without any reservation, China and Mao Tse-tung personally give a great internationalist unsparing contribution to

the development of our economy, and we thank them for this from all our heart.

Such are the events, such are the facts. Our Party, our Government and our people are aware of and analyze them every day, draw their conclusions and act in full Party-People-Government unity. Herein lies our force, herein lies the force of the Marxist-Leninist analyses of the events in the world and of the decisions we take and carry out with such a success in our country.

This is why the policy of our Party and Government is a correct, bold and principled policy, this is why it is defended and implemented by our people, this is why comrades and friends abroad love and respect the People's Republic of Albania, the Albanian people and the Party of Labor, and this is why our enemies, whom we do not fear, hate and fight us.

Dear Comrades,

The present situation of our Fatherland is excellent, its future is sure. For this our Party and our wonderful people work tirelessly by day and by night. The brilliant prospects opened before us strengthen our confidence in our forces and inspire us for greater and bolder deeds, to make socialist Albania still stronger and more beautiful, the life of our people still happier and more prosperous.

Through the September 20 new elections, taking part, one and all, in the polls and voting for the candidates of the Democratic Front, our people will show

the high political maturity characterizing them, will once more manifestate their steel-like unity round the Party and their People's Power, will score another brilliant victory, which will ever more strengthen and consolidate the firm foundations of the People's Republic of Albania.

Long live our heroic people and may their solidarity with the Democratic Front wax stronger and stronger!

Long live our glorious Party of Labor!

Long live our people's state power and may it grow stronger!

Glory to Marxism-Leninism!

