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Comrade Enver Hoxha received a group of workers and had a cordial talk with them

In the forenoon of 30 September, Comrade Enver Hoxha, the beloved leader of our Party and people, received a group of workers from the Koman hydro-power plant, miners, oil-workers, workers from the «Enver Hoxha» automobile and tractor combine, textile workers, working people of agriculture, and young people working on the railways under construction, and had a talk with them at his home.

Present at this cordial meeting were Comrade Ramiz Alia, Secretary of the Central Committee of the Party and Chairman of the Presidium of the People's Assembly, Comrade Adil Carcani, Member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Party and Chairman of the Council of Ministers, Comrade Besnik Bekteshi, Alternate Member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Party and Vice-chairman of the Council of Ministers, Comrade Farudin Hoxha, Minister of Constructions, and Comrade Nexhmije Hoxha.

«Welcome, dear comrades!» Comrade Enver Hoxha greeted the workers as they entered his house. He shook hands with them and embraced them warmly. «I know some of the more aged of you.» Comrade Enver Hoxha continued with a smile, «but I don't know most of you, because you are young. It is a great pleasure for the Party and for us to see that the young generation of our country has risen to such levels and is working to make the country a beautiful flowering garden.»

After the usual greetings, a very cordial talk ensued in the course of which the workers informed Comrade Enver Hoxha about the results they have achieved and the pledges they have made. On the 75th anniversary of his birthday they wished him a long life for the good of the Party, the people and socialism in our country.

During his cordial and warm talk with all those present, Comrade Enver Hoxha congratulated them on their successes, wished them new successes, and spoke about the important tasks lying ahead of the working class, the co-operativist peasantry and all the working people of the country at present.

«Thank you for the honour you have done to me by coming to my home,» said Comrade Enver Hoxha, «to report to me on your work and great achievements and, at the same time, for your warm wishes on my birthday. On behalf of the Party and on my own behalf I congratulate you on the successes you have achieved. For my own part, I assure you, the Party and the people, that, as long as I live, and I hope I will live long, I will not spare myself in the service of our great cause, the cause of the freedom of the Homeland and socialism.

«The work of our entire people, the correct orientations and plans of the Party have created our brilliant and enthusing reality, have ensured the uninterrupted rise of people's well-being, the irresistible advance of socialist Albania.

«Every sector of our life and activity, industry and the mines, the power industry and co-operativist agriculture, education and culture, are developing each year and each five-year plan at satisfactory high rates.»

After speaking about the results achieved by the builders of hydro-power plants, the oil workers, miners, farmers, and others, Comrade Enver Hoxha pointed out that these successes have their source in the conscientious work and discipline, in the creative practical activity of the masses.

«You know quite well,» he continued, «that we have come up against difficulties and obstacles in

our socialist construction, which we have overcome through struggle and efforts. We all have unshakeable confidence in our glorious Party, in its Marxist-Leninist line, in its correct and stable internal and external policy. In this line and in this policy lies the strength of our people who have wrought wonders.

«We have said, and we have proved what we have said, that ours is the only country in the world which builds socialism,» said Comrade Enver Hoxha. «We have built everything ourselves, with the sweat of our brow, with the hands and minds of the sons and daughters of our people. Our magnificent reality could not have been created with the so-called aid from some self-styled socialist countries, which, under cover of aid, plundered us rather than helped us. Not only this, but, as to their so-called aid, we have paid it off to the last penny.

«The traders of turbines, locomotives or some other machinery, for which we have paid in cash or with our primary materials, cannot claim that they have built our magnificent hydro-power plants, railways, combines, or that they have developed the agriculture of our country, which has been transformed into a flowering garden. Our hydro-power plants, railways and combines, our systematized fields and splendid terraces planted with citrus or other fruit-trees, are not the work of one or ten foreign engineers, agronomists or geologists, who came to our country under the guise of friends some time in the past. Nothing could be done without the strength, the will, the knowledge and tireless work of our wonderful people. And this the more so as, instead of helping us, those people went the whole length to sabotage us in everything they could, and only when we got rid of them, everything was put on the right road, the country changed its aspect, development and progress made big strides forward, and many more projects were built.

«The enemies believed that, with the departure of the foreign experts, we would surrender, would capitulate. But they were gravely mistaken and disillusioned. They did not know the strength and vitality of our people and our Party.

«All of us remember that it was a time that the world regarded Albania as a small satellite, first, of the Yugoslavs, and then of the Soviets and the Chinese. However, those who considered and regarded us in this manner were later to be convinced that Albania had never been anybody's satellite. Those who thought of us like this disgraced themselves. The others, those who wished our country well, found, this reality to be natural, therefore they defended us and continue to defend us today. As for the various enemies, who failed in their anti-Albanian capitulationist plans and aims, they were compelled to change the tune.

«The defence of freedom, independence and sovereignty by the Party of Labour of Albania and the Albanian people were called 'isolation from the external world'. What did the enemies mean by isolation? Merely the fact that we did not sell ourselves to the foreigners, to world capital, did not permit the degeneration of the life of our country, did not immerse ourselves in debts to the superpowers and the other imperialist powers, did not sell our socialist Homeland, did not follow them on the road of the spiritual, economic and military servitude, as those gentlemen who slander and criticize us, have been doing in order to cover up their bankruptcy which is clear to everybody.

«In order to cover up the tragedy which they enact to the detriment of the peoples, American imperialism and its secret agency, Yugoslav Titoism,» Comrade Enver Hoxha continued, «have coined the political term of 'non-alignment'. When the question is asked what does this non-alignment consist of, the answer is that non-aligned are those states which are not members of NATO or the Warsaw Treaty. However, the political, ideological, economic and military alignment of most of them with the superpowers and the developed capitalist countries is an undeniable fact. This alignment has become the essential feature of many leaders of those countries which use the so-called policy of non-alignment as a fig leaf to cover up their complete dependence on the big

powers. In many of these countries, the profits accruing from the enslaving credits and loans (given by the banks of the big capitalist countries, go into the pockets of the local wealthy class and the foreign capitalists and monopolies, while poverty, crisis and degeneration remain the lot of the peoples, of the working masses.

«Socialist Albania has escaped the grip of these pincers, therefore the advocates of imperialist plunder consider it 'isolated' from the world. But we Albanians are not in the least worried by these names they call us. On the contrary, we march on the right road on which our Party leads us, on the road of socialist construction, of progress and constant raising of the well-being of the working people and the prosperity of the Homeland, a road which knows no crises or debts. The progressive world, that part of the world which can judge things for itself, estimates our road highly, the peoples who work and fight for freedom and the sovereignty of their own countries also appreciate our road.

«Our reality is the magnificent work of the Party of Labour of Albania, is the result of the faithful application of Marxism-Leninism. It is for this reason that the enemies fight our Party and Marxism-Leninism. They do this because our reality brings into the open, by contrast, all the modern revisionists' betrayal of Marx-ism-Leninism, brings into relief the vitality of our theory. Socialist Albania, small but unaffected by the revisionist filth that has spread in the world, shows the whole mankind that, when the peoples lean on the Marxist-Leninist theory and on their own forces, they can build socialism with success.

«Recently, the Yugoslav Titoites, the sworn enemies of socialist Albania, have begun to use the term 'we build socialism with our own forces'. But the world is not blind, it sees that, in fact, Yugoslavia is building capitalism with foreign forces. Titoite Yugoslavia has become a check-board on which two rivals — the United States of America and the Soviet Union, play. Either's victory in this game means checkmate for Yugoslavia and a threat to peace and security in the Balkans, Europe and the world.»

Speaking about the international situation, Comrade Enver Hoxha stressed that it is turbulent, that the danger of war is great. «All say this and declare this. But what is done to stop it? Many speeches are made, indeed, regional and international meetings are held about it. But what comes out of them? Nothing. On the contrary, the threat of a nuclear war is building up and the capitalist-revisionist world is arming itself feverishly.

«Who incites this new war hysteria? On the one hand, it is NATO with the United States of America at the head, and, on the other hand, the Warsaw Treaty led by the Soviet Union.

«What are the so-called non-aligned countries doing in all this? Some of them, egged on by the superpowers, are warring with one another in Africa, in the Middle East, in Asia, in Central America and elsewhere. In these regions the blood of the peoples is shed for the interests of the superpowers, which divide and redivide the spheres of influence, which hatch up and carry out plots to the detriment of the peoples, which incite the slaves of the dollar and the Ruble to violate each other's borders.

«At present the leaders of Titoite Yugoslavia are travelling all over the world, venting their spleen against our country and clamouring that 'Yugoslavia, the Balkans and Europe are endangered by socialist Albania', 'by the dictatorship of Enver Hoxha', 'by its refusal to participate' in the Helsinki, Madrid and other such meetings which have not yielded and could not yield any result. On the contrary, nuclear weapons are on the point of being deployed in Europe and the danger of the outbreak of a world war has become greater.

«Can the threat of a world war be avoided by not opposing and not exposing the policy of the

Soviet Union and of the United States of America, NATO, the Warsaw Treaty. EEC and Comecon? Can world war be avoided by procuring debts from the one and the other, by smiling sometimes to one and sometimes to the other, by blackmailing one and making concessions to the other? No, in no way. On the contrary, this brings catastrophe.

«When we rise in defence of our Albanian brothers in Yugoslavia we do not want to harm Yugoslavia, as the Titoites claim. No. Our stands, which are clear and publicly declared, are based on the fact that we have never interfered in the internal affairs of Yugoslavia. It is the Yugoslav Titoites who have plotted and continue to plot against the freedom and independence of the Albanian people and socialist Albania.

«The aims of all those who organize secret plots of a fascist-clerical and annexionist character in order to destroy our regime and to partition Albania, are not unknown to us, we have taken and will always take account of them. But everyone must know that these fiendish aims will never have success with us. The Albanian people will smash any plot and hostile activity of theirs, just as we have done with the hated criminal gang of the multiple agent Mehmet Shehu.

«Socialist Albania wants to live in harmony with all the peoples and in Leninist peaceful coexistence with those states which maintain correct relations with us. It is for the defence of peace and against aggressive imperialist wars.

«Socialist Albania and the Party of Labour of Albania, which leads it, have their own policy and views on every issue, and they express them openly and publicly. No one will be in a position to drown down our just voice and to cause our revolutionary vigilance to be lowered. Those who think that small states have no voice in the chapter, make a grievous mistake. No one gave us the right to express our opinions everywhere and always openly, we won it with much blood shed and great sacrifices.

«Our rights are sacred and we will defend them with all our forces. We will permit no one, whoever it may be, to violate our rights, to defend unjust actions even when they are covered up with international treaties which others have concluded to the detriment of the interests of the Albanian people and regardless of their will, or to fail to fulfil their lawful obligations towards socialist Albania.»

«The internal situation of our country,» Comrade Enver Hoxha continued, «is healthy in all aspects. Our people are united in steel-like unity around the Party and its line. Our economy is stable. At a time when the entire capitalist-revisionist world is in a crisis, our country develops at constant high rates, the living of our people is good and continues to improve, the defence of the Homeland is strong and invincible.

«Everything in our country is harmonized with the needs of the present and the perspective, with our possibilities. In our development there is no spontaneity, no unfruitful investments and chaos, no useless and uncontrolled expenditure. The political consciousness of the masses has been raised and continues to be raised higher, our ideology has created and brought up the new man who is clear about his rights and duties, who understands proletarian discipline at work and good behaviour in society, who puts the common interests above his personal interests.

«These are invaluable characteristics and merits of our social system of the dictatorship of the proletariat, a system which is the most democratic, the most progressive, the most humane of all systems, a system based on proletarian justice, the defence of the personal freedom and the general freedom of the Homeland. National oppression, any impediment to the free expression of people's creative ideas, genocide and apartheid are unknown in our country. In our country there are neither

rich nor poor, our people hate luxury and corruption, the life of our people is characterized by dignity, the sense of duty and love and respect for one another. Our social system is a creative system. This is the great merit of our working class, which, in alliance with the peasantry and under the leadership of the Party. guides the life of the country and has created all these moral and material blessings.»

In the end, Comrade Enver Hoxha said:

«I thank you once again for your wishes on my birthday and congratulate you on the victories you have achieved which not only make me happy but give me new strength and will lengthen my life, I assure you.»

The participants in the reception listened attentively to what Comrade Enver Hoxha said and thanked him for the cordial reception and the talk he had with them.