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Premier Kim Il Sung shaking hands with Comrade Enver Hoxha at Tirana Airport

The Albanian people welcoming the government delegation of the DPRK





People lined up along the streets to welcome the government delegation in Tirana

Farmers in the village Ardenitsa treated the members of the Korean government delegation with oranges they had grown





At a reception given in honour of the members of the government delegation by the Party of Labour of Albania and the Albanian government





Mass rally welcoming the government delegation of the DPRK

Members of the government delegation at Vlora Fish and Fruit Cannery





# THE DELEGATION'S ARRIVAL AT TIRANA

*June 29, 1956*

With the object of paying a goodwill visit to Albania the government delegation of the DPRK arrived at Tirana Airport at 12:30 on June 29.

At the airport the delegation was met by: the Prime Minister of the People's Republic of Albania; Enver Hoxha, First Secretary of the CC of the Party of Labour of Albania; Gogo Nushi, Manush Myftiu, Spiro Koleka, Vice-Prime Ministers; Hysni Kapo, Secretary of the CC of the Party of Labour of Albania; Haxhi Lleshi, President of the Presidium of the People's Assembly; other ministers and the representatives of public organizations; Mafuz Lyaze, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Albania to Korea; and the leading personalities of culture and the press.

The delegation was also met by members of the Korean Embassy in Albania, and the diplomatic missions of the Soviet Union and the people's democracies.

Premier Kim Il Sung inspected the guard of honour.

The Prime Minister of the PRA made his welcome address and next to speak was Premier Kim Il Sung.

## **SPEECH BY THE PRIME MINISTER OF THE PRA**

Esteemed Premier Kim Il Sung,  
Dear friends and comrades,

It is a great honour and pleasure for our entire Albanian people, the Party of Labour and the government of the People's Republic of Albania, to have you visit this country.

We heartily welcome you as our brothers, friends, comrades-in-arms and as the representatives of the heroic Korean people who have done their glorious part in the great liberation war under the leadership of the Workers' Party and the government headed by Comrade Kim Il Sung, and set an example in the struggle against the imperialist aggressors.

The people of our two countries are bound with deep friendship. This friendship has been formed in the struggle for freedom, national independence and against the common enemies of socialism.

This friendship is based on the well-defined Leninist principles of equality, non-intervention, mutual respect and fraternal assistance. This is an everlasting friendship which ties our peoples with each other as well as with the Soviet Union, the liberator and

the great friend of our peoples. It is also founded on the unbreakable unity of the mighty camp of socialism headed by Lenin and Stalin's glorious motherland.

The Albanian people have with all their sincerity stood firmly on the side of your heroic struggle, and regarded your victory over the imperialist aggressors as our own.

You may be assured from your contacts with our people that they have deep respect and admiration for the fraternal Korean people who are giving themselves soul and body to the postwar reconstruction.

Dear comrades,

I assure you that we will forever be with you in your struggle for the peaceful reunification of Korea, for the peaceful construction and prosperity of your homeland, for socialism.

Your visit to the People's Republic of Albania will contribute to the strengthening of our solid friendship, to the promotion of our fraternal co-operation in every way possible and to the advancement of the great cause of socialism.

I, in the name of the Albanian people, the Central Committee of the Party of Labour and government, would like to say from the

bottom of my heart:

“Dear friends who have come to the People’s Republic of Albania, we warmly welcome you.”

## **SPEECH BY PREMIER KIM IL SUNG**

Esteemed Comrade Enver Hoxha,  
Esteemed Prime Minister,  
Dear comrades and friends,

It is a great pleasure for the government delegation of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to come to our fraternal country, the People's Republic of Albania, on the invitation of its government.

Allow me, on behalf of the government delegation of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, to express our deep gratitude to you for the opportunity given us to pay a goodwill visit to your country and for your cordial reception.

We are glad to extend warm greetings to the citizens of Tirana, the capital of Albania, and to the entire Albanian people.

Allow me to convey the heartfelt thanks of the Korean people to the fraternal Albanian people and their government for the disinterested material and moral aid rendered to the Korean people in the period of the Fatherland Liberation War, as well as in the postwar period of national economic reconstruction.

The Korean people noted with much



pleasure and satisfaction that the heroic Albanian people defeated the fascist aggressors, won the freedom and independence of their fatherland and have scored historic successes in their socialist construction.

We always give our support to your consistent strivings for security in Europe, peace and socialism in the world and friendship among nations.

The peoples of our two countries are united as brothers in the great family of socialism headed by the Soviet Union and the People's Republic of China, our friendly ties being strengthened day by day.

The Korean people treasure the friendship with the Albanian people.

There can be no doubt that our delegation's visit to the People's Republic of Albania will contribute to the further strengthening of our friendship and the promotion of the cause of peace in Asia as well as in Europe.

Long live the fraternal friendship and solidarity between the peoples of Korea and Albania!

Long live lasting world peace!

## MASS RALLY IN VLORA

*June 30, 1956*

On June 30, Premier Kim Il Sung, Pak Jung Ai, Choi Hyun, Jo Keum Song and Han Ki Chang, accompanied by: the Prime Minister of Albania; Enver Hoxha, First Secretary of the Central Committee of the Party of Labour of Albania; other leaders of the Party and government; Pak Se Chang, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Korea to Albania; and Mafuz Lyaze, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Albania to Korea, paid a visit to Vlora on the Adriatic coast 160 kilometres distant from Tirana.

In Vlora a mass rally was held to welcome the government delegation of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. Kanesho, First Secretary of the Provincial Party Committee, declared the meeting open. Comrade Enver Hoxha made a welcome address and Premier Kim Il Sung followed.

## **SPEECH BY COMRADE ENVER HOXHA**

Comrades,

Today we are very glad to welcome our precious friends who have come from faraway Korea in order to become better acquainted with our people, to further strengthen the solid friendship with which we are bound as members of the great family of socialism, and to have conversations with us as friends and brothers.

The history of the Albanian people is similar to that of the Korean people. Both of us suffered much under the yoke of foreign aggressors and have always fought for freedom. And we were almost simultaneously liberated with the help of the Soviet Union. Now we are marching forward along the same path, the path of socialism. The Albanian people, therefore, have deep affection for the Korean people.

We are separated from each other by a great distance. Albania lies on the Adriatic coast; Korea, on the shore of the Yellow Sea. But this cannot prevent our becoming acquainted, our being friends with each other, and our making common efforts for socialism.

Albania and Korea are separated by several thousands of kilometres, standing at the two extremes of the socialist camp.

When it is mid-day here, it is night in Korea. Let us try to grasp how extensive our socialist camp is, covering one third of the globe, and how deep our friendship is inspired by Marxism-Leninism, our common ideal and glorious banner.

In the not distant past, few people in our country knew anything about the beautiful land of Korea, where ancient culture exists and an heroic people live. The imperialists tried to smear Korea from the world map.

The same thing can be said of the Koreans' knowledge about Albania.

Of course, this is not the fault of our Albanian nor of the Korean people. But I can say that today there is no one in our country who has not heard about Korea, about the heroic struggle of the Korean people for freedom and socialist construction.

We love their courageous people. We have heard so much of their heroic struggle. We have the highest regard for and express sympathy with the Korean people who have displayed such courage and heroism, and made such tremendous sacrifices.

The citizens of Vlora, just like all other

Albanians, followed with great concern the heroic deeds of the Korean men and women in the war provoked by the imperialist aggressors.

Our Korean friends are aware that Vlora is one of the important bases in fighting for the freedom of our people, our national independence and revolutionary tradition.

The courageous and indomitable people of Vlora, like all other Albanians, conducted ceaseless struggles in safeguarding their freedom against the imperialist robbers and the fascist Hitler occupiers.

Dear friends,

Vlora is similar to the heroic Korean city of Wonsan, which is known for its revolutionary tradition of the working class, the valiant resistance against Japanese imperialism and the heroic struggle against the U.S. invaders.

Today Vlora and Wonsan are being reconstructed as more beautiful cities than ever. They are being constructed as splendid industrial cities and at the same time as ports. In these cities the working class, the leading class of both countries, is rapidly growing and being steeled in the midst of the struggle for the building of socialism.

The citizens of Vlora are extending, through this mass rally, their sympathy and friendship to the Korean people.

When the attack on Korea was launched, we gave support to the just war of their people. We were well aware of the fact that the struggle of the Korean people aimed at serving the great cause of peace in the world as well as in our country.

Therefore the Korean people's heroic struggle against aggressors and the deeds of the valiant Chinese People's Volunteers were always in our minds.

We greeted with joy the conclusion of the Armistice which signified the victory of the Korean people. We celebrated the victory won by the Korean people, regarding it as our own. This is because they won victory over the aggressors who were scheming to trample down peace in the world. The Korean people taught the aggressive circles a good lesson. This shows us that a people who have the conception of freedom and who have such a true leader as the Workers' Party of Korea can never be defeated, and no invader can attain his aggressive designs against them. The aggressors have come to realize that they could gain nothing from their aggressive designs of provoking war in

the Far East.

The people of the world will ever be grateful to the Korean people who have given this lesson to aggressors.

We are also rejoiced at the achievements gained by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea in the construction of their country, the construction of town and countryside, the construction of new enterprises and factories.

We are delighted to see the results achieved by the Korean workers and peasants. They have displayed, as in the past war, heroism in grand construction with the generous aid from the Soviet Union, the People's Republic of China and other people's democracies.

We wish from the bottom of our heart's the Korean people may heal their war wounds in the shortest possible period and achieve fresh success in building a new socialist life.

The Korean people, under the wise and trustful leadership of the Workers' Party of Korea, will undoubtedly win a great victory in all fields of their life.

We hope that the Korean people will realize their ardent desire to reunify Korea by peaceful means.

We are well aware that the Korean people are making efforts to reconstruct their country, to develop their national economy and to improve the well-being of the people.

Our people are today spending all their energies to develop their national economy and improve the livelihood of the people. Our Party of Labour regards it as the supreme law to display constant care for promoting the welfare and material conditions of the people and raising our cultural standard. The Third Congress of our Party has set a series of tasks in its urgency. Lofty aims run through the directives of the Second Five-Year Plan.

Comrades,

Korea ranks among other people's democracies which are inspired with the aim of strengthening friendship and serving world peace. You have visited us from that country.

Our meetings and talks will contribute to the further consolidation of friendship between our peoples and serve the cause of peace.

Our two countries are socialist countries, and our foreign policies aim at securing peace. Today we are doing our utmost to prevent another war and to ensure peace.



In this respect great achievements have been attained.

The Soviet Union has taken the initiative and presented a number of proposals which have the support of millions of people the world over.

At present, not only the socialist countries but also other countries in Europe, Asia and Africa, are opposed to military blocs and pursue the policy of ensuring peace.

The people and the statesmen of a number of countries want the most involved and important issues to be solved, which would be conducive to the relaxation of international tension. Among the issues are the reduction of armaments, collective security, etc.

For this we now have every possibility. Only the goodwill of all people is required for transforming this possibility into reality. But certain instigators dislike the new atmosphere. They are trying hard to renew the Cold War, but their attempt is of no avail before the bright vision of the future arising from the possibility to prevent war.

It is necessary for the people to enhance their vigilance and to fight for securing peace. The Albanian people, like the Korean people, desire to serve the cause of peace. The

foundation of our friendship lies in the fact that we are the members of the commonwealth of socialism and peace, and have a common aim.

Precisely for this reason we are contributing to the cause of peace by strengthening our friendship and expressing our unanimous views on various international issues. We are therefore justified in saying that our meetings serve the cause of peace.

Comrades,

It must be ascribed to the great initiative and experience of the Soviet Union and to the correct policy of the Communist Party and government of the Soviet Union that not only the Albanian and Korean peoples but also the entire people of the socialist camp are enjoying freedom and achieving great results in socialist construction.

We will therefore do all in our power to strengthen the friendship with the glorious people of the Soviet Union, which is a most precious thing for us, by every possible means.

The imperialists and their henchmen want our friendship to be weakened. But the people will frustrate all their vicious schemes.

I express my heartfelt gratitude to Com-

rade Kim Il Sung and other Korean friends who have visited our country, for their visit will strengthen our friendship still further.

Long live the heroic Korean people, their glorious leader, the Workers' Party of Korea and the Central Committee led by Comrade Kim Il Sung!

Long live the friendship between the Albanian and Korean peoples!

Long live the camp of socialism and peace headed by the Soviet Union, the great friend and liberator of our peoples!

Long live world peace!

## **SPEECH BY PREMIER KIM IL SUNG**

Esteemed Comrade Enver Hoxha,  
Esteemed Prime Minister,  
Dear citizens of Vlora,

Allow me to extend my heartfelt gratitude to you for the opportunity afforded our delegation to visit Vlora, the beautiful port city of the People's Republic of Albania, and for the warm reception accorded to us.

First of all, I extend my ardent greetings to the citizens of Vlora who are achieving tremendous successes in socialist construction.

I should like to also extend the deep gratitude of the Korean people to you, and through you to the entire Albanian people, who rendered fraternal aid, moral and material, to us in the period of the Fatherland Liberation War against the foreign aggressors and are still doing so in the postwar period.

We are deeply impressed by the lively appearance of your people engaged in creative labour.

The brilliant success gained by your enthusiastic labour rejoices our hearts because your success makes a great contribution to the common cause of peace, democracy and socialism.

We wish our brotherly Albanian people greater success in the struggle for lasting peace and socialist construction. We deem it a great honour that we have a staunch and trustworthy friend, Albania, several thousand kilometres distant from our country.

The cordial reception that you have extended to us is vivid evidence of the friendship and solidarity of the peoples of our two countries, which is growing with each passing day.

Our fraternity is deep, warm and noble. The history of our contacts is short, but our friendly relations have grown into an invincible power in a short period.

In many respects the Korean and Albanian peoples have much in common in history.

Our peoples have the glorious tradition of indefatigable struggles for freedom and independence of their motherland. After we were liberated from the fascist rule and imperialist oppression, we took sovereignty into our hands; we are united in the great family of the socialist countries headed by the great Soviet Union; everyone of us is struggling to attain one and the same object, that is, peace, democracy and socialism and a happy future for mankind.

The people of our two countries are filled with the desire to help each other for strengthening and developing our greatest gain — the people's democratic system.

The force that is united in a common and just cause is invincible.

The friendship and unity of the peoples in the socialist camp have testified to the invincible force in the period of the struggle of the Korean people against the united forces of the imperialist aggressors as well as in the postwar period.

Thanks to the positive help of the brotherly peoples of the Soviet Union, the People's Republic of China and other people's democracies, we could win victory over the strong enemy, and we are achieving great success in the reconstruction of our national economy disastrously ravaged by the war.

Our people treasure the friendship and unity with the Albanian people as well as with all fraternal peoples. We will do all we can to strengthen it.

Dear comrades,

Our people are making strenuous efforts to attain the peaceful reunification of our homeland by peaceful means and on democratic lines.

The peaceful reunification of Korea means the realization of the cherished desire of the Korean people. Moreover, it will greatly conduce to the lessening of tension and consolidation of peace in Asia.

The U.S. imperialists and Syngman Rhee clique, however, are trying to throw obstacles in our way. But in spite of their obstructive tactics our people will continue to fight for the peaceful reunification of Korea. And we are confident of victory.

Dear citizens of Vlora,

You may be assured that our Korean people will be the trustworthy friend and brother of the heroic Albanian people in the common struggle for the building of socialism and for world peace and progress.

Long live the unbreakable friendship and solidarity between the Korean and Albanian peoples!

Long live the internationalist friendship and solidarity among the peoples of the camp of peace, democracy and socialism headed by the Soviet Union and the People's Republic of China!

## THE MASS RALLY AT TIRANA

*July 1, 1956*

The grand mass rally for welcoming the Korean government delegation was held at Skanderbeg Square, Tirana, at 6:30 p.m. on July 1 with an attendance of about 50,000 people.

Exactly at the appointed time all members of the Korean government delegation led by Premier Kim Il Sung, and: the Prime Minister of the Albanian government; Enver Hoxha, First Secretary of the CC of the Party of Labour of Albania; Hysni Kapo, Party Secretary; Gogo Nushi, Manush Myftiu, Spiro Koleka, First Vice-Prime Ministers; Behar Shtylla, Foreign Minister; and other ministers; Haxhi Lleshi, President of the Presidium of the People's Assembly; and other leaders of the Party and government mounted the platform.

At the meeting the Prime Minister of the PRA and Premier Kim Il Sung exchanged speeches.



## **SPEECH BY THE PRIME MINISTER OF THE PRA**

These days we have had the honour and pleasure of receiving precious guests, the members of the government delegation of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, headed by our beloved friend, Comrade Kim Il Sung.

Comrades,

All of us know well what a severe but heroic struggle the Korean people put up, what indescribably enormous difficulties they have to surmount in order to restore the country destroyed by a mass of iron and flames of the imperialist aggressors, and what a great burden they have to bear. You have spared your precious time to visit this faraway small country whose people love with all their hearts the heroic Korean people.

Dear citizens of the capital, first of all, allow me, on behalf of you citizens and the entire people of Albania, and on behalf of the Party of Labour and the government of Albania, to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and to Comrade Kim Il Sung himself for the

great honour and pleasure he has given us by his visit. Everywhere our Korean friends will witness the warm friendly feeling of our people that wells up from the bottom of our hearts.

The Korean people are an heroic people, indomitable before any kind of danger; they are a courageous, fully-determined and tenacious people who have a traditional and advanced science. The Albanian people respect them and love them as brothers.

Our people have a great admiration for the Korean people because they waged a long period of bloodshed war for the freedom and independence of their country.

The peoples of our two countries are united by common ideals and march along a common path of building socialism.

Our friendship is adamant, indestructible and is growing in strength, because it is steeled by the parties of our two countries and inspired with the idea of the immortal and all-conquering Marxism-Leninism.

The friendship which unites the peoples of our two countries is characterized by a common basis, namely, love for the Soviet Union, the great country which has for the first time in history opened up the way to socialism and pointed to the path of freedom

and happiness of the people the world over, the glorious country which is the liberator of both the Korean and Albanian peoples, and our nearest and dearest friend.

For the past three days we have conducted very sincere talks with our Korean friends. Today we have successfully finished the talks. The joint communique has been made public. The Agreement on Technical and Scientific Co-operation has been concluded.

Our two governments have attained unanimity of views on all questions concerned. This is understandable because our two governments have the same interests and common ideal, because we belong to the same socialist system in the world, because we pursue consistently the same policy for promoting peace among nations and for advancing socialism, and because this policy is the policy of the Soviet Union, the People's Republic of China and the entire socialist camp.

Our two governments maintain that Taiwan and other neighbouring islands should be returned to the People's Republic of China so that tension may be relaxed in the Taiwan Strait, presently caused by the United States. Our two governments hold that the sovereignty of the People's Republic

of China should be recognized by the United Nations.

We are living in an age when broad vistas are opened up for humanity for building a new life. It is due to the historic victory of the Soviet Union which opened the way for the development of human society and serves as the reliable bulwark of socialism as well as due to the all-round fortification of the socialist countries.

The Communist Party of the Soviet Union has instilled new strength into the international communist movement and into all progressive forces in the world. It has opened up wide prospects for a new victory in building socialism and communism.

Brilliant successes scored in the course of building socialism, the tremendous results achieved by the People's Republic of China and the further strengthening of the entire socialist countries testify to the superiority of the socialist system over the capitalist one.

At present the imperialist policy in the shape of the "Cold War" or "positions of strength" is untenable; the general crisis of imperialism is being aggravated day by day. The policy of fanning arms drives and establishing military blocs of bases is evoking deep indignation on the part of the people all over

the world. The imperialists' spheres of influence have become more and more contract.

The great People's Republic of China, the DPRK and Vietnam have won victory in their people's revolution and are now building socialism. Their tremendous historic victories serve as a shining example for all Asian and African people struggling for their freedom, for their new and independent life.

All this shows that the alignment of forces has turned in favour of socialism. The people, however, should not relax their vigilance, for the reactionary imperialist circles will not give up their intrigues and manoeuvres to provoke another war.

The further development of the economy of the socialist countries, the strengthening of the defensive capacity of our camp, the maintenance and consolidation of the unity and solidarity of our camp welded around the Soviet Union — all this provides a guarantee for the further prosperity of the socialist camp.

Thanks to the disinterested and sincere help of the Soviet Union, the great liberator of our people, the People's Republic of China and other fraternal countries, the People's Republic of Albania and the DPRK are successfully building socialism, helping to

promote an atmosphere of confidence and co-operation between states under the prevailing international situation, and participating in the great struggle of all peace-loving nations for ensuring world peace. We believe that the stay of the Korean government delegation in Albania will contribute to this end.

Comrades,

We are well aware of how disastrously the imperialist aggressors destroyed the economy of the DPRK. But she is now quickly healing the wounds suffered at the hands of these invaders.

At present the fraternal Korean people, under the leadership of their Workers' Party and government, are exerting heroic efforts to reconstruct their lovely country on the ruins and ashes of towns and villages utterly ravaged by the war.

We follow with great joy and sympathy the tremendous endeavours and brilliant results of the fraternal Korean people. We know well that the Soviet Union, the People's Republic of China and other people's democracies are giving enormous aid to the construction of a new Korea.

The selfless and talented Korean people

draw creative inspiration from the leadership of their Workers' Party and from the immortal teachings of Marxism-Leninism. This provides a sure guarantee for the successful conduct of the present arduous struggle of the heroic Korean people.

Contacts between the leaders of our two countries and contacts between the precious Korean guests and the Albanian people have deepened the unbounded love and friendship entertained by the Albanian people for the heroic Korean people.

Our Party and government give full support to the just policy of the Workers' Party of Korea and the government with regard to their peaceful reunification.

We hope and are confident that the cherished desire and aspiration of the Korean people will be realized in spite of the obstacles and difficulties deliberately created by the Syngman Rhee clique and their foreign patrons.

The existence of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea constitutes a guarantee for the national unity of Korea.

The visit of the Korean government delegation to Albania and the conversations between our two governments which were conducted in a harmonious atmosphere of

friendship and cordiality furnish convincing proof that the geographical position or boundary is nothing before the power of friendship between the free peoples building socialism, the power of unity of our camp or the power of socialism.

Albania and Korea are separated far from each other, but they are bound with friendship and comradely ties, and their leaders keep in step in promoting the great common cause of socialism. This speaks eloquently of the fundamental changes that have taken place in the world and of the invincible might of socialism.

Comrade Kim Il Sung and other members of the Korean government delegation, please convey to your heroic people my words that in the little land of the Eagle, on the Adriatic coast which has many similarities to your country, a strong people loyal to the cause of socialism are living; their hearts were firmly tied with Koreans' when your people were waging the valiant struggle against the brutal imperialist aggression. Now they follow with deep interest every success achieved by the fraternal Korean people, and wish the Korean people and their government further success in the tremendous work of building a happy and prosperous



life.

We, in the western extremity of the camp of socialism, like you in the eastern extremity, will ever remain socialist fighters and builders, vigilant and staunch champions of our independence, and faithful defenders of the socialist camp.

Long live the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the government headed by Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great son and leader of the Korean people!

Long live the unbreakable friendship between the peoples of Albania and Korea!

Long live the mighty socialist camp headed by the great Soviet Union!

Long live world peace!

## **SPEECH BY PREMIER KIM IL SUNG**

Esteemed Comrade Enver Hoxha,  
Esteemed Prime Minister,  
Dear comrades and friends,

It is a great pleasure for the government delegation of the DPRK to pay a visit to your country on the invitation of the People's Republic of Albania and to meet the fraternal Albanian people.

Allow me, on behalf of the government of the DPRK and the entire Korean people, to extend heartfelt gratitude to the government and people of the People's Republic of Albania for their kind invitation and cordial reception.

Our two countries are, geographically speaking, separated far from each other. They have different languages and manners; they have made development under historically different conditions. All the same, the peoples of our two countries are tied up with the spirit of fidelity to Marxism-Leninism, and united as brothers in the course of the common struggle for peace and socialism.

Our stay in Albania is short, but we are deeply struck by the overflowing friendly feeling and affection that the Albanian peo-

ple have displayed toward our Korean people.

The Korean people regard it as the greatest honour to have become a member of the great family of the mighty socialist camp. They are firmly convinced that no force can break such a solid friendship and solidarity among the peoples of this camp.

The might of their friendship and unity is graphically evidenced by the fact that the peoples of the fraternal countries rendered disinterested assistance and aid to the Korean people in the course of the Korean war.

When the U.S. imperialists unleashed the aggressive war against our Korean people, the peace-loving people of fraternal Albania condemned such action, and set out to aid the Korean people.

In the whole course of the war the Albanian people supported and encouraged with sincerity and brotherly sympathy the fighting Korean people through the movement for aiding Korea which was initiated by the CC of the Democratic Front of Albania.

Such a lofty action springs only from the spirit of genuine proletarian internationalism, the spirit of regarding the suffering of one's friends as his own.

We remember that a certain Albanian

poet represented the feeling of the Albanian people for the Korean people in the following:

*We harvested wheat in Albania,  
Stacked high the golden grain  
And made stores of provisions.  
But our eyes were turned toward faraway Korea  
Where live our brothers and friends,  
Who love their homeland  
And will never submit to the bonds of slavery.*

Your brotherly support infinitely inspired and encouraged the fighting Korean people, strengthened their conviction in victory and made it possible to defeat the strong enemy.

The Albanian people have rendered us various kinds of material aid in the postwar period. This was a great help in carrying on the postwar reconstruction and improving the livelihood of the people. The Korean people will remember forever your sincere support and encouragement.

I, on behalf of the entire Korean people and the government, extend once again warm gratitude to the fraternal Albanian people and their government.

Dear comrades,

In the past, your country, Albania, like Korea, suffered humiliation.

In its long history the land of peaceful Albania had more than once been trampled under iron heels of hordes of foreign aggressors. But the successive generations of heroic Albanian people continued their persistent struggle to uphold the freedom and glory of their homeland, and carried forward their tradition with credit.

In particular, in World War II, with the decisive victory of the Soviet Army, the heroic Albanian sons and daughters repulsed the fascist invading hordes, and won freedom and liberation.

From the moment we set foot in the land of Albania, we could perceive the indefatigable fighting spirit of the heroic Albanian people who are building a new life. We also noted with great satisfaction the impressive results of your creative labour in building socialism for the prosperity and development of your motherland.

The Albanian working class, under the leadership of the glorious Party of Labour of Albania — the leading and guiding force of the Albanian people — have developed, in an historically short period, a formerly backward agrarian country into an advanced ag-

ricultural-industrial one, and are now developing rapidly their national culture.

The People's Republic of Albania is defending its position firmly in the struggle for peace and security in Europe and in the world.

This shows that the People's Republic of Albania has grown in political, economic and cultural aspects, and at the same time its international prestige has unprecedentedly been enhanced.

You have waged your worthwhile struggle and gained achievements. As a result, you have made a contribution to the consolidation of security in Europe and peace in the world. It has also been an inspiration to the struggle of the Korean people for the reunification and independence of their homeland.

Encouraged by the fraternal aid from the Soviet Union, the People's Republic of China, and the people's democracies including Albania, the Korean people have attained great results in the postwar reconstruction and development of our national economy.

A large number of industrial enterprises which are of great importance for the industrialization of the country have been restored

or newly instituted and are turning out goods.

Socialist co-operativization of agriculture is making rapid progress.

It is impossible for the Korean people to think of our achievements apart from the selfless aid of the fraternal peoples.

We consider it a worthy return for the help of the fraternal people to consolidate our democratic system politically, economically and culturally.

As a result of the positive efforts of the countries belonging to the socialist camp, headed by the Soviet Union, international tension has been relaxed to a certain degree.

But it is well known that there are still certain ruling circles in the West who are reluctant to develop mutual contacts and friendly relations between states, but try to aggravate international tension in pursuance of the policy of "strength."

Three years have already passed since the sanguinary war ended in Korea. Nevertheless, the Korean question still remains to be solved because of the obstructive action of the enemy of peace.

The conversion of the Korean armistice into a lasting peace and the peaceful settlement of the Korean question are not only in

conformity with the vital interests of the Korean people, but also of importance for a solid peace in Asia as well as in the world.

The foreign imperialists and the traitorous Syngman Rhee clique who are occupying the southern half of our homeland are impeding the peaceful reunification of Korea and aggravating international tension in Asia.

The Korean people will heighten vigilance and continue serious and strenuous efforts to attain the peaceful reunification of the country on democratic lines and safeguard peace in Asia and the world.

The Korean people desire to further promote friendship and strengthen ties with the peoples of the socialist countries and form friendship, economic and cultural co-operation with other countries on the basis of mutual understanding.

The consistent peace policy of the socialist countries and the growth of the peace-loving forces of the world that safeguard peace against the forces of war will undoubtedly thwart the action of the imperialists who insist upon the policy of "strength", and make for further relaxation of international tension and the peaceful settlement of the Korean question.



Whatever difficulties there may be ahead of the struggle for peace, the reunification and independence of our country, the Korean people are filled with the determination to surmount them. They have firm conviction in the victory of their just struggle.

In the vast territories ranging from the Adriatic Sea to the coast of the Pacific Ocean, 900 million of our brothers are living and unanimously supporting our just cause.

The peoples of our two countries living in the great family of the socialist camp will, as hitherto, share our joys and sorrows, and extend still further our fraternal, mutual co-operation in the forward march toward the same goal. Another graphic evidence of this is the agreement on technical and scientific co-operation which has just been signed, and the joint communique in which are expressed identity of views on the problems of common interest to our two countries.

I assure you that although the Korean people live in the East, far away from your country, they will forever remain the intimate and trustworthy comrades-in-arms of the Albanian people.

I wish you, from the bottom of my heart, more brilliant successes in the building of socialism for the prosperity and progress of the

People's Republic of Albania.

Long live the ever-lasting and indestructible friendship and solidarity between the Korean and Albanian peoples!

Long live the glorious Party of Labour and the government of the People's Republic of Albania!

Glory to the fraternal Albanian people!

Long live the friendship and solidarity among the people of the great socialist camp, headed by the Soviet Union and the People's Republic of China!

# THE KOREAN-ALBANIAN COMMUNIQUE

*July 1, 1956*

The government delegation of the DPRK headed by Premier Kim Il Sung paid a goodwill visit to Albania from June 29 to July 2, 1956.

During its stay in Albania, the government delegation of the DPRK had talks with the Albanian government delegation on the present international issues and all-round development of friendly relations between the DPRK and the People's Republic of Albania.

Present at the talks were: Premier Kim Il Sung; Pak Jung Ai, Vice-Chairman of the CC of the Workers' Party of Korea; Nam Il, Minister of Foreign Affairs; Li Jong Ok, Chairman of the State Planning Commission; and Pak Se Chang, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the DPRK to Albania.

Present from the Albanian side were: Enver Hoxha, First Secretary of the CC of the Party of Labour of Albania and member of the Presidium of the Albanian People's Assembly; the Premier of the PRA; Spiro

Koleka, First Vice-Premier and concurrently Chairman of the State Planning Commission; Behar Shtylla, Minister of Foreign Affairs; and Mafuz Lyaze, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Albania to Korea.

At the talks, conducted in a spirit of true friendship and complete mutual understanding, unanimous agreement of views was reached.

There still exist the imperialist circles, who maintain the infamous policy of the Cold War and the “positions of strength” and attempt to prevent the consolidation of co-operation and confidence between peace-loving states. Both governments reaffirmed their support of the principles of international co-operation — namely, integrity of territory, mutual respect for sovereignty, non-aggression and non-intervention in one another’s internal affairs, equality and mutual benefit.

Both governments have made it clear that they would give full support to the proposals of the Soviet Union and the People’s Republic of China for the creation of collective security in Europe and Asia which is an effective means of ensuring security and peace in the world and plays a positive role in this re-

spect.

As to the German question, both governments consider that the reunification of Germany as a united, democratic and peace-loving state is above all an historical task to be undertaken by Germans themselves.

The creation of collective security in Europe, in which both the German Democratic Republic and the German Federal Republic should take part, would to a great extent facilitate the settlement of the question.

Big issues still remain to be solved in Asia. The aggressive circles are trifling with the issues threatening peace. It is entirely possible to settle them in accord with the interests of the people of the countries concerned and in conformity with the interest of peace in the Far East.

The government of the People's Republic of Albania has made public that it would give its full support to the policy of the DPRK with regard to the peaceful reunification of Korea and to the proposal for the simultaneous withdrawal of all foreign armed forces including the Chinese People's Volunteers from Korea. It is the task of the Korean people to explore, in a free and independent manner, ways and means of reunifying their homeland by peaceful means.

The government delegation of the DPRK sincerely expresses gratitude to the Albanian people who, together with other peoples of the fraternal countries, extended and are extending the material and spiritual aid to the Korean people in the period of the Fatherland Liberation War as well as in the postwar rehabilitation.

Both governments give positive support to the demand that Taiwan and other islands inseparable from the territory of the People's Republic of China be returned. Only in this way will the tension created in that area by the United States be removed.

The lawful right to be represented in the United Nations should be restored to the People's Republic of China.

The observance of the Geneva Agreement on Indochina is an indispensable condition for maintaining peace in Asia. Both governments, therefore, accord full support to the endeavours of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam and other peace-loving countries.

Both governments express their conviction that there are no differences of views that cannot be settled by the persistent efforts of the countries concerned and by means of negotiations on the basis of good-

will.

The governments of the DPRK and the People's Republic of Albania note with satisfaction that the close friendship between the two countries have continuously been extended and strengthened, and contribute to the interests of the peoples of both countries.

Both governments attained identity of views on the conclusion of the agreement on technical and scientific co-operation so that the friendly relations, mutual assistance and fraternal co-operation between the two countries might be extended and socialist construction in the two countries facilitated.

Both governments are firmly convinced that the visit of the government delegation of the DPRK and the personal contacts between the leaders of the two countries have still further consolidated the friendship between the two countries, and that they will serve the cause of peace among nations and promote socialist construction in both countries.

# FAREWELL SPEECH MADE BY PREMIER KIM IL SUNG AT TIRANA AIRPORT

*July 2, 1956*

Esteemed Comrade Enver Hoxha,  
Esteemed Prime Minister,  
Dear comrades and friends,

We are about to part with you, our dear friends and brothers.

During our stay in Albania, we have everywhere been accorded a warm reception by the Albanian friends and enjoyed the cordial hospitality of the government of the People's Republic of Albania.

Not only the simplicity and sincerity of the Albanian people reminds us of our honest-minded Korean people, but the majestic nature — mountains and sea — is like our beautiful homeland.

During our several days' sojourn in your country, we have felt quite at home.

We shall certainly convey our unforgettable impressions of your country to our Korean people.

Friendship and co-operation between the peoples of the different countries — this is an urgent requirement of the times and signifies



the firm aspirations of the entire progressive mankind.

The enemies of peace and progress are instigating distrust among nations, aggravating international tension and continuing the expansion of armaments.

But far distance lies between their wild dream of world domination and its realization.

The peace-loving forces the world over are growing in strength with each passing day. They possess sufficient moral and material means to prevent the imperialists from committing criminal acts against humanity.

Dear friends

Our delegation's visit to your country is not only significant in strengthening still further friendship and co-operation among nations, but also serves the cause of peace — our common aspiration.

We wish the peace-loving Albanian people fresh success in the building of socialism and in the struggle for promoting peace and friendship among nations.

In this struggle we shall as ever remain a trustworthy friend of the Albanian people.

Farewell, dear friends!

Long live the unbreakable friendship and

solidarity between the Korean and Albanian peoples!

Long live the People's Republic of Albania!

## FROM TIRANA TO VLORA

On June 30, the Korean government delegation headed by Premier Kim Il Sung paid a visit to Vlora, a city on the Adriatic coast, 160 kilometres from Tirana.

Premier Kim Il Sung, together with the delegation members, Pak Jung Ai, Choi Hyua, Jo Keum Song, Han Ki Chang and Pak Se Chung, accompanied by: the Prime Minister of the Albanian government; Enver Hoxha, First Secretary of the CC of the Party of Labour of Albania; other leaders of the Party and government; and Mafuz Lyaze, the Albanian Ambassador to Korea, left Tirana early in the morning.

The cars carrying the party raced along the tree-lined asphalt highway shimmering under the blazing sun.

The cars sped towards the seashore, leaving behind the mountain ranges rising 2,000 metres above sea level.

Against the background of the dazzling snow-capped peaks above which the clouds floated lazily, lay the fields dotted with the lovely dark green groves with the red-tiled roofs of dwellings peeping out. The white ribbon of the road connecting the dwellings could be seen here and there. Albanian scen-

ery is quite picturesque. But more beautiful still was the warm hearts of the people who welcomed the guests from Korea like their own kith and kin.

Every village along the way our government delegation passed was decorated with the national colours of the two countries and with placards bearing greetings to our delegation.

They called our delegation the representatives of the heroic Korean people, their dear friends and comrades.

Passers-by stopped to greet us, waving kerchiefs. In one village the peasants had lined up on either side of the road to accord us a warm reception.

When we passed through the district of the Sucusu State Farm, the inhabitants greeted us with flowers and music. Their reception was very impressive. The peasants in the Siak village met us with streamers bearing the words "We extend militant greetings to the Korean peasants."

The cars of the guests raced on amidst the cordial reception of the population along the way.

After we had driven about forty kilometres we reached the port of Durrës with a population of about 60,000.

The beautiful blue Adriatic stretched out before us.

Crowds of people were out to meet us.

The cars slowed down. Premier Kim Il Sung, the Prime Minister of the PRA and Enver Hoxha changed to an open-top car.

Premier Kim Il Sung standing in the car returned the greetings of the welcoming crowds.

The cars gradually picked up speed as we passed through the outskirts of Durrës.

Beautiful villas which had formerly belonged to the Italian occupiers and the Albanian privileged class came in sight. They have now been converted into rest homes for workers or young pioneers' camps.

Workers at rest and young pioneers enjoying their camp life warmly received the guests with loud cheers.

The cars took a south-eastward direction along the coast

After some time we reached a small town, Kabaya. The entire population there, old and young, men and women, came out, blocking our way.

Workers, peasants, factory and office workers accorded the guests a cordial reception.

The people in national costume attracted

our eyes. Muslims also put in their appearance. Their outings are quite a rarity. But that day they came out to welcome the guests from Korea.

The street was all decorated with the flags of both countries and streamers. The shouts of "Long live Kim Il Sung!" echoed through the town.

They played folk music on their national instruments. The people stretched out their hands to shake hands with the guests or tossed bouquets to them.

Their happy faces clearly showed what a great pleasure it was for them to meet the representatives of the Korean people.

As our cars sped on along the coast we passed through a small town called Rrogozhina. On the left side rose the mountains where the partisans had their base during the war.

We skirted the Shkumbini mountain, which divides Albania into north and south.

On the right side the wide expanse of fields stretched towards the Adriatic. 20,000 hectares will be converted into arable land by the end of the Second Five-Year Plan.

Here and there we found folks working in groups in the fields. Albanian servicemen were working in the fields with the people.

They waved hands to the guests.

As we passed through one small town we found the portraits of Premier Kim Il Sung posted everywhere.

New dwelling houses were under construction where shabby huts used to stand.

We went through the village of Gorea, where the land reform was carried out for the first time in Albania, in 1946.

When we passed through the village of Aldeniza, the peasants brought oranges, Albanian special fruits and presented them to the guests.

The members of a certain agricultural producers' co-operative presented samples of their maize and wheat to the guests.

Surrounded by the enthusiastic crowds in Piyeli, the cars could scarcely move.

When the cars reached the Nobosel agricultural co-operative, the peasants presented salt and bread to the guests. This was their traditional way of receiving dear guests.

The cactus plant, peculiar to the southern zone, could now be seen along the highway, and in some districts there were olive groves stretching for about 20 kilometres. They produce excellent olive oils.

Looking toward the sea we could see a large island. The guide explained that it was

called a “piled-up” island. They say it is “the key of the Adriatic.”

This district is noted for the revolutionary tradition of the Albanian people. Here, Skanderbeg, the well-known hero of Albania sacrificed himself. In 1912 Hero Ismail Qemali, a peasant from this district, organized the people’s uprising against Turkish rule and drove out the robbers.

In 1920 Hero Selam Musai organized the peasant uprising in this district and repulsed the Italian occupiers.

During the war for the freedom and independence of the motherland, the courageous partisan unit led by Hysni Kapo, the present member of the Political Bureau of the CC of the Party of Labour of Albania, was active in this district.

The Albanian people are heroes who have withstood many trials. They had been invaded several times by Turkey, Greece, France, Austria-Hungary, Italy, Germany, etc. But each time the heroic Albanians struggled to uphold the freedom and independence of their motherland and won victory over the enemies.

Eloquent proof of this is the monuments to unknown fighters which attracted our eyes in all parts of the country.



People who have experienced sufferings sympathize with people who have been placed under similar circumstances.

The enthusiastic reception the Albanian people accorded the representatives of Korea graphically demonstrates what a deep, warm, lofty friendly feeling the Albanian people have for the Korean people.

At last, the cars reached Vlora. Vlora, with a population of sixty thousand, is situated on the Adriatic coast. It is the centre of Albanian industry. All Vlora turned out to receive the guests. Amidst loud applause and cheers, "Long live Kim Il Sung!", the cars moved slowly along the road lined with dark green luxuriant southern plants.

Some citizens played Korean folk song on their native instruments. Bouquets flew into the cars from all directions. The cars were covered with flowers. The people waved the flags of both countries or their hands. Some waved their clasped hands — a sign of consolidated friendship and solidarity between the peoples of the two countries.

The people followed the guests in a stream. They jostled with each other to occupy a better position to watch Premier Kim Il Sung. There were endless clapping's of hands and cheers.

The party arrived at the square named after the Albanian Hero, Ismail Qemali. The square circled with the southern plants was packed with huge crowds. Some people standing near the fountain were wet with sprays of water but they stuck to the place from where they could command a view of the platform.

The platform was rigged up on the balcony of the Workers' Club in front of the square. It was decorated with the flags of both countries and placards with words expressing welcome to the friends of heroic Korea.

As the guests were led to the platform, cheers shook the square. Shouts of "Long live Premier Kim Il Sung!" echoed far and wide over the blue waters of the Adriatic.

Hachonesho, First Secretary of the Provincial Party Committee, declared the meeting open. Enver Hoxha, First Secretary of the CC of the Party of Labour of Albania, made a welcome address. His speech expressing a cordial welcome and warm friendship was several times interrupted by prolonged applause.

Next, Premier Kim Il Sung appeared before the microphone.

Again shouts, "Long live Kim Il Sung!"

resounded.

Marshal Kim Il Sung extended gratitude to the Albanian people who supported with all their sincerity the just cause of the Korean people, dwelling on the friendship and solidarity between the peoples of the two countries. His speech was interrupted by shouts of "Long live the heroic Korean people!" or "Long live the everlasting friendship!"

After the mass rally the guests came down to the square. The crowds encircled them and Premier Kim Il Sung shook hands with the people.

An old woman called Asealmelok, her breast heavy with decorations, warmly embraced the guests. She had rendered distinguished services in the struggle for the freedom and independence of her country. She requested the guests to convey her ardent greetings to the Korean people.

The guests visited a cannery named after Ernst Thälmann. The cannery, results of the creative labour of the Albanian people, was newly built this year.

The Albanian people with their brilliant revolutionary tradition have become the master of the country, removed their centuries-old backwardness and have achieved outstanding successes in the struggle for so-

cialist construction.

They are inspired by wide prospects, and are spending all their energies toward socialist construction.

The visitors were deeply touched by the vigorous appearance of the Albanian people who are a member of the socialist camp and are struggling for the honour of their homeland as well as for the common cause of mankind.

The employees of the factory received the delegation as their intimate friends. They presented canned fish to the guests.

Leaving behind the factory, the party went to the rest home situated in the outskirts of Vlora, where the leaders of the Party of Labour of Albania and the government used to take rest.

The guests enjoyed a luncheon at the lovely, cool rest home standing near the Adriatic.

In the afternoon the guests visited the Cement Plant in Vlora. In his welcome address, Bass Marco, director of the plant, laid stress on the friendship and solidarity of the working classes of the two countries.

The plant provided with up-to-date equipment demonstrates the ever-growing might of the People's Republic of Albania.

The guests inspected the converter furnace, turbines, warehouses, laboratories, etc.

The guests set out on their return trip, taking with them unforgettable, deep impressions.