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OUR YOUNGER GENERATION MARCHES ALONG THE REVOLUTIONARY ROAD OF THE PARTY

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Dear Comrades!

It is a great pleasure and special joy for me to have the opportunity to be with you today, with you young men and young women who are busily engaged in building the new Rrogozhina-Fier railway in a high spirit of enthusiasm and self-abnegation.

I want to take advantage of this occasion to salute through you, railway workers, and on behalf of the Central Committee and Government, also your comrades who are hard at work in building the Highway to the Northern Uplands, to salute all the young men and young women of our country, all those marvelous revolutionary youths who, throughout the country and in all the fields, are demonstrating heroism, high political maturity and boundless loyalty to the Party, to the higher interests of the people and to the

cause of socialism.

I salute especially you, comrade students and school children, who make up the greatest number of the volunteers who are building the railway and the Upland Highway and congratulate you who, side by side with your efforts to master science, to acquire knowledge and to adopt the basis of our Marxist-Leninist world outlook, have taken up the pick and shovel and, together with our workers and peasants, are rendering your valuable contribution to the building of our socialist country through these major mass actions of youth.

Mass actions have become a glorious tradition of our youth. All of us, as well as your comrades more advanced in age who are now working and producing with success in the various fields of socialist construction, including many of your pedagogues and teachers who are exerting their efforts together with you here in building the railway and the Upland Highway or in other mass actions of youth, have fresh in our minds the unforgettable days of the early mass actions of youth in building the Kukës-Peshkopia Highway or the Tirana-Durrës and the Durrës-Elbasan railroad. You are continuing and raising to a higher level

this glorious tradition of youth. You are working hard and rendering valuable contribution to the building of major projects for which our Party and our people congratulate and thank you most heartily.

Our youth in their actions do not build up only economically important projects. The mass action serves, above all, as a great school for the tempering of the rising generation, for their education with correct concepts about work, it serves to inculcate in young people the spirit of collectivism, of the struggle to overcome difficulties, of the love for one's comrades, of pure friendship, of revolutionary determination. By working and living together, the worker, peasant and school youth acquaint themselves and become friends with one another, learn and profit from one another. It is in the joint work and life that the communist concepts and morals are moulded, the petty-bourgeois, patriarchal and intellectualist remains of the past are discarded, the worn-out artificial barriers of various discriminations set up by the overthrown ideologies and classes are broken down. Action is a concrete ground where the slogan to think, work and live like revolutionaries is implemented.

In actions, in all the great construction work, in all our fight for socialism and the defence of our Homeland, our youth have inscribed and are daily inscribing wonderful pages of heroism. This was best shown through the heroism by the highland girl, the 15-year-old communist Shkurte Pal Vata, who erected here at the Rrogozhina-Fier railway, a proud monument to the present-day revolutionary young generation of socialist Albania. She followed the glorious traditions of the heroic young Mirdita women Marta Tarazhi, Prenda Tarazhi, Mrikë Lokja, and Shkurte Cara, the tradition of Muhamet Shehu's and Murteza Kepi's self-abnegation for the common cause, the tradition of armyman Hekuran Zenuni who laid down his life at the post of duty and of many other comrades who have placed the common cause of revolution above everything else, who, when need arises, are prepared to lay down their very lives without hesitation for the revolution, following in this way in the immortal tracks of the heroes of the National-Liberation War and of the martyrs of youth — Qemal Stafa, Misto Mame, Manush Alimani, and hundreds and thousands of others.

Our people, as well as our youth as a whole,

will recall with deep respect these glorious sons and daughters of theirs just as they respect and will always respect heroes like Fuat Cela and all our youth who are exerting all their efforts for the progress of our country. This heroism has now become a phenomenon of the masses, a fundamental feature of our men and women.

The active and conscientious participation of our youth in mass actions and movements that have burst forth in all parts of our Homeland for the further revolutionization of all our national life is a powerful demonstration of the new qualities of our new man, reared and educated by the Party with the genuine communist ideology and morality. This is another proof showing that our younger generation, united in their heroic organization of the Labour Youth Union of Albania, stand firm on healthy revolutionary positions, that they are fully worthy and able to take into their hands and carry further ahead the torch of revolution and socialism.

The militant and revolutionary spirit of our youth, their determination to advance as they have done up till now, firmly, on the road of Marxism-Leninism, their readiness to place themselves unwaveringly at the service of the peo-

ple on all the fronts where the Party calls them, is one of our greatest victories, is one of the guarantees of the radiant future of our country.

These qualities have their source in the great solicitude that our Party of Labour has displayed and continues to display for the education of the younger generation in our socialist reality, in the great historic victories scored by our country under the Marxist-Leninist leadership of our Party of Labour. They form the clear and sure prospects which the Party has opened to the youth of our country.

Our youth have never questioned the word of our Party. In good and difficult times they have enthusiastically responded to the Party calls and they have worked and struggled full of determination and self-denial to reach the targets set by the Party. Our youth have been educated not in warm beds or worn-out scholastic books: they have been tempered like steel and moulded with an undaunted revolutionary spirit in the crucible of fierce battles against savage external and internal enemies, with the tremendous difficulties we have had to overcome as a result of the deep backwardness bequeathed to us by the anti-popular regimes, in the fierce struggle for breaking the hos-

tile imperialist-revisionist blockades forces upon this country.

In these battles our people, under the leadership of the Party, have always emerged victorious. By their determined and principled fight against various enemies, they have won the sympathy and admiration of the peoples and revolutionary forces in the world. The international position of our Republic has been greatly strengthened. In the future, too, our Party will hold up high the banner of revolutionary struggle against imperialism and revisionism and will always be in the van of this just struggle. The People's Republic of Albania will live in centuries, strong and socialist, and all and every enemy of ours will have their heads smashed against the steel-like unity of our people with their Party and their heroic Army.

Imperialism and revisionism always exert ideological pressure on our people, especially on our youth. But the active fight of our Party, of all our people and youth against this pressure, has been and is really heroic. The youth of our country spurn with contempt all the alien influence of the bourgeois and revisionist ideology, all symptoms of disorientation and degeneration, wherever they may come from. Thanks to the teachings of the

Party, they have well understood that one of the main objectives of the enemy is to insert their ideology into our ranks, to poison the minds and conscience of our young men and young women. Therefore, under the leadership of the Party, they strive to preserve their ideological and moral purity. We notice with satisfaction that in our country a healthy and pure youth is growing, a youth moulded with the revolutionary ideals of the Party.

But today people are everywhere striving to raise to a higher level their revolutionary spirit, to intensify the process of revolutionizing the life of the country, to carry the socialist revolution further ahead in all fields. Our youth should not be content with the achievements they have already attained, they should not cease for a moment their revolutionary drive. The Labour Youth Union should still continue with more perseverance its efforts to persuade all our youth to continually raise their ideological and political standards by studying Marxism-Leninism, by getting a better grasp of our revolutionary theory which is the key to the attainment of still greater achievements in the days to come.

The worker, peasant and student youth

should multiply their efforts to learn as much as possible, to master science and culture which are essential to the progress of our country, to learn while working and to work while learning.

Taking their clue from the example set by the working class and all our labourers, our school and student youth, in addition to their efforts to master Marxism-Leninism and science, have all embarked not only on political and ideological activities, but also on major projects and construction. In this way they are carrying out the recommendations of the Party to get into close contact with the labouring masses, with life, to link teaching with work, to be tempered in the anvil of manual labour.

A campaign of this kind by the school and student youth on the front of learning and working complies with the essence of the task the Party has set for the further revolutionization of our school about which a broad public discussion is being conducted in our country. In this profound ideological undertaking the youth is a great motive and revolutionizing force. It behoves our youth, especially our school and student youth, to take active part in this campaign and in this public discussion so as to better realize the objective

of our Party to make our schools, both in substance and structure, revolutionary centres where our men and women may be trained as communists and capable specialists. Our school and student youth fully realize that the revolutionization of our schools calls for major efforts, that it is up to them to exert all their efforts to learning, to mastering science and culture, to prepare for life and for practical work.

The young men and young women of our country should always and everywhere be on the vanguard of the struggle for revolutionization, to be the first to uphold all revolutionizing measures taken. In this campaign it is the heroic working youth who take the lead. Their revolutionary spirit, the class spirit should run through all the organizations of the Labour Youth Union of Albania. The working youth form the new generation which swells the ranks of the working class, the backbone of our socialist system, of the class which runs the country and which, through its Marxist-Leninist ideology and its revolutionary example and under the guidance of the Party, inspires and leads to battle and revolution all our labouring masses. The working youth should also be in the forefront of production as well. They

should be the initiators and prompters to overfulfil planned targets, to master technique and to deepen the technical and scientific revolution.

It is up to our youth to further deepen our socialist revolution in the countryside. The members of the youth organization in the countryside are and should always be firm champions of what is new in all fields, they should spread education and culture, up-to-date technique, hygiene and cleanliness in order to bring about an all-round improvement in our socialist countryside. In this campaign they are inspired by the heroic example set by the working youth of our country and are taught by the revolutionary spirit and teaching of the major mass actions of youth.

In pursuing the teachings of our Party all our youth have embarked on a campaign to do away with backward customs, with alien survivals in the minds of our people and to bring about the complete emancipation of women. This campaign demands, especially of our young men, to help their young women comrades to keep pace with them, because in this way it will be possible to step up the process of doing away with all the survivals of the past. Our Party is highly appreciative of the fact that its directives of fighting

against patriarchalism and all old customs are rightly understood. The campaign in this field is being conducted on the ideological front without infringing on the love and respect which youth should cherish towards their parents, towards their elders. Our youth are wise enough to understand that whatever hindrance or misunderstanding might arise from the people advanced in age has its roots in the fact that the latter have lived in other times and that, although they are now closely bound to the Party, they still find it difficult to detach themselves from old ideas, from those customs and survivals which used to be integral parts of their own lives.

Our youth are carrying out and will be carrying out better the tasks set forth by the Party because they have been kneaded and will be kneaded by the Party all along the period of struggle for socialist construction. Our present youth have been born and brought up during the years of People's Rule. They have seen with their own eyes and have experienced the deep transformations that have been and are being brought about in our country. A whole up-to-date and multilateral industry has been set up in what used to be a primitive and backward Albania. The as-

pect of our plains, hills and mountains has been changing at a rapid rate before the very eyes of our youth. Many of you remember how the marshes and swamps had covered the fertile fields of Myzeqeja on which you are now laying the framework of the railroad. You remember the smoke-covered huts and depressed hamlets of this region. Do they bear any comparison whatsoever with the new cooperative villages and cooperative farmers of present-day Myzeqeja? Such is the change that has been brought about throughout our land, throughout our people. There is no village in our country today which lacks a school, no peasant boy or girl who lacks the necessary education. By 1971 all the villages of Albania will be lit by electricity. We have attained these achievements at a time when in many countries in «civilized Europe» a good percentage of children still lack schooling, when thousands upon thousands of villages are still as backward as they used to be during the Middle Ages.

In our wonderful socialist country the life of the people is becoming more and more beautiful with every passing day, their living standards, their economic, educational and cultural standards are rising. A revolutionary spirit and an un-

precedented heroism is being tempered in the men and women of our homeland.

Our economic plans are being overfulfilled with an unprecedented vigour. Production norms are being overfulfilled in industry, construction, transport and in all the other sectors. Our socialist agriculture is advancing with a great upsurge. This year we shall harvest abundant cereal crops, so that even our most optimistic expectations will be surpassed.

Such a result is not due to weather conditions which, as is known, have not been good, but to the correct line of our Party and State Power, it is due to the revolutionary enthusiasm of the whole people and in particular to the heroism, maturity and visible rise achieved in the field of agrotechnique by our industrious and tireless peasantry.

This is a great victory for the people who will celebrate in these days with an indescribable joy the 25th anniversary of their glorious army which liberated them and which stands vigilant guard, with an eagle-like eye and well trained, in defence of the Homeland and of the people.

This is a great victory that strengthens us and inspires us so that, in the jubilee year of the 25th anniversary of the liberation of the Homeland, we

should reap for sure in every field still greater victories for our people.

Socialism creates progress, abundance, ensures freedom, and real democracy for the people.

The people's power, our socialist order has ensured to our youth all rights and material conditions to be really enjoyed. Our young men and voting women have not experienced the landlord and bourgeois exploitation and brutal oppression, they have not experienced the life of hunger, of misery and poverty, they have not experienced the barbarous oppression and domination of the anti-popular regimes and of foreign imperialists. Our youth have not felt on their shoulders the heavy burden of illiteracy and darkness. In socialist Albania, the doors of the schools, beginning with the primary school and ending with the university, are flung open to the sons of workers, peasants and people's intelligentsia. Our younger generation has not experienced unemployment and uncertainty for the future, this grave wound from which the broad masses of youth even in the most developed capitalist countries as well as in the revisionist countries are suffering and languishing. Our socialist democracy has guaranteed to our youth work according to the capacities and

knowledge acquired, it has ensured to them the active participation and an unbounded creative role in all the fields of our social, life.

The youth in our country look forward with confidence to the future. It is in their hands, all roads are open to them. This is why they are bound like flesh to bone to the Party and the People's Power, to Marxism-Leninism, this is why they are revolutionary and undaunted fighters for the cause of socialism.

The preoccupation of our youth, student or intellectual, quite unlike the countries, where the capitalists and revisionists are ruling, is not their personal fate, the problem to ensure somewhere a place in the sun for themselves and their families. They do not study and fight for a «place in the sun», so as to avoid being oppressed by others, to avoid being devoured by the big wolves. The ideal of our student or intellectual is not security or advancement for himself to cope with the tempests of an oppressive and exploiting society. His ideal is very great, very militant and very inspiring.

Our revolutionary youth learns and develops his capacities himself, not from his narrow personal interest, «to occupy a position in life», but to better serve his people, socialism, the Home-

land. He learns and works, not to «amass culture» for himself, nor to distinguish himself by scholasticism but to raise the national economy to a higher degree, to make the plains more fertile, to spread culture more widely and more deeply even to the most distant corners of the Homeland, to make science a property of the masses and for the masses. We are gladdened by the fact that our youths who finish schools, almost without exception, go where the country needs them, without looking for some snug corner. This is a valuable characteristic of our new intelligentsia. The devoted and unconditioned service to the cause of the Party and the interests of the people, which stems from the existing conditions in our country, from the very socialist system and the deep inward conviction — this is the ideal and motive of the life of our youth, be he a worker, a peasant, or a student and intellectual.

Of course, with this I by no means want to say that we in our country have achieved everything, that we have overcome without exception all the consequences of the inherited backwardness and difficulties and that we have resolved all the problems. We are fully aware that we still need a great, insistent and protracted struggle and

work to fully build up socialism, to bring up the new man, to further and incessantly increase the well-being of the people, to make our life more prosperous, more beautiful, more joyful and more lively. But we are on a correct path, we are determined to forge ahead undauntedly, and nobody will be able to halt us in our advance. Our people and youth view their future with optimism.

Quite a different picture is presented by the situation in the capitalist and revisionist countries. We see before us two opposing worlds and two entirely different fates for the youth. A living testimony to this are the powerful student demonstrations that have taken place in these recent days in Europe and on other continents, in both the capitalist countries as well as in some revisionist countries.

The character of these demonstrations has not been identical everywhere. Those of the students of Prague and Warsaw played right into the hands of modern revisionism, were organized by the internal and external reaction, by the imperialist espionage agencies and were aimed at further liberalizing the revisionist regimes in power, at completing the detachment of their states from

dependency on the Soviet revisionist hegemony and, at last, if they could manage it, at overthrowing the cliques in power and replacing them with new openly capitalist cliques, connected with and in the service of the capitalist states. Their strikes and demonstrations had, therefore, nothing progressive; everything in them was counter-revolutionary.

In Czechoslovakia, these demonstrations gave an aid to the advent to power of the group of ultra-revisionists, whereas in Poland, Gomulka managed to smash them by force for the time being. In these countries, such students have become the vanguard of reaction. The revisionist guard in the Soviet Union, in Bulgaria, in the German Democratic Republic, etc. are also afraid of such a vanguard.

In these countries, the revolutionary students, out of fear of repression and not wishing to compromise themselves with the hooligan students, did not come out in demonstrations. They did not however avail themselves of the opportunity to come out into the street, to clash with the hooligan students and to attack at the same time the revisionist cliques in power, to become a spark to set the whole field afire, to incite the working

class in those countries to earnestly enter the game on the correct side. This did not happen. And that is why a sham impression was produced, as if, in Czechoslovakia, «the youth side with the revisionists», in Poland, as if Gomulka «defends socialism» against the reactionary students and, in other countries where no disturbances occurred, as if the revisionists «are in tranquillity». But this tranquillity is a false one. In the land of Soviets, where the Khrushchev revisionists have come to power, machine-guns have long since been brought into operation against revolutionary workers and youth. In the Soviet Union, in Poland, in Bulgaria, the very press of these countries is compelled to admit that hundreds and thousands of revolutionaries have been arrested, whole Party committees imprisoned because they are opposed to the treachery which the revisionist cliques in power are committing against their Homeland and their peoples.

In Titoite Yugoslavia, as you know, the Tito-Rankovich clique have cracked down furiously on the revolutionaries. Hair-raising are the murders, tortures, the ill-famed concentration camps of the UDB which for twenty years in succession blooded the heads of the peoples of Yugoslavia

and of the Kosovar people, our brothers, to lay the foundations of and erect their rotten capitalist regime.

But what came out of this, was the insurrectional spirit of the Yugoslav peoples quelled down? No. Tito and his men sold out Yugoslavia to the U.S., British and international capital, they fattened the new exploiting capitalist class of the town and the countryside, they have set on foot a fascist dictatorship to preserve for them the riches they have robbed from the people and to oppress the latter and suck their blood. In vain does the Tito clique speak of a certain «self-management». What should the people «self-manage», the factories which belong to foreign capital and to the new capitalists, or should they «self-manage» the plains which are dominated by the kulaks?

It is difficult to deceive the people as a whole and for a long time, the saying goes. The Yugoslav peoples and youth cannot be deceived when Tito speaks of a certain socialism, of a certain self-management, while, on the other hand, they have no freedom, when they see that the swindlers are selling their country at auction out to foreign capitalists, when they see that the new ruling class is shamelessly speculating and the workers and

youth are roving jobless through the streets, or hundreds of thousands annually going to foreign countries around the world because their own allegedly socialist country is unable to feed them.

Chaos is reigning in Titoite Yugoslavia. The courageous students of Belgrade rose in revolt against this out and out baseness and treachery. The Tito regime was shaken to its foundations. The tear gas bombs and cudgels of the Udbashes were put into operation. The heroic students opposed fascist violence with revolutionary violence. Victory went to the students. Tito yielded. But he lied, deceived, he made demagogy, as he usually does. But did Tito convince anyone? Nobody. All the honest Yugoslavs know that he is the author of this situation, that to make good this situation the iron broom of revolution must pass over it and this task is incumbent upon the revolutionary Marxist-Leninists at the head of the working class and of the peoples of Yugoslavia, and not upon the renegades, the sold out, the agents and dirty servitors of international capital.

Therefore, revolution in the revisionist countries is rising, ever rising, while revisionism is in a great crisis.

The demonstrations of the students in capi-

talist countries are of another character. They are more revolutionary. The students rose to furious demonstrations against the capitalist power of their country. They were attacked, they clashed with police, they set up barricades, they attacked, they were wounded and killed. They wounded and killed the policemen, too.

In France, they encouraged the greatest strike of the workers, they were in solidarity with them and caused the Government of that country, advertised as so strong, to shake to its foundations, to set in motion the army around Paris, to replace some Cabinet Ministers, to dissolve National Assembly, and to decide on holding new elections, etc.

Irrespective of the causes that prompted the students to rise in demonstrations, and these are of different categories — educational, economic, political, ideological, structural — they confirmed the opinion that the youth, if inspired, is a courageous militant force. The various political trends that influenced it at the beginning were not clearly seen, for it is a fact, if judged in general by the news items, the political parties, especially in France, were caught unaware by these events, and the French revisionists jointly with the

French reaction openly attacked and disparaged the students who were throwing themselves into demonstrations against the regime.

It is important that similar demonstrations were held or are being held in the Federal Republic of Germany, in Spain, Italy, Britain, Belgium, France, Yugoslavia, Turkey, Latin America and in other countries. Irrespective of the diversity of opinions, of political viewpoints that reign in their ranks, one thing is visible: they all attack the established capitalist state powers. These demonstrations are the first tests, they are beginning a period of testing and resorting to revolutionary violence against the bourgeois-fascist violence. Herein, at these moments and into these courageous crowds of young people, the new Marxist-Leninist parties, our revolutionary comrades must enter to work and fight jointly with them, to clarify and lead them.

This is a fire that has been kindled and that cannot easily be put out. It can be temporarily quelled, but it will burst out. This fire will burst out because the wind blowing it up is a political wind, it is the opposition of the youth and, in particular, of the students against the capitalist power that oppresses them, exploits them, that has

closed to them all prospects of life. These are the main causes of the revolt, the other reasons and causes draw their source herein. The horizon of the youth is closed by capitalism.

The life of the youth is not certain under the capitalist regime, and when they reach an age of maturity in thoughts and work they see more clearly the insurmountable obstacles raised against them by capitalism, by private ownership, the organization of trusts and technocracy. The youth that wants to become educated, to have schooling, has no financial possibilities for this purpose because heavy taxes and dozens of other economic, administrative, educational, class and racial obstacles prevent him from meeting a vital need, so indispensable in a capitalist world where a diploma has become the minimum possible means of earning the daily bread, otherwise the youth is, a priori, destined to swell the ranks of the unemployed. Thus, such restrictions at studies are raised constantly and in an endless number against youth in capitalist countries. Thus, a first colossal selection is carried out. Then begins the second selection in examinations and the third selection in finding jobs for those who remain unplaced. Thus, misery, suffering, unemployment,

humiliation lie ahead for youth.

In all these phases it is the people's youth that suffers, therefore, it is this youth that moves prompted by all these open dissatisfactions and flagrant injustices which are formulated in claims of various character, many times also with not clearly shaped political tendencies, which have underlying them political questions, and only political questions.

The cause of revolution, of the overthrow by violence of the power of the bourgeoisie which is the source of all misfortunes, underlies the problem of the students and of the youth in general in the capitalist countries.

It is a fact that so far the organization of the communists in the fold of youth and students in the capitalist countries is still weak, due to the treachery of the revisionists, but the idea of revolution in them is great and inspiring. They feel more and more with every passing day the material and spiritual oppression, they are understanding the methods of degeneration used against them by capital, they see the destructive results of these methods at their expense. It is precisely this grip they seek to escape from and for this reason they look for a way out.

The road of socialism has been temporarily obscured to them by the modern revisionists. While monopoly capitalism, jointly with the revisionists, is striving to create among them a new chaos without a way out or to forge new chains for them.

As the press has announced, the students of Paris, in demonstrations and barricades, distinguished themselves by a revolutionary vigour against the forces of the Government and against the chieftains of the political parties and trades unions. Thus, the students had no faith in them. The students' tendency, visible and carried out in practice, was the union of their cause with that of the workers, irrespective of the fact that among the students there were all sorts of political trends. Therefore, the students, the future unemployed, clearly saw what they should rely on and which ideology must guide them.

Both the capitalist governments and the French revisionists with Tito were aware of this danger and manoeuvred with all their means that this solid alliance should not take place, that the student movement should be discredited, isolated. The French revisionists gave a tremendous aid to French capitalism. The chief of French cap-

italism was not mistaken when he declared that communism was his enemy. He meant by this the working class and Marxism-Leninism and not the French revisionists who proved to be real lackeys of French capital.

But the student revolt in the capitalist countries will not be quelled down. It will continue rising and will channel itself in to the great tide of proletarian revolution, it will crystallize ideologically and politically. The all-conquering ideas of Marxism-Leninism will grip the minds and hearts of the students of the whole world and they will fully unite with the class of the proletarians in the world revolution, to overthrow with arms the power of capital and build up socialism as we did.

Clear prospects of the proletarian revolution must be opened to the youth of the capitalist world, to the students of this world and to the youth and students in the revisionist countries. The overthrow of the bourgeoisie by violence, the establishment of the dictatorship of the proletariat and the construction of socialism on the scientific basis of Marxism-Leninism will settle the whole great problem which includes also the settlement of the most crucial problem of the life of a people — the problem of youth, of their rear-

ing, upbringing and active participation in work and in every other human activity so as the youth may feel themselves completely free, completely happy in their homeland which they build up by themselves, which they direct by themselves, which they beautify by themselves, where they prepare by themselves an ever more harmonious life for the coming generations.

On this problem, the value of the construction of socialism in our country assumes a great importance. In particular, through our materials which present the Albanian reality, the world youth is in position to understand the importance and correctness of our proletarian revolution. Led by our Marxist-Leninist party they are in a position to understand the deep importance of our reforms, of our progress in all fields. Our material backwardness in some sectors, which will also be overcome, is not due to our socialist system and our Marxist-Leninist ideology. It is due to the former feudal-bourgeois oppression. Let the world youth see how far ahead we are of the capitalist world in many directions, and precisely on the question they are struggling and will have still to struggle for.

Comrades!

The ideas of revolution and of the liberation struggle are winning over more and more peoples and revolutionaries of various countries. The tempest of the revolutionary war against imperialism and revisionism is rising.

The capitalist world and modern revisionism are undergoing a great political and economic crisis. This is no doubt the result of the revolutionary vigour of the peoples, of their struggles in all parts of the world, against capitalist oppression and exploitation, against old colonialism and neo-colonialism, against the fraudulent ideological trends used in great diversity by imperialism, the bourgeoisie and revisionism to puzzle the minds and the imagination of men and women, to give alleged theoretical explanation to their policy of predatory imperialist wars, of brutal exploitation of the peoples, to explain atomic blackmail, the dream of a «world without arms and without wars», the division of the world into spheres of influence, the domination of the peoples by two «atomic superpowers» under the guise of «peaceful coexistence», etc.

This great crisis of the capitalist and revision-

ist world, which has been caused by the rise of revolution and which will end through an inevitable chain reaction in the great world proletarian revolution, can be understood, explained and deepened only through our immortal and the eternally new theory — Marxism-Leninism.

Imperialism, the bourgeoisie, modern revisionism know that the rise of revolution is lethal to them, therefore they resort to all means, beginning with demagoguery and ending with arms, to suppress it, under whatever form it may appear and at every stage of its development.

Revolution, in any initial form and in any stage, led by Marxism-Leninism, is the one which emerges victorious over all obstacles. Therefore, the theoreticians of imperialism, of the bourgeoisie and modern revisionism made every effort to liquidate Marxism-Leninism, if possible, or in the impossibility of achieving this, to do everything in their power to distort it, to make it inoffensive to them, to revise it from top to bottom.

The theory of Marx and Lenin about the rotteness and the advance towards the final collapse of capitalism and imperialism, through armed revolution and revolutionary violence, not only has not become obsolete, not only has not been

overcome, as our enemies pretend, but it is as vigorous as in its days of youth, and life confirms this. No new invention whatsoever, be it temporarily in the hands of a handful of capitalists, can either alter the forward advance of revolution or darken the vanguard theory, Marxism-Leninism. It is not the capitalists who have created the technical progress, and even less so the economic well-being. The creative work belongs to somebody else while the system had made it a property of somebody else, of a group of exploiters. Development in capitalist countries is attained by the blood and sweat of the working class and of the working people who are exploited.

Nothing can save the capitalist class from destruction. The Soviet and Titoite modern revisionists and the other revisionists are new capitalists and imperialists who have swollen the ranks of the old ones and who now, we may say with certainty, are fully identified with the capitalists and imperialists of other countries. They have caused great damage to their socialist countries, which they have changed into capitalist countries, they have caused damage to world revolution, they put brakes on it or are striving to do so. They cause damage to the liberation struggles of the

peoples, struggles which they hamper, quell down, deceive, but they can do nothing to harm the law of revolution, they cannot halt revolution either in their own countries or in the world. It forges ahead. This is confirmed by facts.

The Soviet modern revisionists and the other revisionists that have seized power in former socialist countries are striving at home and abroad to spread the belief that capitalism, which they have restored, is allegedly always «socialism», indeed more advanced, purer, in the Soviet Union it is altogether «communism».

The theory guiding this kind of socialism and communism is, according to them, the purest Marxism-Leninism, the genuine one. It is understandable, therefore, what role they have assumed and are playing, these traitors to Marxism-Leninism. They are the vanguard of the diversionists, the capitalist 5th column in the world communist movement.

Being such, they are politically, ideologically, organizationally and economically obliged to view the world and its development from the same angle as the capitalists of other countries and continents, to coordinate their affairs and actions, to conclude new agreements and alliances with

one another, to create new conjunctures.

Great contradictions exist between them and others will come into being. These are inevitable contradictions in the pack of the capitalist wolves. The contradictions of the Soviet revisionists with the other imperialists are of the same nature and draw their origin from those same sources as, for example, the contradictions between the United States of America and France. But the revisionists are bluffing in order to conceal the real nature of these contradictions. They say they have contradictions because «we are communists» and they are capitalists. This is a sheer lie, both parties are capitalist.

The Soviet revisionists who lead this pack of traitors, by their anti-Marxist, anti-social theories and analyses are striving to explain the events that are taking place according to the prescriptions being distributed through the world by the chief of world imperialism, prescriptions which take shape in agreements, in ill-famed alliances of many sorts and in construction of bridges between the Soviet Union and the United States of America, between the various capitalists and the revisionist cliques. This treachery has been baptized «Khrushchevite peaceful coexistence».

But in spite of all these and other such things, what is happening in the world?

Wherever there is a foot of an American, as in Vietnam and elsewhere, there is people's war with arms, there are revolts, there is resistance. The peoples, the communists, the patriots on all the continents are fighting against them. At home, the United States of America itself is in a great crisis, the Afro-Americans are attacking, the students are attacking. King, the two Kennedys have been shot dead by snipers. The dollar is in a great crisis, so that Johnson tightens the belt of the American people and of his European and Asian satellites. Everywhere it intervenes, U.S. imperialism supplies arms for aggression, such as to Israel against the Arab people, to the Indonesian fascists to kill over half a million communists and patriots, etc. In Latin America people are fighting everywhere against the Yankee boot. In a word, it cannot be clearer — a worthy ally for the Soviet revisionists.

Britain is undergoing a very grave economic, and naturally also a political, crisis; she has become a softy, living in the shade of Uncle Sam. In the same condition are also the other capitalist countries of Europe and of other continents. The

water is simmering in the pot and in all those countries the lid is ready to fly off.

The revisionist countries meanwhile, headed by the Soviet Union and Yugoslavia, are in a great crisis, in internal and external chaos.

The economic crisis which is deepening in the capitalist world has caught in its grip and is strangling the revisionist countries, and the Soviet Union in the first place. This deep crisis in these countries is the consequence of the capitalist transformation in ideology, in politics, economy, organization, in the way of life, it is the ties and alliances of many sorts, which they have established with various capitalists, it is the enslaving credits they have received from them, it is, therefore, their progressive introduction to the economic and political domination of world capital. Thus, the world crisis has swept the capitalist and revisionist countries alike. The Soviet revisionist traitors are undergoing one of their gravest crises, for their whole policy has been exposed, it has gone bankrupt, both at home and abroad. The clique of the Kremlin traitors is caught in the middle of many fires which will devour it. It is striving to impose itself by force, by lies, by temporary measures upon the revisionist satellite

cliques in other countries, but they, too, are manoeuvring with the capitalists, with the Soviet revisionists, with the devil and his son, to lengthen their lifespan which is not long.

The Kremlin traitors are being attacked from within also, they are doing everything in their power to pose as being united. Some things are quite evident however. The Kremlin traitors are bleating that they are allegedly realizing their mistakes, that Stalin, according to some marshal acting under their orders, was a great man, that he was an able man, that allegedly Tito is a traitor and an agent of the Americans, that Stalin had considered these questions correctly, etc.

We have known the Khrushchev tactics for a long time. We well know what is hidden behind these demagogical sentences. However, this shows that the traitorous clique of the Kremlin is ill-situated, and it will be the more so with every passing day. Treachery will be subdued. Marxism-Leninism will triumph again in the Soviet Union and in the other countries where the modern revisionists are now ruling.

Dear Comrades!

The youth of our country and their militant organization — the Labour Youth Union, — brought up by the Party with the ideas of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism, view with sympathy and support the just and difficult struggle waged by the young men and young women in various countries against the yoke of capital and revisionist treachery. We have the deep conviction that, sooner or later, their struggle, integrating itself with the powerful trend of the revolutionary movement of the working class and under the leadership of the Marxist-Leninist parties, will emerge victorious.

As far as our younger generation is concerned, being carefully brought up by our Party of Labour, moulded with the great ideals of socialism and being certain of their future, will firmly advance on the road indicated by the Party, as a living force of the proletarian revolution and socialist construction in our country.

Those rights, conditions and possibilities enjoyed today by our youth, achieved with blood, sweat, and countless sacrifices, are great historic victories which we must understand and appraise with maturity and full consciousness. We must preserve them like the apple of our eye and de-

velop them further by our struggle and tireless work.

Let all our people and youth close their ranks, still more tightly, let them consolidate with every passing day their militant unity around the Party and under its leadership, let us always carry forward our victorious revolution. Let us not forget for a single moment the imperialist-revisionists geographical encirclement, let us therefore always keep our powder dry, let us not forget our external and internal foes. Thus, let us always courageously wage the class struggle, let us always be on the offensive, in revolution, holding the pick in one hand and the rifle in the other, undaunted fighters for the prosperity and progress of our socialist homeland, resolute defenders of freedom and independence and of all the gains achieved by our people.

In winding up I want to wish you, untiring builders of the Rrogozhina-Fier railway, and all the young men and young women of Albania, further success in everything: in work, study and in your lives as young revolutionaries.

Long live our glorious youth!

Long live our Party of Labour, guide and teacher of our younger generation!

Glory to Marxism-Leninism!