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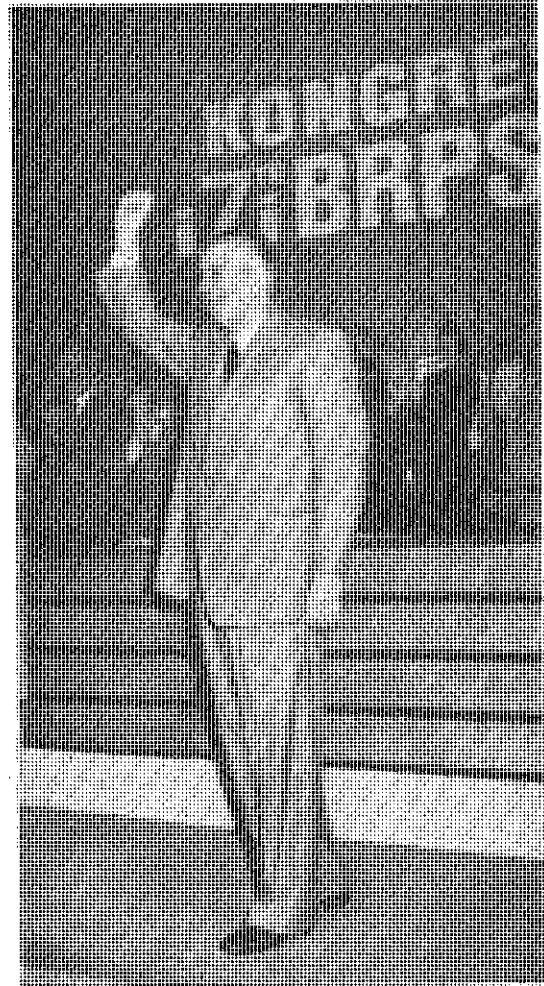
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Comrade ENVER HOXHA
entering the hall of the 7th Congress of the Labour
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THE 7th CONGRESS OF THE LABOUR YOUTH UNION OF ALBANIA HELD ITS PROCEEDINGS

The 7th Congress of the Labour Youth Union of Albania held its proceedings September 26-29, 1977, at the Elbasan Metalurgical Complex, this monumental project of the Party and the heroic Albanian working class. The proceedings of the Congress were held in an atmosphere of great enthusiasm, in the light of the decisions of the historic 7th Congress of the PLA and the teachings of comrade Enver Hoxha.

At the proceedings of the Congress were present leaders of the Party and State, comrades Mehmet Shehu, Hekuran Isai, Hysni Kapo, Ramiz Alia, Rita Marko, Spiro Koleka, Llambi Gegprifti, Qirjako Mihali, Nexhmije Hoxha, Member of the Central Committee of the Party and former participant in the founding meeting of the Albanian Communist Youth, and Piro Kondi, First Secretary of the Party Committee for the Elbasan District.

The opening speech was delivered by Ilia Kongo, Secretary of the Central Committee of the LYUA.

Hysni Kapo, Member of the Political Bureau and Secretary of the Central Committee of the PLA, read the greeting addressed to the Congress from comrade

Enver Hoxha, the beloved leader of the Party and people on behalf of the Central Committee of the PLA.

The report of the Central Committee of the LYUA «We Must Educate the Youth with Communist Ideals and a Sound Revolutionary Spirit» was delivered by Lumturi Rexha, First Secretary of the Central Committee of the LYUA.

The report on the activity and work of the Central Auditing Commission of the LYUA was delivered by Basri Mane, Chairman of the Commission.

The closing session of the Congress was attended also by comrade Enver Hoxha, the beloved and respected leader of the Party and people, who delivered a very important speech.

In conclusion of the proceedings, the Congress approved the report of the CC of the LYUA and the resolution «On the Tasks of the Organization of the LYUA to Keep Communist Ideals and a Sound Revolutionary Spirit Always Ablaze in the Minds and Hearts of the Youth». The Congress approved also the report of the Central Auditing Commission and some amendments to the Constitution of the Labour Youth Union of Albania.

The Congress unanimously elected the Central Committee of the LYUA comprised of 166 members, of whom 29 candidate-members. The Congress elected also the Auditing Commission comprised of 11 members; the Bureau of the Central Committee of the LYUA comprised of 21 members, of whom 6 candidate-members and the Secretariat of the Central Committee of the LYUA comprised of 5 members. Comrade Lumturi Rexha was elected First Secretary of the CC of the LYUA, and Etemije Zeneli, Ilija

Kongo, Muharrem Xhafa and Valdete Sala, Secretaries of the CC of the LYUA.

Delegations from foreign organizations of the student youth as well as representatives of some Marxist-Leninist parties attended the 7th Congress of the LYUA. The Congress received also many messages of greeting from organizations of Marxist-Leninist, progressive and revolutionary youth and students in many countries of the world.



Comrade Hysni Kapo, Member of the Political Bureau and Secretary of the CC of the PLA, reads the greeting addressed to the Congress from comrade Enver Hoxha on behalf of the CC of the PLA

**COMRADE ENVER HOXHA'S GREETING
ADDRESSED TO THE CONGRESS ON
BEHALF OF THE CC OF THE PARTY
OF LABOUR OF ALBANIA**

To the 7th Congress of the Labour Youth Union
of Albania

Dear young comrades,

Today, not only the youth, but our entire people, the whole of Albania, are living with your Congress. It is a great joy for me, on behalf of the Central Committee of the Party to express my great love for the younger generation, the beautiful future of the Homeland, to extend to you my warmest greetings and heartfelt wishes for complete success in the proceedings of the 7th Congress of the Labour Youth Union of Albania.

The Party is fully confident that you, comrade delegates, will be worthy representatives of the wonderful younger generation. You will bring to that great tribune the powerful voice and the clear thought of the youth, their unwavering loyalty to the people, who gave them birth and raised them, to the Party

which made their life joyful and happy, to Marxism-Leninism and the communist ideals, which mould and temper them as true revolutionaries. Once again you will express their readiness to undertake new and greater tasks in all fields of socialist construction and the defence of the Homeland, for the successful implementation of the decisions of the historic 7th Congress of the Party.

With the lively discussions that will be held and the mature decisions that will be adopted, your 7th Congress will carry forward all the mobilizing and educational work of the Youth Union, this much beloved militant organization of the youth, the loyal auxiliary and fighting reserve of the Party.

You have assembled in the beautiful city of Elbasan, the name of which is linked with the many voluntary actions of the youth, especially the building of railways. But the fact that your Congress is being held precisely in one of the sections of the Metallurgical Complex, this monumental work of the Party and our heroic working class, into which the sweat of our glorious youth is being poured, is of great significance. Comrade delegates, while living these moments in that industrial environment, think of the heights to which the Party has raised our beloved Homeland. Albania has become a flourishing country today, with modern industry, advanced agriculture, with developed education and culture, and impregnable defence. The beautiful dreams, for which Qemal Stafa, Vojo Kushi, Misto Mame, Margarita Tutulani, Zonja Çurre, Manush Alimani, Shyqyri Ishmi, and thousands upon thousands of other martyrs laid down their young lives, have been realized under the leadership of our beloved Party.

The youth of our country have been and are an active force of the revolution and socialist construction. They have always proved themselves to be ardent patriots, loyal fighters for the cause of the Party and fiery defenders of its Marxist-Leninist line.

The Party, the people, and all us comrades of the generation of the war, have seen the heroic youth of our country, clashing with the enemy, defying even death, in the name of the liberation of the Homeland, because, without that war, freedom could not be won or our people's power established, we have seen them go from action to action, building roads and bridges, factories and industrial complexes, erecting the dams of hydropower stations, to give the country light, draining marshes and taking to the hills and mountains to give the people bread, sitting at their desks in school and at university in order to learn and master knowledge and culture, science and technique, because the new Albania required knowledge. On every front of struggle and work to which the Party has summoned the youth, they have responded with the dynamism of their age, with high enthusiasm, revolutionary drive, complete readiness, and communist determination.

Every important event in the life of the Party and the country immediately enters into the life of the younger generation. Every programme of the Party arouses new energies among the youth. The 7th Congress of the Party and its historic decisions have given the youth strong arms and inexhaustible energies, have illuminated their thinking for greater and more heroic deeds in the future, in the interests of the people and the Homeland. There is no doubt that the youth and their militant organization will stand,

as always, in the front line of the battles which await us in the future, in order to carry our victorious revolution through to the end, to make Albania more beautiful, more prosperous and stronger.

In our socialist Homeland, the youth are surrounded by the great care of the Party and the people. The Party has opened brilliant prospects to them, has created all the possibilities for them to work, study, and live like revolutionaries. This cannot happen in the capitalist and revisionist countries, where the youth are living in a difficult situation. Imperialism and social-imperialism, the bourgeoisie and revisionism are working to sap the strength of the youth, to throw them into general ideological and moral confusion and disarray, to encourage inclinations amongst them towards an empty life, devoid of ideals, to throw them into anarchic and adventurous actions. Meanwhile, their propaganda does not fail to prattle about the «freedom» and «personality» of man, especially of the younger generation. But of what freedom and personality can we speak in the bourgeois and revisionist countries, when masses of youth are roaming the streets, without work and devoid of hope, when the doors of the schools are closed to them, while the many churches and religious institutions, with the weight of their mystical domes are squeezing the life from them, when night and day, drug addicts, hooligans, thieves and murderers, who commit crimes of ever growing proportions, are lurking around the street corners? The miserable situation of that decaying world cannot fail to lead to the justified revolt of the youth, to battles for a better life, for freedom, democracy and socialism.

Today, the Party, the working class and all the working people of our country are engaged more than ever in the great struggle to solve the problems of the further development of the socialist society by relying on their own efforts, to cope successfully, as always, with the continuous pressures and blockades of the imperialist and revisionist encirclement, to defend Marxism-Leninism from the attacks of the bourgeoisie and reaction, from the attacks and distortions of old and new revisionists and opportunists. By taking part in this struggle, as a shock force and assault detachment, the younger generation is embellishing its socialist present and communist future, it is educated and tempered so that it will always remain a generation of indomitable revolutionaries.

The education of the youth with the ideas of Marxism-Leninism, with the ideology and teachings of our Party, is a permanent task for the whole Party and the Youth Union. The communist ideals provide the youth with their aim in life, in the struggle and efforts they are making under the leadership of the Party for the construction of socialist society. These ideals unite them in steel-like unity with the working class and the other masses of the working people around our Party. Imbued with the revolutionary ideology of the working class, the youth can find their bearings correctly in any situation, temper themselves to become determined fighters, loyal to the end to the Party and its line, ready to devote their energies, talents, and lives, to the construction of socialism, the defence of the dictatorship of the proletariat and the socialist Homeland. The active participation of the entire youth in the political and ideological, economic and cultural life of the country, their par-

ticipation in revolutionary actions and undertakings, their activation in waging the class struggle against external and internal enemies, against manifestations of the bourgeois-revisionist ideology and liberal attitudes towards them, and to patriarchal and conservative remnants, must serve this great purpose.

The patriotic traditions of our forefathers, the feelings of freedom and patriotism, the love for culture and work, which they implanted with their innumerable heroic deeds and sacrifices over the centuries, the lofty moral and political virtues, which have been further tempered and enriched in the great epic of the Anti-fascist National Liberation War and the years of socialism, are a great treasure, an inexhaustible source of inspiration and education for the younger generation. By acquainting themselves with these outstanding traditions, the present-day youth and the coming generations will gain a better understanding of the line of the Party, its Marxist-Leninist ideology, and the content of the struggle it has waged and is waging at the head of the masses of the working people to defend the freedom and independence of Albania, and the victories of the people's revolution, and to build the most advanced society in the history of mankind — socialism and communism.

The 7th Congress of the Party adopted the 6th Five-year Plan, the fulfilment of which will make the people's economy still stronger, will develop our socialist culture to a higher level and further strengthen the defence of the country. Without the broad involvement of the younger generation, the young workers, cooperativists and the representatives of the new intelligentsia, the objectives the Party has set

for this five-year period cannot be successfully attained. As always, the fiery patriotism of the youth will be expressed, their gigantic strength will burst out, their revolutionary consciousness and spirit will be raised higher, in the struggle for the fulfilment of the state plan.

With unwavering confidence in the line of the Party, with boundless love for the people, comrades of the youth, go on the attack on all fronts of the construction of socialism, where the difficulties are greatest, in the countryside or wherever our socialist Homeland needs you.

The construction of socialist society demands work and knowledge, people with profound Marxist-Leninist understanding, with broad horizons and culture. It is up to the younger generation, to the young workers and peasants, pupils and students to equip themselves with education and culture, to assimilate knowledge eagerly, through will-power and persistence, to master science, technology and our military art, and always to put this at the service of the people, the Homeland and socialism.

Comrade delegates,

For the younger generation, for the entire people, the Party has made life beautiful and happy. Of course, this has not been easy. On the way we have encountered and will encounter many difficulties and obstacles not only those of growth, but also those caused by the class enemy. The youth have never feared difficulties, the enemy, or the savage imperialist-revisionist encirclement, and never will. Along

with the pick and the book they keep a firm grip on the rifle, too, ready to give anyone who may try to lay a finger on the freedom and independence of the country and the victories of the revolution and socialism, the reply they deserved.

The situation in the world today is disturbed and fraught with great danger, because of the aggressive, expansionist and war-mongering policy of the two superpowers. Our youth must follow the course of international events carefully, on the basis of the Marxist-Leninist line of the Party, make a correct assessment of the situation, draw conclusions and tasks, know how to cope intelligently and skilfully with the plots of US imperialism, and Soviet social-imperialism and always be determined fighters against revisionism and opportunism of every hue. Educated in the spirit of proletarian internationalism, they must, as always, support the just revolutionary struggle the youth are waging in the world, convinced that no matter how great the forces of reaction may be, the future belongs to the peoples and the youth.

All experience todate has confirmed the decisive importance which leadership by the Party has for the fate of the people and the youth, for the present and the future of the revolution and socialism in our country. The more deeply this understanding is implanted in the minds of the youth, the more conscious they will be of the great role they play in socialist society, and more they will increase their efforts to gain a thorough knowledge of the line of the Party, to defend it selflessly and apply it resolutely, to the end.

The Central Committee of the Party expresses

its conviction that in the future, too, the organization of the Labour Youth Union of Albania will continue to play the great role incumbent on it in the organization, mobilization and education of the broad masses of the youth, will always be the right hand of the Party, and its steel pillar.

Let the lofty figure of our youth, the glorious younger generation of socialist Albania, shine with all its beauty, purity and heroism, under the leadership of the Party! Let the revolutionary vigour of the youth, their sound minds and powerful hands, be felt everywhere, in the factories and the fields, in schools and army units, so that our beloved Homeland may always progress and prosper!

Long live the heroic youth of our country!

Long live the revolutionary and militant organization, the Labour Youth Union of Albania!

Long live our glorious Party!

Glory to Marxism-Leninism!

On behalf of the Central Committee
of the Party of Labour of Albania.

ENVER HOXHA

**COMRADE ENVER HOXHA'S SPEECH
DELIVERED AT THE CLOSING SESSION
OF THE CONGRESS**

**THERE IS NO FORCE ON EARTH WHICH CAN
BREAK THE PARTY AND THE YOUTH UNITED
TO ONE MAN WITH PEOPLE**

Deeply moved by the enthusiastic and ardent reception by the delegates amidst powerful cheers and applause comrade Enver Hoxha raises to speak:

Dear comrades,

Before the banners are distributed, I wish to express my heartfelt love and that of the Party, and the Central Committee, for the heroic youth of our country. I had a burning desire to be here amongst you. And so I came, to rejoice together with you and to congratulate you on this historic Congress, I have followed you attentively, I saw and heard you on television. I saw you come to the tribune of your Congress one after another, to express your progres-

sive opinions and your ardent and boundless love for our glorious Party, the Albanian people and our socialist Homeland. You inspired us all. You made me feel twenty years younger. You, our heroic youth, have displayed great maturity and determination, courage and heroism in following the line of the Party, in understanding and implementing it correctly. Everything about your contributions pleased me. I hope you will excuse me because I cannot repeat all the things you said. But I want to repeat just one idea of a son of the working class, who works here in the Metallurgical Combine, who, in my opinion, has thoroughly understood our theory, Marxism-Leninism, and links it well with practice. He said that the blast furnace could not work and could not produce steel if we do not clean it of the slag. This responds to the main principles of Marxism-Leninism, to the class struggle, which must be carried on sternly against internal enemies as well as against external enemies. We must sweep away the slag with our ideal, with our Marxist-Leninist ideas.

You young comrades, have a beautiful life ahead of you, because, both for this beautiful life which we have built and for that of the future, which will be even more beautiful, you have shed your blood, you will pour out sweat, you have given the strength of your youthful muscles, your creative thinking, you knowledge and the love of your fiery hearts. Here you spoke about only some of those great works which you have given the people. You were modest in what you said, but it is very good to be modest. I congratulate you, because your works are innumerable. The Party acknowledges them, the people acknowledge



Comrade Enver Hoxha speaking at the closing session of the Congress

them, and they are proud of you. You are the most beautiful flowers of the Homeland but you are also as strong as steel, stronger than any steel that could be poured in the most modern combines in the world. You are of those special steels, just as the communists are of a special steel, you are unbreakable just as the communists. You are such because you are the sons and daughters of a glorious and heroic people. You are such because the Party of Labour nurtures you every day with the immortal ideology of Marxism-Leninism, which tempers you in work and life, which teaches you to link theory well with practice. And see what you have achieved with your deeds. Our whole people see them, our friends and enemies see them.

The Party has entrusted you, young men and women, to manage the affairs of the state, the economy, the army, culture and science. The Party has great confidence in you, and the fact is that hundreds of thousands of young men and women are managing the construction of socialism marvellously and with their work and high vigilance, are defending the dictatorship of the proletariat.

As the Central Committee stressed in the message of greeting it sent you, the Party and the people have great confidence in you, and we, older generation, will pour out our blood, too, if need be, and will always help you to forge ahead, to take up the torch and carry it further forward. You must see to it that the younger generations that will come after you, that they, too, should be raised like you, in struggle and work, and be tempered on the glorious anvil of the Party, of the Party of the proletariat, that they fill its ranks with new blood, so that our Party, right up

to communism, will always be young, strong, indomitable and triumphant. And this is what certainly will be. We don't say this just to boast, but up till now we have battled through great storms and tempests and we have weathered them successfully. And in the future too, we shall have to do battles with the enemies, but we are not afraid. Those who think that we are isolated, are greatly mistaken. At no time have we been, are we, or will be isolated, because our Party advances under its banner of the triumphant ideology of Marxism-Leninism, which has captured the hearts and minds of the world proletariat and guides the genuine Marxist-Leninist parties. This is a solid, steel-like force, against which the imperialist, social-imperialist, revisionist, opportunist, charlatan enemies will break their heads. Therefore, dear young comrades, we must love and temper our heroic Party, to which we owe all our successes. The people are indebted to it for this beautiful new socialist life we have built which we are going to make even more beautiful. This love must be tempered, not as something sentimental, but in the Marxist-Leninist way. We must strengthen the unity within the Party, must protect the Party from precisely what the worker from the Metallurgical plant said from the slag. And we also protect the youth, who are so pure, so heroic, so courageous, so daring, so mature and happy, from the slag. There is no force on earth which can break the Party and the youth united as one man with the people. This unity exists and it will be made even stronger.

Following the historic 7th Congress of the Party, your congress will impart an unprecedented impetus to the social and economic development of our coun-

try. Here you took courageous pledges. The Party thanks you and is convinced that you will carry them out. It will give you every assistance so that you can fulfil them successfully. In the name of the Central Committee of the Party and in my own name, I say to you, work, think, create, achieve, and be vigilant. A young girl here, from Shishtavec if I am not mistaken, said that we have keen eyes on the rifle sights, and that's how it should be. While carrying out all these great works, we must be armed and always on guard to protect the Homeland and the victories of socialism. We must be strategists in the construction of hydro-power plants and combines, and military strategists as well. Our people have been valiant fighters. As the Party teaches, the sons and daughters of the people, who inherited the lofty patriotic virtues of their forefathers, who raised them even higher in the glorious National Liberation War and reinforced them with the Albanian people's military art, will smash any enemy, any coalition of enemies, be they the US imperialists, the Soviet social-imperialists or their lackeys. Therefore we must strengthen our country internally, and we must assist in strengthening international Marxist-Leninist unity.

We see here how proletarian internationalism, which Marxism-Leninism teaches us, is developing and growing stronger. Friends and comrades from many countries have come to this Congress. I heard them as they spoke from this tribune with fire and love for the Albanian people, for the Party of Labour, for our youth, and we love them wholeheartedly and will always help them wholeheartedly and will collaborate with them in our common struggle for the cause of the revolution. We assure our Marxist-Lenin-

ist friends and comrades that we will perform our duties to the end. In the name of the Central Committee of the Party, I thank them for the great and unlimited assistance they give us in the international arena, assistance which we praise and greatly appreciate. They are fighting under difficult conditions and they are advancing, spreading the Marxist-Leninist ideas, fighting for socialism and the triumph of the revolution. I express my heartfelt thanks to all these delegates.

Once again I greet you comrade delegates, and through you all the young people of our country. I greet the heroic working class and especially the workers of the Metallurgical Complex, where this Congress has been held, which will strengthen our economy, our country and the working class itself. I greet the Albanian technicians and engineers, and the Chinese technicians and engineers who are working together, and congratulate the Chinese specialists on the occasion of their National Day, the first of October. I greet the heroic women of our country. I greet the cooperativist peasantry. I greet our glorious People's Army, the defender of the victories of our Homeland. I greet the militant progressive and education-loving citizens of Elbasan.

Long live the Party!
Long live the youth!



Comrade Lumburi Rexha delivering the report

**REPORT OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE
LYUA «WE MUST EDUCATE THE YOUTH WITH
COMMUNIST IDEALS AND A SOUND
REVOLUTIONARY SPIRIT»**

Delivered by the First Secretary of the Central
Committee of the LYUA, comrade Lumturi Rexha

Dear comrade delegates,

The 7th Congress of the Labour Youth Union of Albania is a marked event for the entire younger generation, a fiery manifestation of the steel-like unity of our youth around the Party and its Central Committee with comrade Enver Hoxha at the head. The younger generation of Albania, imbued with lofty communist ideals, has followed the Party with revolutionary optimism and boundless loyalty on its glorious road. In the Marxist-Leninist line of the Party, our youth have always found the expression of their revolutionary aspirations and the only road for their fulfilment. Our hearts swell with joy when we see to what eagle heights our Party has raised our flight, the horizons it has opened to our youth.

Therefore, comrade delegates on behalf of all the youth of our country, allow me from the tribune of this Congress to convey the first greeting to the Party and comrade Enver Hoxha, and make the solemn pledge: We will stand for ever with our glorious Party, always march resolutely and unwaveringly on its Marxist-Leninist road.

The youth come to this Congress with great victories. The period since the 6th Congress of the Labour Youth Union of Albania has been characterized by the heroic work of the youth on all fronts of the construction of socialism, to carry into life the magnificent programme of the Party. Armed with the ideals of the revolution and communism, they have studied, worked and fought, undaunted by any difficulty. Wherever the Party has called on them, wherever the Homeland has needed them, they always have responded with their readiness.

The Party honoured the militant organization of the Labour Youth Union of Albania with the high title of «Hero of Socialist Labour», on account of the ardent patriotism, heroism and tireless work of the younger generation in the socialist construction and the defence of the Homeland, in the period between the two Congresses. As always, our youth turned this high assessment into a source of inspiration and strength for the accomplishment of all tasks.

In the period between the two Congresses of the LYUA, a fierce class struggle has been waged against the enemies of the Party and the people, who, in collusion with the external enemies, worked in the field of ideology, in the army and the economy, to liquidate the Party and overthrow the dictatorship of the proletariat. They had also trained their sights

on our pure and red youth, the fighting reserve of our Party. The enemies suffered an utter and ignominious defeat and were dealt a lethal blow. Under the paternal solicitude of the Party, of our beloved teacher and leader, comrade Enver Hoxha, the Albanian youth will always be immune to all the activity and influence of the internal and external enemy; it will be like «a bed of roses», always in bloom and free of weeds, an inexhaustible source which gives life and animation to the Homeland.

Our Congress assembles ten months after the historic 7th Congress of our glorious Party, which laid down the tasks for the allround development of the economy and culture, for the strengthening of the defence capacity of the country, for the further enhancement of the leading role of the Party, for a determined waging of the class struggle, for the mastering of the ideas of Marxism-Leninism in close connection with the teachings of the Party and comrade Enver Hoxha, for the continual consolidation of our state of the dictatorship of the proletariat, the freedom and independence of our Homeland. As well as the entire people, its decisions have also mobilized the youth of our country, have increased their drive, enthusiasm and mobilization for the fulfilment of the tasks of the 6th Five-year Plan, have inspired them to always be a generation of revolutionaries, loyal to the Party, ready to devote their energies, talent and life to the construction of socialism and the defence of the Homeland.

The report delivered to that Congress by comrade Enver Hoxha is an outstanding Marxist-Leninist document, a magnificent revolutionary programme of work and struggle to march ahead on the glorious

road of the construction of socialism and the revolution. It made a penetrating analysis of the internal and international situation, scientifically summed up the rich experience of the Party in the heroic struggle for the further promotion of the revolution and the construction of socialism in our country, defended the principles of Marxism-Leninism consistently, and further enriched the theoretical thinking of our Party. In this report, our youth find their militant programme, draw inspiration for their struggle and work, in order to keep the communist ideals and the revolutionary spirit always ablaze.

Comrade Enver Hoxha's speech delivered at the meeting of the Political Bureau on June 17th this year, aroused indescribable enthusiasm among the entire youth. This speech became a guide for the entire work of the youth organization in preparing for this Congress, and in the future too it will serve the LYUA to enhance its role as an organized detachment and the auxiliary of the Party for the communist education of the younger generation. The great trust the Party and the people have placed in the youth multiplies our forces and increases our courage so as to be always in the front line of the battles, wherever the interests of the Homeland, the people and socialism demand.

Our Youth Are Educated with the Marxist-Leninist Ideology and the Teachings of the Party and Comrade Enver Hoxha so that it Will Always Be a Revolutionary Youth

The communist ideals have inspired our youth to march enthusiastically on the road indicated by the Party, have trained them as an organized detachment to attack there where more courage and valour, greater selflessness and sacrifices are called for, to stand always in the front line of the revolution, of the socialist construction and the defence of the Homeland. The younger generation of our country is determined to keep these ideals always ablaze in their minds and hearts and to be guided by them in every step.

The young men and women have always found an inexhaustible source of communist ideals in the Marxist-Leninist ideology, in the great work of Marx, Engels, Lenin and Stalin, in the teachings of the Party and comrade Enver Hoxha. All this invaluable treasury is in the hands of the youth, who, wherever they study, work and live, are nourished and inspired by it, continually preparing themselves so that they always remain a revolutionary youth, and unyielding fighters for the great cause of the Party, socialism and communism.

The imbuing of the younger generation with the Marxist-Leninist ideology has been and remains the primary task for our youth organization, because without this education, the youth cannot play their role as the combat reserve of the Party properly. This assumes particular importance especially now, when, the Party at its 7th Congress laid down complex and all sided tasks for the construction of socialism and

the defence of the Homeland, when our Party is engaged in a fierce struggle for the defence of Marxism-Leninism, against its revisionist and opportunist enemies, when the imperialist-revisionist encirclement continues to bring allround political and ideological, economic and military pressure to bear on our country.

It is the duty of our organization to make the youth as clear and conscious as possible about these tasks and the situation, because only those young people who know why and for whom they work, who know the objective laws of the construction of socialist society, can realize their tasks with success, overcome difficulties, cope with the imperialist-revisionist blockade and encirclement.

Marxism-Leninism is mastered in the process of the struggle for the fulfilment of the tasks in the field of production, lessons and defence. «Practice», comrade Enver Hoxha teaches us, *«will develop the creative thought of the youth and their ability to assimilate Marxist-Leninist theory more easily and to link it with life, with their everyday struggle.»* And life has indicated that where people work and create, where difficulties and obstacles are overcome, where the fight is being waged against alien ideology and manifestations, there the Marxist-Leninist education of the youth also proceeds better. Rich experience here is provided by the young people of the «Ismet Sali Bruçaj» brigade at the Fierza Hydro Power-plant. For its members, the majority being young people it is not a question of merely fulfilling targets but only of overfulfilling them. Within one year this brigade realises two plans. The youth are working on the most difficult fronts, in a spirit of

great mobilization and with an unbreakable will. No difficulty can check the impetus and strength of the members of the «Hero» brigade. They can also be found studying taking part in political and social, cultural and artistic activities, studying at part time schools and qualification courses. When you hear about all the achievements of these ordinary people, who work like heroes, you are overwhelmed by a feeling of deep respect for them. This is the colossal strength and energy which Marxism-Leninism gives the youth, when it is mastered in an active and conscious manner.

Such a study, from books and revolutionary practice, enables the youth to understand the laws of social development, the breadth and depth of the Marxist-Leninist ideology, even better. Thus, the close linking of theory with life must permeate even better the courses of Marxist-Leninist education, talks, lectures, contests, all the ideological work of our youth organization, in order to profit as much as possible from them and to create sound and stable views.

Marxism-Leninism is mastered better when it is studied in close connection with the teachings of the Party and comrade Enver Hoxha. These teachings are a creative development of Marxism-Leninism in the conditions of our country, a brilliant summing-up of the heroic struggle of the people and the Party for the establishment of the dictatorship of the proletariat, the construction of socialism and the defence of the Homeland. In these teachings, the youth find the revolutionary method and style of work, the unerring guide for solving all problems and overcoming all difficulties.

The youth make up the bulk of the readers of

political books. They study the documents of the Party and the Works of Comrade Enver Hoxha with great eagerness. Our Youth Union is duty bound to encourage and develop this ardent desire of the youth, and in the course of the study of the materials of the Party to help young men and women, confront the state of affairs and themselves as well as the situation in their organization with the orientations and directives of the Party, and, from this confrontation, draw conclusions and set tasks, take initiatives and throw themselves into concrete revolutionary actions.

Viewing our work with a critical eye, we observe that, in the ideological education of the youth, not all the organizations are engaged in a thorough work, that the method of confrontation as regards these teachings is not used in all cases. Here in lies one of the primary causes that some of our comrades of the youth organization do not always match their words with their deeds. It is up to the youth organizations to raise the level of the educative work, to render it as concrete and substantiated as possible, linking it closely with the problems of life, work and study, with everybody's stand and conduct, fighting manifestations of superficiality and formalism more strongly.

The youth master Marxism-Leninism, the teachings of the Party and comrade Enver Hoxha in the entire process of the political and ideological work of the Party, of its organization and the other organizations of the masses. As early as at school the younger generation begins to be imbued with these teachings, in the entire process of the educational work as well as in the individual subjects of Marxism-

Leninism. It is nourished with these teachings through the press and books, the radio and television, music and painting, the cinema and theatre, in houses and centres of culture, in literary-artistic and technical-scientific clubs. All these means and forms which the Party has put at our disposal must be evaluated more and utilized better for the political and ideological education of the youth.

The Marxist-Leninist education of the youth is realized through their active and uninterrupted participation in the class struggle which, as the 7th Congress of the Party stressed, is being waged sternly on all fronts and is the main motive force which pushes ahead socialist society. The experience of our Party and of the revolution shows that the internal and external enemies never give up their counter-revolutionary aims towards the dictatorship of the proletariat. The enemy groups in the army, in the economy and ideology, endeavoured to hit the Party, the leading force of the people, to undermine the socialist order, to transform Albania into a bourgeois revisionist country. The uncovering, exposure and smashing of these groups by the 4th, 5th, 6th and the 7th Plenums of the Central Committee of the Party, constitute a victory of great historic importance for the destiny of the Homeland and socialism in our country. They became a major school for the revolutionary education and tempering of the entire youth, taught them to always maintain high level of political vigilance and an irreconcilable stand towards the class enemy.

During the period under review, the youth and their organization have waged a severe struggle against liberal manifestations, conservative and patri-

archal remnants. The edge of this struggle was directed against liberal manifestations and stands, which the class enemy fan and incite with the aim of sowing seeds of confusion and degeneration among the youth, to estrange them from the Party and divert them from the road of the revolution. This was precisely what the enemies of the people and the Party, Fadil Paçrami and Todi Lubonja wanted. They posed as «friends» of the youth, but in their every thought and action they proved to be their sworn enemies, because their ideology was bourgeois and revisionist, the art they wanted to dish up was decadent and confusing, the mode of life they wanted to cultivate was degenerate and enslaving. The youth powerfully supported the decisions of the 4th Plenum of the Central Committee of the Party, intensified the class struggle against manifestations of liberalism on every front and in every direction, raised the revolutionary spirit and mobilization higher, strengthened proletarian discipline at work, at study and in defence.

The Party has instructed that alien liberal, manifestations are not easily eliminated at one stroke, because they have the quality of appearing in a disguised form and re-emerging in other forms when vigilance is relaxed and the struggle against them is waged by campaigns. This phenomenon is evident among some young men and women who manifest liberal concepts and actions as regards the mode of life and communist morality, on work and socialist property, on proletarian taste and education. Therefore, these manifestations must always be subjected to the fire of the ideological struggle, we must fight against complacency, indifferentism, work by fits and starts, and the idea that allegedly «there is no longer

anything to fight against in this field.», because liberalism and its manifestations remain a constant serious threat, especially to the youth. This is an ideological struggle for the solution of the non-antagonistic contradictions in the ranks of the youth, which must be waged without respite, with Marxist-Leninist wisdom and maturity. In this struggle, it must be firmly borne in mind that, while manifestations of liberalism are reactionary on account of their ideological content, their bearers are members of our youth organization. To fight alien bourgeois-revisionist manifestations and liberal stand towards them, preventing them from becoming offences, this is one of the primary tasks of our organization of the youth.

The struggle against liberalism is inseparable from the struggle against manifestations of conservatism and patriarchalism, petty-bourgeois psychology and religious vestiges. The youth have always been inexorable in their fight against all these so-called «vestiges» because they are always in opposition to the socialist ideology and order, to our revolutionary code of conduct. The results are being seen in the new life developing with ever increasing vigour, in the healthy relations between young men and women in society and the family, in the smashing of artisan concepts and practices in the field of production, in the discarding of the old mentalities concerning direction and learning.

Nevertheless, backward customs and leftovers of religious ideology still survive in our society and, when they find favourable ground, infect the younger generation. Hence the need of creating deep convic-

tions about the danger emanating from them to the young men and especially young women. Our organization is duty bound to attach special care to educative work among the young women, to develop their personality, so that they do not submit to old customs and pressure of conservative opinion, take active part in the struggle led by the Party for the complete emancipation of the woman and the entire society. Our youth can never reconcile themselves to liberal and conservative stands, they will wage a fierce class struggle not only in their own ranks, but also among the others, in the quality of the attack and shock force of the Party.

Our socialist society requires that every young man and woman should become a good, disciplined, sincere, honest, modest, and courageous citizen. In every step, all our socialist reality inspires us to act in the spirit of lofty moral virtues, placing the interests of the Homeland above everything. These precious qualities are materialized with extraordinary force in the entire life of our youth. They were magnificently displayed by our glorious comrade Ilia Kici Dashi, who, educated by the Party in the revolutionary spirit of self-sacrifice and abnegation, braved the flames that broke out unexpectedly on his warship and fell heroically at his post of service, saving the ship and defending his comrades from the danger of fire. He laid down his life, but the name and deed of this hero live on and soar high in our hearts, along with the names of other young heroes such as Ylli Zaimi, Fran Ivanaj and others. Their life of true revolutionaries inspires us to emulate them in every step we take, to live up to the communist ideal both

during and after work, at school and in family, in relations among us, in every thought and action.

We are the youth of labour and we take pride in this, because we know that we are working for the people, for the Homeland and socialism; therefore, we shall be always in the lead, and shall discuss and concern ourselves always with their problems. We are the youth of the rifle and the book, and we take pride in this, because we know that thus we are defending and making our Homeland ourselves and socialism prosper. We shall always remain such and speak about these problems with pride. We stand for comradeship, for friendship and love, but not for the morbid comradeship and corrupt love our enemies are after, but for sincere comradeship and love, which are born and strengthened at work and in life, which have the common ideals, the mutual understanding and respect of young men and young women at their roots, for such love as underlies the foundations of our socialist family. We are the happy youth of songs and dances, the youth characterized by a socialist stand and conduct, the youth fighting for the beautiful revolutionary new. All those are parts of our life, and we shall work and fight better than ever any alien manifestation which harms and corrupts genuine comradeship.

The Youth Union educates the younger generation to love as the apple of the eye the Homeland, the dictatorship of the proletariat, the Party, which have brought these days of happiness and joy. The imperialist and revisionist enemies «pity» our youth, because, under the dictatorship of the proletariat, they are allegedly suffering and hard-driven that they

do not allegedly enjoy «the great freedoms and opportunities», which otherwise the so-called «bourgeois democracy» would allegedly offer them. Our youth reply to these gentlemen with one of our people's sayings: don't pity the rider because his legs are hanging! It is the dictatorship of the proletariat that for over three decades now is bringing up and making a happy and free younger generation flourish in Albania. The dictatorship of the proletariat provides us with schooling and jobs, education and health service free-of-charge, the right to be members of the militant organization of the Labour Youth Union of Albania, and to develop our inclinations and talents in all fields and on all fronts of socialist construction and the defence of the Homeland. In the dictatorship of the proletariat we see our secure present and future, hence under the leadership of the Party, it is our sacred duty to stand always in the forefront of the class struggle in order to strengthen and defend this dictatorship like the apple of the eye.

Thousands of young men and women have been elected to the organs of the people's power. Like the entire youth, everywhere they work, live and study, they, too, must take an even more active part in the solution of problems, speak out even more boldly about all important questions of the life of the country, stand up against any alien, bureaucratic or liberal stand and manifestation which violates the dictatorship of the proletariat, and through ceaseless work and efforts justify the trust the Party and the people have placed in them.

Our youth are following step by step and living intensely through the internal and external developments, in which they are building and defending

socialism. They were born and brought up in encirclement, but they have never been or are intimidated by this. Precisely because they have acquired such an understanding, like the entire people, the youth have always responded to every situation with high vigilance and steel-like unity, with revolutionary mobilization and preparedness, with unbent determination to implement and defend the line of the Party at every step.

We do know well that the road of the construction and defence of socialism is arduous, but glorious. We do not back down before difficulties, because the Party has educated and educates us to see life not as a field of roses, to see the blessings we enjoy not as a donation, but as results of sweat and toil, which call for the sweat and toil of the youth, too, in order to increase and make them flourish further, which call for our vigilance and readiness to defend them from any danger. We must work still more in order to get the youth to know the situations, both internal and external, to inform them of the Marxist-Leninist thinking and stand of our Party towards the events, problems and developments in the world. And this we must not do only to satisfy their curiosity, or merely to add to their culture, but in order to clarify their minds, to make them always aware of, and prepared for, any difficulty and emergency, any blockade, external pressure, or aggression.

The imperialist and revisionist enemies have set up a savage blockade they are resorting to blackmail and threats against our country. They always wanted to isolate our people and Party, and to sow the seed of distrust in our ranks. But under the leadership of the Party, our people have marched ahead and have

always emerged victorious. Our youth have remained and will always remain loyal to the Party and the people in this struggle.

The Education of the Youth Is Realized in Struggle for the Construction of Socialism

The 6th Five-year Plan is a great programme of work for the youth. By taking active part in the struggle for its realization, the youth strengthen and embellish the Homeland, are educated and tempered as revolutionaries.

The fulfilment of the 6th Five-year Plan with success demands that every young man and woman know well the economic policy of the Party, work and fight as revolutionaries under siege, in a spirit of heroism and sacrifice, with proletarian discipline, with high productivity and good quality, according to advanced norms and in a profound spirit of saving. Confidence in the forces of the people, in the economic and spiritual capacity of the country, in the correct line of the Party are the primary conditions to cope as always with the imperialist-revisionist blockade, to break the blockades, to foil the pressure they bring to bear on our country.

In view of the fact that the tasks of the plan in industry are great, that the value of the industrial production will be greater than that realized during the four five-year plans of the 1951-1970 period, as well as the considerable increase in the production of oil, gas and all other minerals, the forces of youth have been mobilized, in the first place, in the extracting and processing heavy industry, in the oil indus-

try, mining, geological prospecting, in the engineering industry, in metallurgy, construction, without overlooking the other branches of the economy. The members of the organization of the youth in the Batër Martanesh chromium mine, having grasped correctly the fighting slogan «Chromium breaks the blockade», with tireless work on the most difficult fronts underground, with proletarian discipline and socialist emulation, with a lofty spirit of solidarity and sacrifice, have given the Homeland thousands of tons of chromium over the plan. Without backing down before any difficulty or obstacle, the young people in the Durrës ship-yard, in a lofty revolutionary and innovating spirit, together with the workers and specialists, have taken upon themselves to realize bold tasks, from the production of the spare parts to the construction of the selfunloading metal boat. The young men and women of the youth organizations in the «Enver» plant, the «Traktori» plant, the engineering plant in Vlora, the precision instruments plant in Korça, and many other organizations in all the branches of the industry are also working like them.

However, we must not be content with the results achieved. There are still young men and women workers who absent themselves from work, fail to fulfil work norms, turn out poor quality products, do not observe work discipline, and maintain a careless attitude towards the common property. These weaknesses must attract the attention of the youth organizations more seriously, because they speak of the weaknesses of the educative work, which, in many cases fails to take proper account of the scarce experience of the youth at work and in

life, their relatively low technical and professional level and the gaps in the formation of their class consciousness.

In the work and production centres, the youth constitute 42 per cent of the working class. They are the future of the working class, its most vital force for the fulfilment of the plan and all other tasks. The constant education and tempering of the young workers has to do with the leading role of the working class in the socialist society, with the example the working youth must set to all the youth of the country. Hence, the great tasks of responsibility for our organization of the youth, which, in close collaboration with the Trade Unions and the directors of production, must improve their work for the education of the worker youth in the proletarian ideology, with love for work, common property and their profession, with proletarian discipline and lofty socialist consciousness.

The Party has always considered agriculture as the basis of the economy. Under the 6th Five-year Plan, the total value of agricultural production will grow to an extent almost equal to the agricultural production realized in the 1st, 2nd, 3rd Five-year Plans taken together.

The youth have been the great force for the development of socialist agriculture, the introduction of the achievements of science and technology in production, the increase of yields and the fulfilment of the work norms, the strengthening of discipline and the perfecting of socialist management and organization of work. No weather difficulty defeated the young men and women of the Grapsh agricultural cooperative in the Gjirokastra district in their efforts

to fulfil and overfulfil the plan of wheat production. The tasks of the Party to become self-sufficient in bread grain became part and parcel of their consciousness. They worked to plant the wheat at all costs, in rain or mud, and through actions, did additional work to tend the crop, everybody rose to his feet to harvest, thresh and take it in, working late into the night on the threshing grounds so that not a single grain of wheat would be wasted.

The young men and women of Këmishtajt, Plasa, Pojan, Dajç, Buçimas, the Bregu i Matës, the youth organizations in the mountainous cooperatives of Kaçinar, Gallata, Shoshaj-Lis, Bicaj, Bolena, those of the agricultural enterprises of Maliq, Sukth, Shkodra, Lukova, and so on, have worked and are working in this spirit to raise cereals and other agricultural crops. These and other examples are more and more convincing us of what the Party has pointed out, namely, it is not the weather conditions but allround conscious and qualified work of the people on the soil, the overcoming of all difficulties that are met, that determine production.

The fulfilment of the great tasks in agriculture demands that the youth and their organization in the countryside better tackle the main problems relating to the allround development of agriculture, the fulfilment of the needs of our people and country not only for bread grain but also for other agricultural products. They must pay attention to the utilization of working time, the implementation of agrozootechny, scientific experimentation, the strengthening of discipline and the preservation of socialist property and, through their example, influence the entire mass of the cooperativists, to ever better consolidate

the cooperativist system politically, ideologically and economically and organizationally, in struggle against all the manifestations of petty-bourgeois psychology and the feeling of private property. We must enhance especially the role of the youth in the agricultural enterprises, so that they better shoulder work where the front is most difficult and make their contribution to make their economies vanguards, models of high yields, centres of dissemination of advanced experience and of the application of the achievements of technology and science.

Working to implement the tasks laid down by the 7th Party Congress for the further development of livestock raising, the youth organizations in the agricultural cooperatives are extending and promoting the initiatives they have taken to send their best young men and women to this sector. Today, in the districts of Përmet, Tropoja, Librazhd, Gramsh, and so on, the bulk of the working people in the sheep raising sector are young people; they stand out for passionate work and the herds which they are tending, produce more milk, wool and meat than the plan. In the future, too, greater struggle will be needed to wage against the stands of underestimation of and wrong concepts about the livestock sector, rejecting the view that this sector leaves you behind in life and progress.

The Party teaches us that the problem of the countryside concerns everybody, that everybody is duty bound to help it develop and progress in an allround manner. The deeper this directive of the Party is instilled in the consciousness of the entire youth, the better it will be applied in life, the greater love for and help to the countryside will become and

the more the ties between town and country side — the alliance between the working class with the peasantry, will be steeled.

The big projects, the revolutionary actions and movements to work and live wherever the Homeland needs them most have always been irreplaceable schools of communist education of the youth where the lofty communist ideals are rooted and consolidated and where socialist patriotism is tempered and strengthened. Comrade Enver Hoxha teaches us that *«... This is Albania, in all its cities and villages, from the plains and highlands, the wonderful coastline and mountain regions, up to the peaks of our alpine pastures with their breath-taking beauty. We will try to make this land beautiful, flourishing, powerful and fertile all over»*. This ardent desire is in the very blood of our younger generation. There is no project in our country where they have not contributed their toil, sweat and inexhaustible energies.

Our youth have set their hearts to working on our major projects. The Party has confidently opened the doors of these fronts to us. Today, it calls on us to work on the Metallurgical Complex, Fierza and Koman, Ballsh and the oil-bearing regions, at Valias and Guri i Kuq, Bulqiza and Tuç, to give full play to our courage, strength and enthusiasm, hand-in-hand with the workers, and to temper ourselves with their class spirit and consciousness. The heroism of the youth, their optimism, their lofty feeling of socialist patriotism, stands out in all its splendour on these projects. When the «Qemal Stafa» chimney building brigade at the Metallurgical Complex was assigned to build a 120 metre high chimney, the highest in this Complex, some expressed their mistrust in «those

young people who lack proper experience of work». What is more, there were even proposals to build a smaller chimney. But the youth, with their brigade leader at the head, set to work optimistically and triumphed over serious technical and weather difficulties, their youth organization grew even stronger, and their brigade was awarded the title of «Hero of Socialist Labour». Such lofty examples have been displayed by the youth in the assembly-construction brigades at Fierza, Ballsh, and at other projects of the 6th Five-year Plan.

Ours are the youth of voluntary actions. They have created a marvellous tradition which has raised ever higher the role of the LYUA organizations. In our country, there is no young man or woman who have not gone through the revolutionary school of the voluntary actions of the youth. Three decades have gone by from the first voluntary action up to the latest, in which the youth have been shedding their sweat. Each of them has had its own youth, its distinguishing characteristics, but at the same time, all those voluntary actions, the untiring work of the youth, have had in common the great communist ideal and socialist patriotism, that inspire the younger generation to contribute their toil to and shed their sweat unsparingly for the construction of socialist Albania. Thanks to this communist work, the youth wrought immortal deeds: the entire railway network, motor roads, hydropower stations, big construction projects and irrigation schemes. The work of the youth, the terraces of magnificent beauty, where plantations of orange, lemon and olive trees roll down to our blue sea, are an immortal monument to communist work.

From the rostrum of this Congress we report to the Party with joy, that the youth is today sheeding its sweat unsparingly in six national voluntary actions, one of which is taking place here in this Combine, at Plant Nr. 12. In the work for building these projects, it is moulding their revolutionary image, they are acquiring the brilliant features of proletarian morality, enhancing courage and the spirit of sacrifice and strengthening proletarian discipline and determination to discharge every task to the letter.

The youth will soon give the Homeland another new gift: the Prrrenjas-Guri i Kuq railway, 28,5 kilometres long, through which, the Metallurgical Complex will get its «bread». In the beautiful tradition of youth voluntary actions, the completion of an action marks only the beginning of another. So we express to our Party and comrade Enver Hoxha the desire and full readiness of the entire youth to take upon themselves the construction of the Fier-Vlora railway. Our youth, determined never to question the word of the Party, take a solemn pledge to build this project on schedule and always honourably uphold their beautiful name — youth of voluntary actions. Just as the brave men who waged the great Anti-fascist National Liberation War and brought us all these blessings we are enjoying today, have what to tell the youth about, so, we, too, will have what to tell the younger generations about in the days to come: we'll tell them that we built this project here, that railway there, tunnelled that mountain, populated that farm, worked everywhere under the leadership of our glorious Party for the construction and defence of socialist Albania.

The greeting that comrade Enver Hoxha sent from the 7th Congress of the Party to the thousands of young men and women, who have responded to the call to work and live in our socialist countryside has further enthused the hearts of the youth. Today, over 14,000 young men and women from town are working on the agricultural front, another 6,700 have gone to work and live from one to three years or for ever in the countryside, 1,500 of them have gone there following the 7th Congress of the Party. The map of the PSR of Albania, is dotted with the names of the new villages: Hoxhara, Bishtkamza, Radova, Pobiccka, which, in the days to come, will grow in numbers. Following the example of the worker youth, many organizations in the secondary and higher schools have pledged to go to the countryside to work and live there after graduation from school.

Against the background of this beautiful reality, those young men and women who seek preferred jobs, who shun difficult fronts and do not always keep the pledge they take, fall out of step. The construction of socialism demand of every young men and women not to fail, even a single day, to engage in work and to work with a high consciousness everywhere: on the main fronts of industry and agriculture, in the mines and the sawmills, on the big projects and in the countryside.

Large work fronts will be the new agricultural and livestock enterprises, which will be set up in conformity with the tasks set by the 7th Congress of the Party. This important measure will influence the further development of agriculture and livestock raising. Comrade delegates, on your behalf and on behalf of the entire younger generation of Albania

allow me to pledge to the Party that the youth will populate them by going to work and live there forever.

Socialism creates all the conditions and possibilities for the youth to enhance the spirit of revolutionary initiative and actions. This reality is embodied in the many movements and initiatives they have undertaken in order to respond promptly to the directives and orientations of the Party. Through the movements «We must learn from the working class», «We must work wherever the Homeland needs us», «We must go to work and live in the countryside», and so on, the youth have been and are being educated with communist ideals. In struggle with the manifestations of fuss and clamour of formalism and shallowness recorded in some cases as well as against the pressure exerted on and obstacles raised to the youth in the implementation of their pledges, the youth organizations will raise the spirit of revolutionary actions and movements to a higher level in order to make them schools of education and tempering of the youth.

We Must Raise the Educational, Cultural and Technical-Scientific Level of the Youth Higher

The tasks set by the Party for the allround communist education of the younger generation are closely linked with the continued uplift of the educational, scientific and cultural level of the youth.

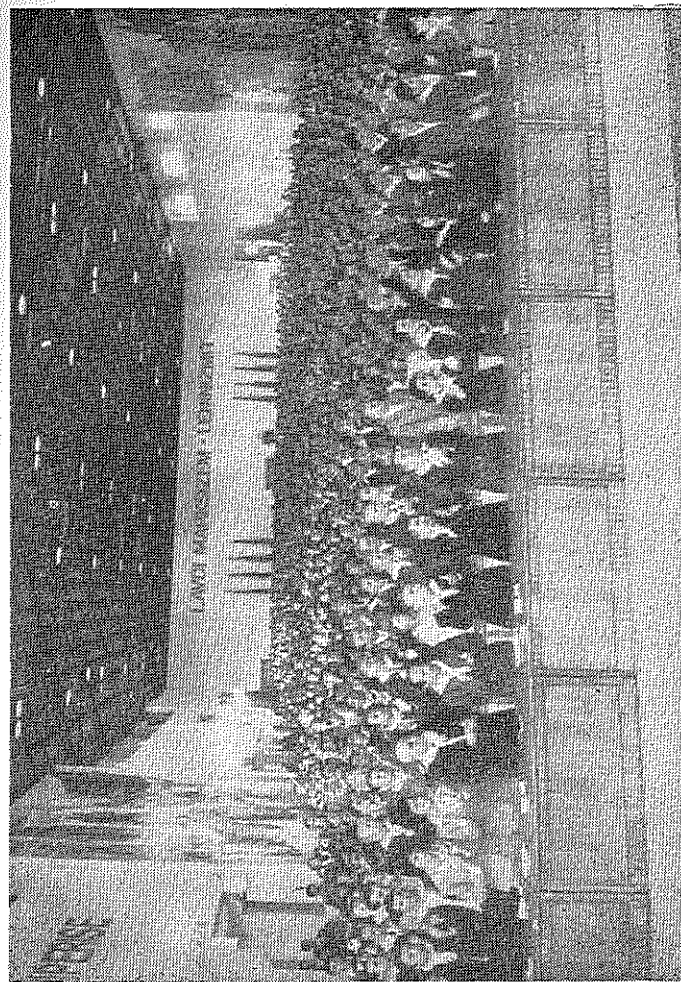
Our revolutionized school plays a primary role in this field. It is the centre in which our younger generation is educated with the proletarian world-

outlook, is equipped with broad socialist knowledge and culture. Compulsory 8-year schooling has been extended to the remotest corners of the Homeland, secondary schooling has assumed a mass character, higher education has also been expanded.

Today socialist Albania occupies one of the first places in the world as regards the ratio between people attending school and the population. But above all its distinguishing feature is the content of teaching in our school, as the school of a new type, through which the Marxist-Leninist ideology runs like a red thread.

We feel extremely elated at, and take great pride in, the thought that all this has taken place in our country within a span of only three and a half decades, under the leadership of our glorious Party, which made our people's centuries-long dream of knowledge and culture, come true for more brilliantly than ever imagined. Our youth are aware that all these successes have been achieved through toil, struggle and efforts, through the work of the great army of commissars of light, for which Ndreç Ndue Gjoka, Ismet Sali Bruçaj, Ilia Qiqi, who will remain like eternal torches in the hearts of the youth, gave their lives.

The entire younger generation, people of all ages attend the full-time and part-time schools. From these schools vanguard workers and peasants have graduated, Heroes of Socialist Labour, technicians, engineers, specialists, all those who have placed their manual and mental energies in the service of the construction of socialism and the defence of the Homeland. But the prospects in the field of education are even greater. Under this five-year plan, 18,000 students



A view of the Congress hall

will graduate from higher schools, and 91,000 from secondary schools. In 1980, 730,000 people will go to school.

Quite the contrary is the case with the masses of youth in the bourgeois and revisionist countries, where illiteracy, the impossibility of pursuing studies and finding a job after graduating, high taxes, discrimination, etc., have become incurable ills, without mentioning the reactionary anti-scientific idealist and metaphysical content of teaching in the schools of those countries. Today there are 810 million illiterate people in the world. There are 23 million of them in the United States of America, 5 million in the revisionist Soviet Union, and about 70 per cent of India's population is illiterate.

Our school is being continuously consolidated as a socialist school with original features of its own and a popular character. It is strengthening its revolutionary class character further, by improving the training of the youth for work and life. The 7th Congress of the Party called for the further strengthening of the ideological content of teaching in our schools and the deepening of their work for a better combination of the three components: lessons, productive work, physical and military training, the raising of the scientific level of teaching and the linking of lessons with practice.

The accomplishment of these tasks requires the active participation of the pupils and students. In the first place, this is closely linked with the lessons, the ever deeper mastering of the programmes in all the three components. Everywhere there is evidence of a greater feeling of responsibility to learn and pre-

pare for life better. Pass rate and quality in all categories of schools have risen. In this direction, the youth organizations in the Faculty of Political and Juridical Sciences, of the «Asim Zeneli» secondary school of general education in Gjirokastra, the «20th Anniversary of Liberation» 8-year school in Tirana, and many others, have distinguished themselves.

But the fact that there are pupils who fail in class, or who leave school, or who are content with little, or harbour the idea that school gives you a comfortable job, a place in an office, etc., shows that such concepts which obstruct our work still exist, therefore, we must fight against them with greater severity and continuity. They are alien to the healthy idea the youth have of education, which as comrade Enver Hoxha stresses, enlightens the personality of man and equips him with a valuable weapon which he must properly utilize in the general interest of the people, the Homeland and socialism.

An excellent experience in this direction is provided by the «November 7» secondary industrial school, at the secondary agricultural school in Delvina, where the young people are putting into practice, productive work and military training, the skills they acquire. At school they acquire the habit of independent scientific research work, and with their own hands produce details, spare parts, and even metalcutting machines; they know all work processes in agriculture and livestock-raising, and take in high yields.

The youth organizations must engage better in the great problems of the school, which have to do with the continuous raising of the scientific

level of text-books and programmes, the further improvement of the teaching methods and the integration of theory with practice. They must, as always, bring any manifestation of bureaucracy, technocratism and intellectualism under the fire of criticism, in order to affirm more and more the correct concepts about revolutionized school and the function the Party has set it to carry out the communist education of the younger generation, to arm it with broad scientific knowledge and prepare it for work and life. The pupils and students must have their say even more on all problems. In struggle to deepen socialist democracy in the life of the school, the youth are understanding and implementing their rights and duties well, increasing their sense of responsibility for strengthening proletarian discipline, enriching their personality and showing more respect towards their teachers. Any manifestation of laying stress on the rights of students and pupils alone as well as the manifestations of tutelage and underrating the thought of the youth on the part of some teachers must be fought against because they are harmful. The young men must defend the authority of the teacher but it is also up to the teacher to respect the personality of the pupil.

The entire work of the youth organizations in the schools is so directed that everything learnt from lessons, productive work and military training is embodied in the life and activity of the youth. Thus, our younger generation is prepared to serve the Homeland wherever the need arises, in the first place, in production, and that not only in the cities,

but also in the countryside, not only in industry, but also in agriculture. There is and can be no higher aspiration for our youth than to serve the cause of the Party and socialism, as genuine revolutionaries.

The youth organization does not divorce its duties for the communist education of the younger generation from the care it takes of the pioneers and their organization. Guided by our Youth Union, the Pioneers' Organization carries out an allround activity aimed at helping the school to master the teaching programs, strengthen its discipline, mould the children with civic moral, ideo-aesthetic education and prepare them as future members of the LYUA. The pioneers' movements, «We must learn from the workers», «For whom do I study and why do I study?», and so on, have enlivened their activity and served their education.

But we should admit that despite improvements, educative work among the pioneers is not always planned in compliance with their age and fails to leave deep imprints and traces in them, because of manifestations of formalism observed in many cases. The youth organizations and their forums still fail to make a proper assessment of their tasks towards the pioneers' organization and do not bear the necessary responsibility for their work in this organization. The negative manifestations observed in some cases in these age-groups such as truancy and uncultured conduct, must be considered as failures in the work of our youth and pioneers' organization and of the school itself.

It is known that education with the ideals of the Party, the cultural and professional interests and the feeling of collectivism and a series of qualities of the

character of the children begin and develop as early as their tender age. The desires and ambitions of the children to deal with new useful things, to imitate heroes from life and literature, to become worthy members of socialist society, must be encouraged and nurtured in the activity carried out by the pioneers' organization. The better the children of this age are prepared, the more successful the process of their later education as members of the Youth Union and citizens of socialist Albania will be.

Hence the many tasks of the youth organizations to build up a more qualified work that must involve greater imagination, with the children of the lower grades of the elementary schools and the pioneers. This must not be limited only to the assignment of some cadres; in the first place, it must aim at the content of the educative work with the pioneers and other younger children, at the enhancement of their initiative and self-confidence, and the organization of activities and actions which must be as close to their children's world as possible. We must strengthen the single front of education in closer cooperation with the school, family and the mass organizations. It is more necessary now than ever that the leading youth forums and the organs of education carry out sociological, psychological and pedagogical studies on the problems of communist education of the pioneers and other younger children, by setting in motion the great army of teachers, educators, specialists and other cadres.

Our socialist Homeland is advancing with big strides towards its further progress and strengthen-

ing. The tasks laid down by the new five-year plan, and in general, the present stage of socialist construction call for great and mass involvement of the youth in scientific research work. Our successes in agriculture, the attainment of high crop yields, which would seem unbelievable some years ago, such work as that on the Fierza Hydropower Station and the Metallurgical Complex, the setting up of new production lines and factories, and so on, have all been accomplished thanks to many scientific studies and experiments at advanced world scientific and technical standards. All this testifies to the possibilities, forces and talent of our working people and youth. In the future, too, production in industry, agriculture, construction and elsewhere will increase mainly through the growth of productivity. Self-sufficiency in bread, increased efficiency of geological research work, the growth of the oil industry, the incessant strengthening of the defence of the Homeland, the vigorous development of the chemical, engineering, metallurgical and electric power industries, the designing and construction of new projects by relying on our own forces, the local production of 95 per cent of spare parts, and the further progress of our social, economic and other sciences, are concrete areas where the youth will make their active contribution, wherever they work and study, side by side with all the working people and specialists. The task of the youth organizations is to encourage and educate the young men and women with love for and persistence in mastering technology and science, in study and experimentation work, to become acquainted with the achievements of advanced world science

and technology, too, and apply them in our conditions.

Apart from school, a great role in equipping our youth with technical and scientific knowledge is also played by the qualification system, attended by more than 200 thousand working people, mainly young people, in addition to 67,000 workers and cooperative members who are attending various schools, especially part-time vocational schools. The narrowing of the gap between modern technology and the qualification level of the working people, observed in some enterprises and production sectors calls for increased effectiveness of this system and not only for guaranteed continuity, but for ever deeper mastering of the ideological and technical-professional programs. This must preoccupy both our youth organizations and the economic organs, the various ministries and institution which deal with this problem. Through all forms, we must instil in every young man and woman the need for study, the need for continuous perfection, not only just to obtain a degree, to ensure a diploma, or some qualification category, but in the first place, to understand and master science and knowledge, to further promote the innovators' and rationalizers' movement, to transform nature, to make the Homeland and the life of the people flourish.

The application of science and advanced methods in production calls for initiative, courage and perseverance. Let us cite one example. In the Thumana agricultural enterprise, there was hesitancy at the beginning about introducing mathematical methods in setting the optimal norms for the various kinds of fodder for livestock. Failing to understand the value

of this method, there were people who said: «Cows can't live on formulae». But the youth did not back down, on the contrary, under the leadership of the party organization, they triumphed over the conservative concepts. The results achieved showed that this method had great economic values. We can cite other such examples, but of importance is that the youth must be unyielding fighters against vulgar empirical methods, to spread the advanced new in agriculture, industry, and all fields. «*Our people can do anything, just the same as the best of other countries, provided we further develop possibilities of work and study*», comrade Enver Hoxha teaches us.

Our literature and arts of socialist realism have a special influence on the cultural development and enrichment of the spiritual world of the youth. They have become the property of the younger generation and powerful means of communist education. The youth are the most avid readers of books, the most zealous cinema and theatre goers, the most regular visitors of exhibitions and art galleries. The great interest they have aroused in the youth does credit to the development of our literature and arts, which are guided by the Party. In the literary and artistic works, the young people find the socialist reality and the glorious past of our people, heroes of struggle and work, the figure of the communist, the worker, the cooperativist, and the man of our time, who are close to them and an example of inspiration at work and in life.

Our organization is duty-bound to assess better and further arouse interest of the youth in literature, music, film, painting, and so on, and make the mass of youth take an active interest in them. It must

make further efforts to extend and promote the movements and initiatives relating to better utilization of literature and arts in the service of the ideological education, especially of the cooperative and worker youth.

The youth love singing, dancing, the theatre, the variety show, they highly assess and appraise the art of the people, folklore, they like to perform and create themselves. We must constantly develop and deepen this active process of ideological education which has yielded important results. The extension of the dilettanti and amateur movement, the raising of its ideological-artistic level, by combating formalism, monotony and perfunctory campaign work, remains an important task for the future.

The state has put at the disposal of the masses of the youth many cultural institutions in the cities and in the countryside. The youth and their organization, together with the respective cultural organizations, must give more animation to the hearths, houses and palaces of culture by means of allround political, educational and recreation activities. The practice observed sometimes, when some of them busy themselves with other activities, and others become centres of meetings, prevents them from carrying out the function entrusted to them to engage in educative and cultural work among the masses, and especially, among the youth.

The young talents who emerge from the ranks of our youth are making their valuable contribution to the entire development of literature and arts. Hundreds of their works are published, exhibited or performed; talented young men and women are extensively taking part in the production of films,

plays, etc., making our literature, painting, music and screen even more lively and ever fresher. The fact that of these hundreds of gifted young men and women, many are workers and cooperative members from all over the country, rejoices us.

The ideological and professional education of the young talents requires greater attention on the part of your Youth Union and the Writers' and Artists' League of Albania. The lessons the young writers drew in their creativeness from the materials of the 4th Plenum of the Central Committee of the Party in connection with the struggle against the bourgeois and revisionist influences must be held in view constantly by the young writers and artists, so that their creative activity is pervaded ever better by proletarian partisanship, represent our revolutionary reality, the life of the people and the youth, the national character and the popular spirit more profoundly. The young talents stand in great need of the care and assistance of the experienced writers and artists for promoting and encouraging their creativeness. We are convinced that the young creators will never lack this care and aid of our talented writers and artists. Literary contests, features, articles dealing with the works and problems of young literary men and artists like those published in the newspapers «Zëri i Rinisë» and «Drita», are valuable and encouraging and this must be done even better in all genres.

We Must Educate the Youth in the Spirit of Lofty Socialist Patriotism to Always Be Ready to Defend the Homeland

The history of our people is full of great battles and struggles for freedom and independence for social justice and progress, for the Albanian language and culture. The Albanian has always lived on the sweat of his brow, never stretched his hand out to anyone, he has always defended the honour of his Homeland with courage, pride and dignity. These invaluable traditions have their roots deep in the centuries, and have been rooted in the minds and hearts of the entire people. They have been perpetuated with the blood of our nation's martyrs, the unforgettable deeds of the valiant fighters of the pen and rifle.

In the Anti-fascists National-Liberation War, under the leadership of the Party, our people raised their outstanding qualities to a new, higher pedestal, adding to them the ideals of a new life, a new world, a new class, revolutionary to the end, the ideals of communism. These ideals and this lofty patriotism of the Albanians inspired the communists, the People's Heroes Qemal Stafa, Vasil Shanto, Vojo Kushi, Misto Mame, Margarita Tutulani, and others, an entire generation of insurgents, who, united like a steel-like fist round the Party, fought with rare courage and spared not even their lives for the Liberation of Albania from the nazi-fascist invaders.

It was these ideals, this lofty socialist patriotism which united thousands of young men and women in the work brigades for the reconstruction of the

country, which gave birth to the fine voluntary actions of communist labour, which inspired thousands of commissars of the light to spread knowledge, education, and culture, which rendered us invincible, rallied and are still rallying us in steel-like unity round the Party to wage a stern severe class struggle against the internal and external enemies, against US imperialism and the great treachery of the Soviet revisionists, ideals which today are inspiring the entire younger generation in the heroic struggle led by the Party for the construction of socialism and the defence of the Homeland.

Our country's younger generation is preserving and will preserve these brilliant patriotic and revolutionary traditions as a great treasure of incalculable value for their education. One of the most important tasks of our organization is to acquaint the young men and women with this glorious history of the people, the Party, the National Liberation War, the construction of socialism, through many activities. By acquainting itself with this history and these traditions, the younger generation will better understand the line of the Party, its titanic struggle for national and social emancipation, for the defence of freedom and independence, for the construction of the socialist society, its determined struggle in defence of Marxism-Leninism against revisionism of every hue and will draw ever greater inspiration for new, greater deeds.

In the patriotic education of the youth, special importance must be placed on the further development of the revolutionary movements, «To know our glorious past», «To learn the history of our heroic Party», «To emulate the heroic spirit of our war and

work», as well as to utilize all the means and forms, such as museums, marches to historic places, commemoration of marked events, etc., doing away with all sorts of formalism and spontaneity which may tone down their educative effect. Of course, this activity demands from our organization better collaboration with the Democratic Front and the Organization of War Veterans, closer links of the youth and pioneer organizations with the patriots, heroes, communists, workers, teachers, etc. so that these revolutionary and patriotic traditions of our people, as comrade Enver Hoxha teaches us in his speech of June 17, «... are deeply implanted in the hearts and minds of the young people to ensure that while they live and work in the socialist reality, they also appreciate and love this reality, because it is the work of their own blood and sweat and that of our forefathers...».

The youth have always set great value on the fighting traditions of our people, but today they have also great possibilities for developing them, of displaying their heroism and lofty socialist patriotism. This new patriotism they are expressing in their unbound loyalty to the Party, in the defence and implementation of its line and the teachings of comrade Enver Hoxha, in their selfless work for the fulfilment of the tasks of socialist construction.

The defence of the Homeland is an important field in which the youth are expressing their fiery socialist patriotism. Socialist Albania has always been one of the objectives of the rapacity of the imperialists, revisionists and all reaction. As comrade Enver Hoxha said at the 7th Congress of the Party, «the enemies have had and will always have

socialist Albania in their gunsights. We should never forget this. We must all be on our feet, ready and prepared to defend the freedom and gains of the revolution». This appeal constitutes a great programme of work in the field of defence for all the organs and organizations of the youth.

As the most active force of the armed and militarily organized people on whom the Party has always based the defence of the Homeland, the youth are convinced that it is up to them to cope with great tasks for the defence of its freedom and independence, of the gains achieved with so much blood, sweat and sacrifices. The youth display their profound understanding of the defence of the Homeland, as a duty above all duties, in their entire activity: in the struggle to steel their unity round the Party, in the work to fulfil the targets of production, in military training. They are characterized by readiness and conscious discipline, a spirit of sacrifice and selflessness, determination and unbound loyalty, creative initiative and eagerness to master the People's Military Art, the handling of weapons and the use of military equipment.

This sound revolutionary situation must become a barrier to all weaknesses and shortcomings, since there are still young men and women in the ranks of the youth who fail to take up military preparation in all seriousness, who do not mobilize themselves as they should in military training and do not always observe discipline. The work done by the youth organizations is aimed at proper integration of defence problems with all the activities, of the youth so that the young men and women properly know and implement the military policy of the Par-

ty, People's Military Art and military rules. They must be properly prepared not only on the days of training, in the period of military service, but continuously and uninterruptedly master and maintain the weapons and military equipment with the same care as the lathe, machine and tractor, be model workers, students and soldiers.

The youth organizations in the People's Army and in the organs and the units of the Ministry of Home Affairs led by the party organizations, have played and are playing a great role in the political, ideological and military education of the youth, in strengthening the sense of responsibility, discipline, readiness and vigilance, in mastering, preserving and maintaining the military equipment. In many sub-units the youth have surpassed the norms of political and military training by 10 to 15 per cent, they have achieved high results in shooting, hitting the target with the first shell and destroying it 100 per cent and more than 80 per cent of the effectives have completed shooting practice with the qualification «excellent». For years on end, the youth organization of the «N» Army Unit in Tirana, has achieved excellent results in all indices of political and military training and combat readiness, it is characterised by the spirit of initiative and self-confidence in carrying out its tasks. In this sub-unit, there has been no breach of discipline, the members of the Youth Union are educated with a revolutionary understanding of the tasks and rules of the Army, and healthy relations and a revolutionary spirit exist between the youth and cadres. Such examples, which are often met with in every unit of our People's Army, must be publicized and generalized. Of especially great

educative value is the experience gained in the struggle led by the Party to uncover, strike down and smash the putschist group in the army and eliminate the consequences of its hostile activity. All this experience must better serve the youth organizations to stand always on a revolutionary position, never to reconcile themselves to any manifestation, however «insignificant», of breach of discipline of relaxation of vigilance, as well as to any underestimation of training, combat readiness and military science.

The continuous strengthening of the links and collaboration between the youth organizations at the grass roots and in the Army, in struggle against any manifestations of spontaneity and formalism, is an indispensable requirement to enhance their role in the military training of the youth. This collaboration must be programmed, have concrete objectives and be aimed at creating deep convictions over the problems of defence.

The construction of socialism and the defence of the Homeland are closely linked with the physical training of the youth. One is filled with joy at the fact that, all over the country, in all the activities which are held, you can see our youth happy, joyful, healthy and active. The youth eagerly take part in excursions and marches to mountains and plains to historical sites, where they are educated, enjoy themselves, are physically tempered, and get to know every inch of the land. Tens of thousands of young men and women are members of sports teams of different ages and categories enlivening the physical-cultural and sports movement.

Many youth organizations, such as at the Guri

i Zi agricultural cooperative in Shkodra, the «Pandelj Sotiri» school in Gjirokastra, the «Nazmi Rushiti» school in Dibra, the glassware plant at Kavaja, and so on, are responding to the desire of the youth to engage in physical culture and sports with interesting and varied activities. All year round, the sports grounds seethe with various activities of a mass character. Some youth organizations, however, fail to properly evaluate or make little effort for the physical tempering of the younger generation and as a consequence there are young men and women who do not participate in physical education and sports. Sports activities are often only concentrated in the schools, whereas in the work centres and particularly in the countryside, these activities are more rare and are chiefly organized for championships and sports meetings.

Comrade Enver Hoxha teaches us: «*The Party and the people want a healthy and strong youth, able at work and in defence*». The realization of this task demands that greater attention be devoted to the development of physical culture and sport on a broad scale. The Party has created all the conditions, set up a broad material base and trained the necessary cadres, all this must be utilized better to increase the mass participation in physical cultural and sports activities and improve their quality. The youth organs and organizations must continually improve their explanatory work among the young men and women patiently, explain to them the importance of physical tempering and sport, combat the concepts which underrate them, as well as manifestations of unhealthy bias and other excesses amongst sports fans, and perfect the moral figure

of the sportsman. Here there is a need for the Committee for Physical Culture and Sports to do more to combat a narrow concept of physical culture and sports, and manifestations of bureaucracy in the method of work and to enhance the sense of responsibility for the realization of the tasks.

We Must Hold the Spirit of Proletarian Internationalism High

Like all our people, the youth, too, are experiencing at first hand, and following with a deep feeling of solidarity, the revolutionary struggle of the proletariat and the masses of the working people and the youth in all countries, the efforts of the peoples to defend their freedom, national independence and sovereignty, the daily battles of the patriotic and progressive forces for democracy and social justice.

Our Party has made clear to us the situations and conditions in which this great struggle between the workers and the peoples on the one hand, and imperialism, the bourgeoisie, and reaction, on the other, is taking place. At the same time, it has always taught us how to understand the complicated processes and phenomena of world developments today, correctly, wherever they occur.

At its 7th Congress, basing itself on Marxism-Leninism and sound class criteria, our Party made a penetrating scientific analysis of the present international situation and world revolutionary movement, and defined the fundamental directions of the

foreign policy of the People's Socialist Republic of Albania.

Convinced, as always, of the correct Marxist-Leninist and international line of the Party, our youth fully approve and energetically support the assessments, conclusions and stands of the Party on international problems and foreign policy. Shoulder to shoulder with the people, as always, they will fight untiringly to make their contribution to the struggle which the Party of Labour and the People's Socialist Republic of Albania are waging in the international arena, and to discharge their internationalist duties with honour.

By taking part in this struggle, our youth are defending the supreme interests of the Homeland and socialism in Albania, contributing to the enhancement of the international authority and the strengthening of the position of socialist Albania, defending the interests of the proletariat and world revolution, defending Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism, from the attacks of the bourgeoisie, the various revisionists and opportunists, defending the great cause of the liberation of the people, of democracy and progress.

The younger generation of our country and its militant organization, the Labour Youth Union of Albania, have always been in solidarity with and given strong support to, the struggle and efforts of the progressive and revolutionary peoples and youth for social and national liberation, against US imperialism and Soviet social-imperialism, against their collaborators — the monopoly bourgeoisie and reaction, modern revisionism and every type of opportunism.

We rejoice over the fact that millions of worker, peasant and student youth are taking part in the great battles of the working class and of the working masses of the oppressed countries and nations, against capitalist exploitation and national oppression, against the policy of expansion, hegemony and instigation of war by US imperialism and Soviet social-imperialism, against the bourgeoisie and the international monopolies. We hail the revolutionary stand and determination which the youth and students in many countries of the world are displaying in their just struggle.

Today the capitalist and revisionist world is going through a grave economic and financial crisis, a profound ideological and moral crisis, which has shaken all its political, economic and social institutions. The ruling classes in these countries are trying to load the heavy burden of the crisis on to the backs of the masses of working people and to maintain their maximum profits. The youth are among the social strata which have been hardest hit by the crisis and feeling its consequences most deeply. The youth are the first to be laid off work and shut out of the factories. In the bourgeois-revisionist countries, the majority of those youth who, with great difficulty have managed to graduate from schools and universities, who have attained a high level of education and professional qualification, see no prospect of ever being able to apply their strength, skill and knowledge. According to official figures, in the most highly developed capitalist countries, 7 million young men and women are unable to find work. This grave, gloomy and oppressive situation cannot fail to arouse the youth to revolt, to throw them

into open struggle against the capitalist order of oppression and exploitation, against the structures and superstructures of the bourgeois order. It is a fact that in many countries of the world today, revolt is seething among the youth and students, their revolutionary spirit is mounting and their movement is extending.

The movements of the youth and students have become an important part of the class struggle which is being waged in the capitalist and revisionist world, a powerful revolutionary force of our time. Faced with the upsurge of this wave of great irresistible revolutionary potential, the monopoly bourgeoisie and reaction, the modern revisionists and the opportunists are resorting to all their means of violence, corruption, ideological and cultural subversion, in order to prevent and extinguish the revolutionary drive of the youth, to disorganize them and to set them on a hopeless course.

They have created an entire industry specialized in brainwashing and poisoning the consciousness of the masses of youth. The press, radio, television, literature and the arts, school and church, are working feverishly every minute of every day in order to spread degeneration and disorganization among the youth. All the bourgeois-revisionist propaganda is designed to create a feeling of spiritual emptiness and the uselessness of life among the youth, to encourage vices and base instincts, in order to ruin them physically and morally, and to render them harmless to the capitalist state. Apart from the propaganda of degeneration, the bourgeoisie and reaction are also carrying out large-scale political diversion, by creating opportunist and pseudo-revolution-

ary trends and tendencies, the purpose of which is to drive the youth into wrong and hopeless direction.

The modern revisionists, too, are working with great zeal to assist the bourgeoisie and reaction in their fight against the revolutionary movements of the youth and students; they have become the greatest extinguishers of the revolutionary spirit among the masses of youth and assistants of imperialism.

The stand towards imperialism, in general, and towards the two superpowers, in particular, towards the big bourgeoisie and neo-colonialists, is a question of principle and of fundamental importance for the victory of the peoples, for the realization of the revolutionary aspirations of the youth. Our younger generation gives full support to our Party's correct thesis, which life has confirmed with daily events, that the two superpowers, US imperialism and Soviet social-imperialism, are the greatest enemies of the peoples, that they are equally dangerous and aggressive, that no illusion whatsoever should be entertained about either the one or the other.

The youth of the world, who are fighting for social and material liberation, for democracy and progress, for education and culture, can never reconcile themselves to the bourgeois, revisionist and opportunist sermons, which preach reconciliation with the imperialists, colonialists and neo-colonialists, with the bourgeoisie and the reactionary cliques dominating the peoples, with the multi-national companies and all the oppressors and exploiters. This is what the various theories about the division of the world into «three worlds», the «non aligned-countries», etc., etc., lead to. If any trust is placed in such theories,

this will do great damage to the course of the revolution and people's liberation. Only in struggle against its sworn enemies, imperialism, social-imperialism, and reaction, can the younger generation, everywhere in the world, realize its aspirations and ideals.

The revolutionary struggle itself is convincing the youth that the movement of the youth and that of the students against the capitalist system, against the hegemonic policy of the two superpowers, will be successful and achieve victory only when it is united with the movement of the working class, which is the backbone of the world revolutionary process. At present, this movement is still in quest of the truth, and we are sure that the struggle which the younger generation is waging will surely lead it to Marxism-Leninism, to unity with the working class and to acceptance of the hegemony of the proletariat. The only ideology which can save the younger generation, and guide it in the struggle for freedom and independence, for a new life without oppressors and exploiters is Marxism-Leninism, and the only way to reach these lofty objectives is through the revolution.

Our Party has educated and is educating the youth of Socialist Albania to always uphold the internationalist spirit, to constantly strengthen its solidarity with the youth and the peoples fighting imperialism, social-imperialism, the bourgeoisie and reaction, to support and back up all those who have embarked on the long and arduous, but glorious road of the revolution and national liberation. At the same time, the Party has educated and is educating our younger generation to highly appreciate, and be grateful for, the support which the proletariat,

the revolutionary and progressive peoples and youth all over the world, give our country.

The presence at our 7th Congress of foreign delegations, representatives of organizations of the Marxist-Leninist and anti-imperialist youth from many countries of the world, as well as the many messages of greetings, that have come from the youth and student organizations of various countries, are a powerful expression of this support and a great encouragement for the youth of our country. We take this opportunity to thank them for their participation in our Congress and wish them successes and victories in their just struggle.

We express our militant support for, and solidarity with, the Marxist-Leninist organizations of the youth and our complete confidence in the victory of the cause of the revolution and socialism, for which they are fighting under the leadership of their own Marxist-Leninist parties.

We also send greetings to the youth of the People's Republic of China. As always, we shall work in a Marxist-Leninist way to strengthen the fraternal friendship which links the youth of our two countries.

With the whole heart our youth have hailed the heroic victories of the peoples of Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos, have given and continue to give powerful support to the liberation struggle of the peoples of Azania, Zimbabwe, Namibia, to the fight of the people and youth of Palestine for their undeniable rights and that of all the Arab peoples for the liberation of their territories occupied by the Israeli zionists, the anti-imperialist liberation struggle of the peoples and youth of Asia, Africa and

Latin America. We wish the youth and peoples of these countries continuous progress in their struggle until it is crowned with complete victory over all their enemies.

We assure our friends and fellow fighters that in our youth and their organization, the Labour Youth Union of Albania, educated and led by the glorious Party of Labour with comrade Enver Hoxha at the head they will find reliable friends and comrades, and resolute internationalist support, both now and in the future.

The LYUA — an Anvil for the Education of the Youth with Communist Ideals

Constantly inspired by the Marxist-Leninist line of the Party, the Labour Youth Union of Albania plays an important role in the education of the younger generation with a revolutionary class spirit, so that with a high consciousness and boundless love it tackles the tasks set by the Party and carries them into practice correctly. Since our 6th Congress, tens of thousands of young men and women have joined the ranks of our organization and today 370,000 members are militating in its ranks incorporated in 18,000 base organizations, which extend everywhere, in the enterprises and cooperatives, the schools, institutions, and in the army.

The Youth Union drew very valuable lessons from the analyses made at the 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th Plenums of the Central Committee of the PLA, on the great danger liberalism poses to the youth orga-

nization. It has always aimed at extinguishing the fighting and revolutionary spirit of the organization and transforming it into an amorphous organization, without a vigorous political and ideological life, without norms or discipline. In the struggle against manifestations of liberalism the life of the organization, its fighting, revolutionary character, have been invigorated and strengthened. In the future, too, we must always bear in mind the instruction comrade Enver Hoxha gave at the 7th Congress of the Party: *«The Youth Union should fight to strengthen its organization, discarding as dangerous any tendency to liberalism in the life of the organization, such as those which showed up prior to the 4th Plenum of the Central Committee of the Party and which were strongly condemned by the whole youth.»*

The correct Marxist-Leninist line of the Party, which is an inexhaustible source of strength, inspiration and guidance for the youth and their organization, has always stood out throughout the entire activity of the LYUA. The experience of the revolution and of the construction of socialism in our country show that without the Marxist-Leninist party, the youth cannot have their own revolutionary organization, that only the Marxist-Leninist party fulfils their just material and spiritual demands, launches them into revolutionary actions and raises them to the role of active members of the socialist society.

The Youth Union has contemptuously refuted all the efforts of the enemies to attain «independence» and «autonomy» of the youth organization. There is no and will never be any force that can divorce

the LYUA from the Party. As always, in the future, too, in all its activity it will be guided by the Marxist-Leninist ideology and policy of the Party.

The youth organizations are carrying out an allround activity to analyse the directives, orientations and decisions of the Party, so that the young men and women understand them, enhance their consciousness and mobilize themselves with all their mental and physical energies, for their implementation in the practice of the construction and defence of socialism. Our generation has made its own the words, «Party, our Mother, your word is our deed!»

The fulfilment of the tasks set by the 7th Congress of the Party for the enhancement and consolidation of the leading role of the Party in the whole life of the country also requires the improvement of the activity of the youth organizations and committees, too, including that of the Central Committee of the LYUA, so that the line of the Party, its orientations and directives are carried to and analysed among the ranks of the youth as completely and clearly as possible. To this end, it is necessary to fight narrow concepts, which restrict the leadership of the Party to a few current problems, manifestations of onesidedness, the waiting for orders and lack of initiative in the implementation of directives, which are evident in some youth organizations and committees. Besides this, we must work much better than we have done so far to carry the thoughts, problems and worries which emerge during the work and struggle of the youth, to the basic organizations and organs of the Party.

The Party has charged the LYUA with the lofty mission of introducing new, fresh blood into the

Party. «*The masses and organizations of the youth,*» comrade Enver Hoxha teaches us, «*are the life-giving tissues, they are like the clean lungs of a healthy body which give the Homeland life and vigour. They are those powerful organs which strengthen our Party, which pump new blood into the heart of the people, the Party.*»

The most sacred ideal, the supreme aim in the life of, every young man and woman of our country, is to become worthy of the title of member of the PLA, of the Party which, with wisdom and farsightedness is leading our people towards their brilliant future, towards socialism, of the Party which today is carrying on its shoulders the weight of the sacred task of defending the purity of Marxism-Leninism and making its great contribution to the triumph of the revolution throughout the whole world. In the figure of the communist, the young men and women see the image of the loftiest proletarian virtues, the staunchest fighter for the cause of the revolution and socialism, always in the front ranks, ready to go where the struggle and tasks are the hardest. Thousands of miners, metallurgists, lumbermen, oil and construction workers, agricultural cooperativists, pupils, students and soldiers, distinguished as active members of the youth organizations, are being trained in its ranks for future communists, loyal soldiers of the cause of the Party. During this period, 63 per cent of those admitted to the ranks of the Party came from the youth organization. Thousands of new, able and revolutionary, loyal and cultured cadres, to whom the Party has entrusted important posts in the leading organs of the Party, the people's state power, the economy

and the army, have gone through the school of the youth organization. An important and constant task of the Youth Union continues to be the training of the young men and women in its ranks into people worthy of the lofty title of the member of the Party of Labour of Albania and devoted cadres.

Our youth are outstanding for their high ideological, cultural and educational level, for their very rich life, which is beyond all comparison with that of the past. This allround development of the rising generation demands that the youth organizations expand their activity while raising its level ever higher. In many youth organizations there is a vigorous life, full of discussions and debate over important problems of the life of the country, a broad range of activities in compliance with the age, the level of development and the interests of young men and women in work and defence, education and culture, science and technology, physical culture and sports. But there are other organizations which do not take into account these demands and broad interests properly, a thing which brings about an atmosphere of squalor and monotony, and slackens the interest of the young people in the activities of the organization. In our work, we must know how to penetrate into the minds and hearts of the youth by means of an allround and varied educational activity, in order to raise the revolutionary mobilization and enthusiasm of the younger generation to an even higher level.

The youth have always seen their activity in close connection with the struggle and efforts of our people under the leadership of the Party, for the construction of socialism and the defence of the

Homeland. As worthy sons and daughters of the people, they have always lived with the problems of the people and shared the weal and woe with them. In the future, too, we shall further develop these wonderful qualities, which characterize them, and shall fight the tendencies of closed work, which confines the activity of the youth organization to some allegedly marginal problems. The youth will employ their strength, vigour and dynamism everywhere the Party calls them on to, for the solution of any problem, and the discharge of any task.

This requires that the youth organizations must become more active, more militant, with greater initiative and independent action, with conscious iron discipline, and must observe all the norms of the Constitution of the LYUA. Viewing our work with a critical eye, we see that there are still some youth organizations which lead a lukewarm existence, without revolutionary criticism and self-criticism, without lively debate, which underrate the work for new admissions and the check-up on how tasks are carried out. In these weaknesses we see the shortcomings in the work of the Central Committee of the Youth, therefore, the entire organization of the LYUA must wage a continuous and persistent fight against them.

Together with the revolutionization of the life and activity of the youth organization, the role of the forums and their method and style of work have been strengthened, while the ideo-political level of the cadres and the active members of our organization has been raised. During this five-year period, hundreds of cadres of the LYUA have finished their studies at the Higher Party School, and

thousands of others have gone through the courses run by the Party Committees in the districts and in the Army. 80,813 people were elected to the forums of the Youth Organization including 33,812 girls, 2,524 with higher schooling, 41,684 with secondary schooling, while many of them are continuing their studies in full-time or part-time secondary or higher schools. Many activists, with inclinations and talents in the most varied fields are working tirelessly, with lofty communist consciousness, with devotion and ardour, and giving great help in the revolutionary education of the youth and their mobilization in fulfilling tasks. The cadres must always remain close to the masses of the youth, be modest and friendly, have an intimate knowledge of their interests and demands, and in keeping with them, carry out more imaginative and creative work, must fight manifestations of bureaucracy in the work among the youth and maintain a critical attitude towards shortcomings and work in order to correct them. In the future, special importance must be attached to the strengthening of collective leadership in the forums, from the bureaus of the basic organizations and up to the Central Committee, and at the same time, the role and responsibility of every single member of the forums must be enhanced and strengthened.

Our entire society, the organs of the people's state power, the organizations of the Democratic Front, the Women, the Trade Unions and the Veterans, are interested in the education of the youth. Our duty is to understand the directive of the Party on strengthening the collaboration with these organizations and implement it better, so that this is not

left simply in its organizational forms, but we must consider it as a question of major importance for the strengthening of the united front of education, and put it into practice for the solution of important political, ideological, social and economic problems. Under the leadership of the Party and care of the entire society, we shall continuously educate a younger generation of revolutionaries, that will dedicate all its energies to the people and socialism.

Comrade delegates,

This is the Congress of the happy Albanian youth, for whom the present and the future are secure, of the youth who are led by a tested, valiant and indomitable Party, who with their blood, sweat and heroism, have accomplished and are going to accomplish deeds of value to the Homeland and socialism. This is how we shall always go to our Congresses, with a pure moral and political figure, with broad and profound knowledge, strong and ready, for any task, with keen eyes on the rifle sight. The Marxist-Leninist ideology and the teachings of the Party and our beloved leader, comrade Enver Hoxha, will be engraved and implanted in our hearts and minds. We are the generation which enjoys the blessings of socialism and which is making its contribution to increase and protect these blessings. We know that this happy life is the fruit of the toil and sweat of the entire people, the fruit of innumerable sacrifices made to break any blockade and encirclement. In this struggle, which calls for work, sacrifice and courage, the youth will al-

ways be a shock detachment. The ideals of communism make us invincible.

Let us march forward always, with the Party and comrade Enver Hoxha at the head, to put into practice the historic decisions of the 7th Congress of the Party of Labour of Albania and the tasks which our Congress will set!

Glory through centuries to the heroic Party of Labour of Albania and its Central Committee headed by the beloved leader of the Party, the people and the youth, comrade Enver Hoxha!

Long live the heroic youth of Albania!

Glory to Marxism-Leninism!

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