IN STEEL UNITY AND WILL ALWAYS THE ALBANIAN PEOPLE WILL MANIFESTATION OF VITALITY AND HAPPINESS TO COMMEMORATE THE 1ST OF MAY

The workers of Tirana, the capital of the PSR of Albania, thronged the "Deshmoret e Kombit" avenue early in the morning of the 1st of May. The avenue looked like a flooding river red with banners, flags and streamers. This is the 38th May Day which finds our people marching shoulder to shoulder in unshakeable unity, manifesting their feelings of love for the Party of Labour and Comrade Enver Hoxha, the mutual love of the fellow workers, showing the steel unity and dignity of socialist Albania, the vitality of the socialist order, the happy and prosperous life of the Albanian people and their confidence in the future. This is the first May Day after the 8th Congress of The Party of Labour.

The clock struck 10.

The First Secretary of the Central Committee of the Party, Comrade Enver Hoxha, appeared on the central rostrum. Smiling, as always, Comrade Enver Hoxha gave the clenched fist salute. In these moments of uncontrollable joy, the whole "Deshmoret e Kombit" avenue resounds with thunderous applause.

Then, the President of the Presidium of the People's Assembly of the PSR of Albania, Comrade Haxhi Lleshi, the Member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Party and Chairman of the Council of Ministers, Comrade Adil Çarçani, the Comrades Hajredin Çelicu, Hekuran Isai, Kadri Hazbiu, Lenka Çuko, Manush Myftiu, Muho Aşlan i, Pali Miska, Ramiz Alia, Rita Marko, Besnik Bektəshi, Foto Çami, Llambi Gegприфи, Prokop Murra, Qirjako Mihali, the Vice-presidents of the Presidium of the People's Assembly...
ROUND THE PARTY, PEOPLE HAVE MARCHED MARCH FORWARD

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Comrade ENVER HOXHA amongst vanguard workers on the central rostrum
Spiro Koleka and Shefqet Peçi, members of the Central Committee of the Party, members of the Presidium of the People's Assembly and the Government, took their places on the rostrum.

Heroes of socialist labour, outstanding workers of industry and state farms cooperativists and others also appeared on the central tribune.

Present were also titulars and functionaries of the diplomatic representatives accredited to the People's Socialist Republic of Albania.

The brass band executed the National Anthem.

The manifestation was addressed by the Member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Party, Comrade Hajredin Celiku:

"Working people of Tirana and of all Albania!

Dear Comrades and friends!

On behalf of the Central Committee of the Party, the Council of Ministers and the Central Council of the Trade Unions of Albania, I greet you and wish you from my heart: A happy May Day — the day of the International Solidarity of the Workers in all the world!

May Day this year finds the working class and the entire people of our country on the high tide of a great enthusiasm and mobilization at work for the carrying out of the historic decisions of the 8th Congress of the Party. They come to this memorable celebration more united than ever around the Party, its Central Committee with Comrade Enver Hoxha at the head, with a balance of fresh victories in all fields of socialist construction. Our socialist economy, which is full of vitality and which knows no crises, unemployment, inflation, price rises and other ills which have beset the capitalist-revisionist world, is growing stronger every day. Industry and agriculture are in constant growth and development. Education, culture, science have made considerable progress. The standard of living of the people has risen. Our people are happy, because they are sure of the present and optimistic about the future. The defence of the Homeland has been further strengthened and steel.

The correct principled policy which our Party and socialist state have always followed in international relations, their resolute struggle against imperialism, social-imperialism, revisionism and reaction, their solidarity with the revolutionary, liberation and progressive forces all over the world, the sincere support they give them in the struggle for freedom and independence, for peace, democracy and socialism, have raised the authority of our country higher.

The Albanian people have always been against any national and social oppression, against the denial of political freedoms and democratic rights, for the development of the national culture and traditions of the peoples.

On this festive day we send our ardent fraternal greetings to the Albanian patriots anywhere they live in the world, to the many comrades, friends and well-wishers of our Party of Labour and socialist Albania.

Dear Comrades,

Armed with the historic decisions of the 8th Congress, with the teachings of the Party and Comrade Enver Hoxha, fully relying on our own forces, let us mobilize our forces still more in order to carry forward the work of socialist construction in Albania.

Let us work and fight as always to strengthen the Party and the People's State Power, to carry out ever better the state planned tasks in all their quantitative and qualitative indices, to raise the material and cultural level of our people still higher, and to steel the defence potential of our beloved socialist Homeland.

To the savage imperialist-revisionist blockade we must oppose our resolve, our courage and revolutionary vigilance, the monolithic unity of our Party and people, our unceasing creative and innovating work, our unwavering trust in the justice, superiority and vitality of our socialist order.

Long live our glorious Party of Labour and our beloved leader Comrade Enver Hoxha!

Long live the heroic Albanian people and working class!
Long live May Day, the day of the International Solidarity of the Working people! Long live proletarian internationalism! Glory to Marxism-Leninism!

The speech of greeting was frequently punctuated by enthusiastic applause and ovation.

A group of young pioneers mounted the central rostrum carrying baskets of flowers for the leaders of the Party and state.

The parade of the vanguard workers began to the tune of the song «The pick-axe in one hand and the rifle in the other», under the national flag. A car with a large-scale portrait of Comrade Enver Hoxha rides past the rostrum.


A large banner mounted on a car reads: «We carry out the historic decisions of the 8th Congress of the PLA». The last year will be written down in the history of our revolution as the year of the 8th Congress of the Party, the historic congress which opened still more brilliant perspectives to our country. In this context, this slogan sounds like a pledge, a call, a solemn oath taken by the masses. More slogans follow: «Let us carry out the class struggle correctly and with determination», «Let us further strengthen the political system of the dictatorship of the proletariat», «The working class is the leading class of our socialist society»... and others expressing the readiness of the working masses to carry out in practice the tasks laid down by the 8th Congress of the Party. They all stem from the minds and hearts of the people!...

The flag-bearers march past. We have raised these banners of the victory still higher because we have strengthened and guarded the unbreakable unity of the people around the Party like the light of our eyes. This unity has been shining, and still shines more brilliantly today, on this May Day. From this unity stem all our brilliant successes and against this unity have been broken to pieces all the plans and perfidious attempts of the internal and external enemies.

Foremost in the manifestation of the working class is the big square of the miners of the coal-mine basin of Tirana.

The working class marches past, raising high slogans and portraits of the members of the Political Bureau of the CC of the PLA. Their powerful cheers are accompanied by the songs and dances of a group of artists of the Opera and Ballet Theatre.

Our industry grows and so does our working class. Before Liberation the country had only 15,000 workers, or just as many as were lined up in the three squares of the workers of the Capital. «We must fulfil the plan of 1982 in all indices and items», was written in one of the slogans carried by the workers. Until May 1 the plan of total industrial production of the district was fulfilled four days ahead of schedule.

Our working class marches past! In its ranks are our mothers, wives, sisters who march side by side with their sons, men and brothers in all the sectors of activity: metallurgy, the engineering and chemical industry, the power industry and all other fields. Women make up 32 per cent of the high specialists and 42 per cent of the medium specialists of our country.
Our working class marches past! «Let us keep flying the banners of the revolutionary movements and socialist competitions!» After the 8th Congress of the Party the working class of the Capital started a number of revolutionary initiatives and movements, which it is carrying out with success. Everybody rejoices over this. And again a group of amateur artists... who on this festive day, more than any other day, dance and sing to the realities of our life.

The working class of the Capital and of the entire country marches past! Together with the participants in this magnificent parade are all the working people of Albania. Here come some excerpts from the balance of achievements on a national scale: the geologists carried out with success their tasks in prospecting for industrial and geological reserves of copper, iron-nickel, coal, bauxite, polymetals... The tasks set were fulfilled for all kinds of mineral ores. Considerable amounts of surplus production were given by the branches of chemical, power, woodworking, light and food-processing industries. Compared with the same period of the last year, the market was supplied with 20 per cent more meat, 15 per cent more sugar, 20 per cent more vegetables, twice as much fruit, as well as with more rice, macaroni, knitwear, woollen and cotton cloth, etc.

Side by side with the worker there is always the cooperativist brother. Marching past the rostrum are the agricultural workers of Tirana. «Glory to the Party of Labour of Albania!» reads a large streamer covering the whole width of the square. How much our peasants have suffered in the past! The bey, the occupier, the religion weighed heavy on them. But those times have gone forever. The Party opened to them the road of development and advance, and the working class won the peasantry for its correct road. Therefore, today they cheer and sing and dance before the rostrum and our beloved leader. Theirs is the song of the bumper harvests, of the new villages teaming with light and activity. The cooperativists march past with slogans which read: «Agriculture is the basis of our people's economy», «Long live the alliance of the working class with the cooperativist peasantry!», «Let us produce more milk, vegetables and other agricultural and livestock products!»

The agricultural workers of the Tirana district come to this manifestation... proud of their achievements. They fulfilled the production plan of the first four months of this year in milk, vegetables, eggs, meat. All the agricultural workers of our country have the same achievements to show. The best reflection of this is our market, which is fully supplied all the year round. Self-sufficiency in bread grain for some years now is one of the outstanding achievements of our cooperativist peasantry.

Always like this, with bountiful production, with realized plans, with the same aspirations and ideals, these two classes will march on the road the Party leads them on!

All eyes turn to the green uniforms of our soldier sons and daughters. «We defend the Republic, we defend Socialism», «We defend our victories, the Homeland is defended by the entire soldier people», «Old and young have their eyes trained on the sight and the finger ready on the trigger»... May your weapons remain always invincible! is the wish of our generation today and its behest for the generations of the coming years and centuries. The avenue resounds to the songs of the artists of the Ensemble of the Army and the Ensemble of Songs and Dances.

«Long live proletarian internationalism!», «Long live May Day, the day of the International Solidarity of the Working people!», «The cause of the revolution and the national liberation of the peoples will triumph». Marching past the rostrum, the participants in the manifestation hail the principled policy of our Party and country, a policy which expresses the aspirations of the Albanian people and has their complete and unreserved support. The co-
horns of the paraders raise the portraits of the classics — Marx, Engels, Lenin and Stalin. The Party of Labour of Albania has always stood loyal to the great teachers of the proletariat, and the triumphant principles of Marxism-Leninism, defending and implementing them in a creative manner in struggle against modern revisionism of every hue. The powerful hands of the workers of the Capital hold the slogan: «The foreign policy of our Party and socialist state is a revolutionary, principled and internationalist policy».

The place resounds to the powerful and long cheers for the Party and Comrade Enver Hoxha. Marching past the rostrum are the paraders carrying the slogans: «Glory to Marxism-Leninism!», «The ideas of socialism are invincible, they will triumph!», «Long live the Marxist-Leninist parties, staunch fighters for the cause of the revolution, socialism and the liberation of the peoples!» The working class of the Capital and of the whole Albania sends its ardent revolutionary greetings to its proletarian brothers who hold high the red banner of the revolution on the barricades of the class struggle. Socialist Albania is not isolated. The true Marxist-Leninists, the proletariat and all the peoples of the world, many friends and well-wishers on all the continents are with it.

«The aggressive and warmongering policy of American imperialism, Soviet social-imperialism and Chinese social-imperialism are a threat to the freedom and independence of the peoples, to peace and international security». «The working people of Albania sympathize with the working class and the working masses of Europe who fight against capitalist oppression and the grave consequences of the economic crisis», some slogans read.

«Greetings to the peoples who fight against racism and fascism!», «Greetings to the Palestinian people and the peoples of the other Arab countries, who fight courageously for their undeniable rights!», «Greetings to the fighters of Salvador and all Latin America who fight against the interference of American imperialism and its lackeys!», «Greetings to the peoples of Africa who fight against neo-colonialist exploitation and plunder by foreigners! Our heroic people have always been and remain ardent supporters of the just liberation struggle of the peoples all over the world against imperialist, social-imperialist and neo-colonialist interference.

Our heroic youth came to this May Day proud and happy, full of joy and enthusiasm, of irresistible drive and enthusiasm. They make up the young army loyal to the Party, educated and tempered in the bosom of the working class and the cooperativist peasantry. Their youthful voices reach the peak of enthusiasm in the manifestation. This is the youth of the pick-axe and the rifle, of education and culture, the generation which will take and carry the torch of the revolution forward.

Full of strength and vigour, holding high their red banners, the representatives of our sportsmen march past the rostrum, performing various exercises.

The spring is in full bloom in the avenue. Thousands of students and pupils of the Capital wave their flower bouquets with powerful cheers. The University of Tirana has been and is the cradle in which the cadres and specialists of the country are trained. Albania has today 47,300 cadres with university training and 131,500 cadres with secondary and vocational training, from whom have emerged our engineers and scientists, those who have designed and built plants and factories, mines and combines, the hydro-power plants which have given light to Albania. Two students leave the ranks of the thousands of participants in the manifestation, full of joy and emotion, mount the steps of the rostrum to meet Comrade Enver Hoxha. They embrace him and give him a bouquet of red carnations. Waving the flowers, Comrade Enver Hoxha affectionately greets the students of the University of Tirana who are outstanding for their revolutionary patriotism and drive.

As soon as they come near the rostrum, the 3,000 pioneers «forget» that they are participants in the manifestation. «Forget» that they are organized in squares, they simply do not march but run, their faces radiant with joy, until they come up in front of the rostrum where they keep cheering for the Party, for Comrade Enver Hoxha, who greets them all smiling, rejoicing at the sight of the happy children of the Capital and all Albania. These are the most exciting moments of the manifestation.

The sky is covered with the multi-coloured balloons flown by the young pioneers. The balloons «dance» over the avenue streaming with dancing children, who instantly form the slogan «Long live the PLA!» with their red flowers against the white background of their dresses. They sing to the Party.

But eventually all the voices, songs and orations are gradually drowned under the «International».

This beautiful May Day manifestation in the «Deshmoret e Kombit» avenue of the Capital is a vivid symbol of the great political and ideological maturity of the working masses with the communists in the forefront, which shows the economic potential and the organizational capacity of our country, the joys of socialist life, and the greatness of the spiritual world of the man in socialist Albania.

Above all it expressed the unbreakable steel unity of the Albanian people around the Central Committee of the Party with Comrade Enver Hoxha at the head. This is our «golden key». With this unity, the Albanian people will reach ever new heights on the brilliant road of socialism, will achieve new successes in all fields and put into life the historic decisions of the 8th Congress of the Party.