GLORIOUS SON OF THE PEOPLE AND OUTSTANDING LEADER OF THE PLA AND OUR SOCIALIST STATE HAS DIED

Comrade Hyni Kapa, Member of the Politburo and Secretary of the Central Committee of the Party of Labour of Albania, died on September 25, 1979, after a grave and incurable illness.

With the death of Comrade Hyni Kapa the Party of Labour of Albania, the Albanian working class and the whole people lost a beloved loyal son, a glorious and talented leader, both during the National Liberation War and during the whole period of the construction of socialism in our country, an outstanding state and social leader.

Close collaborator of Comrade Enver Hoxha, tireless communist and organizer of ability, Comrade Hyni Kapa carried out very intensive activity for the all-round strengthening of the Party, for the construction of socialism in Albania and for the consolidation of the dictatorship of the proletariat, for the education, constant strengthening and modernization of our armed forces, for the strengthening of the defence potential of our country in merciless struggle against all enemies, internal and external, for the implementation of the principled foreign policy of our Party and for the defence of the rights and lofty interests of the Homeland in the international arena.

Comrade Hyni Kapa was born in March 1913, in the village of Tetfri, Vlora district, in a peasant family, outstanding for its patriotic traditions in the struggle of the Albanian people for freedom and independence. Hyni Kapa joined the communist movement in the country when he was very young. During the period of the Italian fascist aggression against Albania, in April 1939, Hyni Kapa distinguished himself as a resolute anti-fascist fighter, as an ardent patriot, inspirer and organizer of the resistance of the people of Vlora against the fascist occupiers. With the founding of the Communist Party of Albania on November 8, 1941, he was admitted as a party member and was charged with the implementation of the political and ideological work and of the leading role of the Party in the moving uprisings. Beside his high functions in the Party, he was also a member of the Defence Council, a deputy to the People's Assembly of the Socialist Republic of Albania, and a member of the General Council of the Democratic Front of Albania. Highly appraising his merits and contribution, both during the war and after the liberation, the People's Assembly of the PRSA awarded Comrade Hyni Kapa the highest decorations - Hero of the People and Hero of Socialist Labour as well as many other orders and medals.

In all the difficult situations, since the founding of the Communist Party of Albania during the stormy years of the National Liberation War, in the period of the socialist construction of the country and in the class struggle against enemies of every colour, against the conspiracies and sabotage activity of the imperialists, social-imperialists and revisionists of every shade, Hyni Kapa always distinguished himself as a resolute and consistent fighter. Special merits belong to him for the great work and struggle he waged for the tempering of our Party, for the colossal and tireless activity he always carried out for the strengthening of the leading role of the Party, for the strengthening of its ranks and solid Marxist-Leninist unity, for implementation of the Leninist norms and principles and the teachings of Comrade Enver Hoxha in the Party. For the education and moulding of the cadres of the Party, the state, the army, the people.

As a worthy son of our people, Comrade Hyni Kapa inherited their loftiest virtues: valour and courage, loyalty to his motherland, honesty, modesty and patience, perspicacity and versatility, the spirit of sacrifice and love for the people and the Homeland. He militated with exemplary self-sacrifice amongst the people, always merged with them. He showed the greatness of the people and the Party above everything, and in his activity he gave his heart and soul, his whole life and contribution. His work is of special importance for the seating of the Party unity around the Central Committee and Comrade Enver Hoxha.

The communists and the working masses in our country, as well as the Marxist-Leninist revolutionaries in various countries, have known Comrade Hyni Kapa as an indomitable fighter for the defence of Marxism-Leninism in the great historical struggle our Party has waged and is waging against the base betrayal of the modern revisionists.

Comrade Hyni Kapa, as a worthy son of our Marxist-Leninist Party and loyal pupil and close co-fighter of the leader of the Party, Comrade Enver Hoxha, embodied the revolutionary features of our Party itself, the finest qualities and virtues of the Albanian communist. He was an outstanding, always consistent Marxist-Leninist.

Comrade Hyni Kapa has gone from our people and our Party at a time when our whole country is engaged in a difficult but glorious struggle of historic importance, not only for Albania, but also for the cause of the world proletariat, to carry the complete construction of socialist society consistently forward, relying on our own forces, in fierce head-on struggle with the envelopment and blockade which the imperialist and revisionist enemies organize against socialist Albania. Today, our Party is fighting heroically, together with all the genuine revolutionaries, for the defence of Marxism-Leninism and the revolution, for the cause of the liberation of the peoples and socialism. At these moments, the Party and our people had greater need than ever for the word and work of Comrade Hyni Kapa.

The untimely death of the beloved son of our people and Party, Hyni Kapa, is a great loss. It caused deep grief and sorrow, among all the working people of our country. But the pain and sorrow caused by the loss of the outstanding revolutionary militant do not demean our people and Party, in their close friendship and work with us, our workers, cooperativists, soldiers, youth and all the people of the country, his family and all his comrades in the struggle and work will transform this loss, this great grief and sorrow, into revolutionary strength in order to carry out the magnificent program of the socialist construction, to defend the freedom and independence of socialist Albania and the great cause of Marxism-Leninism.