



THE ALBANIAN PEOPLE REMEMBER THEIR SONS AND DAUGHTERS WHO DIED FOR THE HOMELAND AND THE TRUTH

COMMEMORATIVE MEETING IN THE SQUARE BEFORE THE BUST OF PEOPLE'S HERO QEMAL STAFA

On the occasion of May 5th, the Day of the Martyrs, and the 40th anniversary of the death of the People's Hero Qemal Stafa, a commemorative meeting was organized in the square before the bust of the hero in the Capital.

Workers and residents of the Capital, veterans, co-fighters of the Hero, members of the heroes and martyrs' families, militarymen, representatives of the mass organizations and various institutions, students etc. participated in the meeting.

The member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the PLA and Vice-chairman of the Council of Ministers, Comrade Manush Myftiu, the member of the Central Committee of the First Secretary of the Central Committee of the LYUA Lumturi Rexha, members of the family of the hero and other comrades were also present.

The meeting was declared open by the First Secretary of the District Committee of the LYUA, Comrade Drini Nushi.

The speech of the occasion was delivered by the Secretary of the District Party Committee, Comrade Kostandin Hoxha, who said among others:

«We have come together here to commemorate May 5th which this year

coincides with the 40th anniversary of the death of the People's Hero Qemal Stafa. By falling arms in hand, Qemal Stafa, member of the CC of the CPA (today PLA) and political secretary of the Communist Youth, became a symbol of revolutionary self-denial and determination, an embodiment of the lofty and pure virtues of the communist, a banner of struggle and an inspiring example for the Albanian youth and the whole Albanian people.

«On this commemoration of May 5th,» he went on, «the blood of the martyrs once again calls on us to sharpen our revolutionary vigilance even more, to always keep in mind the great truth that freedom is won with blood and sacrifices, that freedom and the people's power spring from the barrel of the gun, and are defended by implementing the line of the Party correctly and by developing the class struggle against the internal and external enemy correctly and resolutely.»

A program of songs dedicated to the Party, the Homeland, the People's Hero Qemal Stafa and other martyrs, and our happy socialist life, was then given for those present.

Flowers were laid at the foot of the bust of the Hero and young pioneers stood guard in his honour.

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HOMAGES AND WREATHS AT THE CEMETERY OF THE MARTYRS OF THE NATION

On the occasion of May 5th, the Day of the Martyrs, homages were paid and wreaths laid at the Cemetery of the Martyrs of the Nation in the Capital.

At the ceremony of the occasion were present the Comrades Muho Asllani, Pali Miska, the Vice-president of the Presidium of the People's Assembly Spiro Koleka, members of the Central Committee of the Party and the Government, leaders of central mass organizations, various departments and institutions, veterans, parents and relatives of the martyrs' families, workers and cooperativists, militarymen, students, etc.

Wreaths were laid on behalf of the

Central Committee of the Party of Labour of Albania, the Presidium of the People's Assembly, the Council of Ministers of the PSR of Albania, the Central Council of the Trade Unions of Albania, the General Council of the Women's Union of Albania, the Central Committee of the Labour Youth Union of Albania, the National Committee of Veterans of the War of the Albanian people, the Ministry of People's Defence, the Party Committee and the Executive Committee of the People's Council of the Tirana District.

The leaders of the Party and state met here the parents and relatives of

the martyrs. Then they paid homage to the graves of those who fell for the Homeland. At the tune of the National Anthem, played by a brass band, those present observed a minute of silence.

Militarymen and young pioneers stood guard of honour.

Likewise thousands of workers, cooperativists, intellectuals, representatives of mass organizations, of various institutions, of Party and State organs, young and old, students and pupils went to the Cemetery of the Martyrs of the Nation and paid homage and laid wreaths and flowers at their graves in sign of profound veneration for those who sacrificed their lives for the happy days we are living today.

On the occasion of May 5th, the Day of the Martyrs, the diplomatic corps accredited to the People's Socialist Republic of Albania, paid homage and laid a wreath at the Cemetery of the Martyrs of the Nation.

LEADERS OF THE PARTY AND STATE PAY VISITS TO THE FAMILIES OF THE MARTYRS

On May 5th, the leaders of the Party and the state, Comrades Hekuran Isai, Kadri Hazbiu, Manush Myftiu, Muho Asllani, Pali Miska, Ramiz Alia, Rita Marko, Foto Çami, Llambi Gegprifti, Prokop Murra, the President of the Presidium of the People's Assembly of the PSR of Albania Comrade Haxhi Lleshi, members of the Central Committee of the Party, the Presidium of the People's Assembly and the Government, leaders of central mass organizations, different departments and institutions,

Party and state organs in the districts, and deputies to the People's Assembly, veterans and patriots, vanguard workers and cooperativists and militarymen paid visits to the families of the martyrs.

At these visits they talked warmly and cordially with the members of these families, expressing the sentiments of profound respect and gratitude of the Party and people for the immortal deed of those who laid down their lives for freedom and the independence of the

country, for the happiness of the people and the prosperity of our socialist Homeland.

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On May 5, meetings were organized, homages paid and wreaths laid at the cemeteries of the martyrs in all the districts of Albania. Working people of enterprises and institutions, cooperativists, veterans, parents and relatives of martyrs' families, militarymen, leading cadres of Party and state organs, mass organizations and various institutions in the districts, students, young people, etc. took part in the commemorative ceremonies.