



## The Day of Women's International Solidarity

The women of Albania, and together with them, the entire Albanian people, joyfully celebrated the 8th of

March, the day of women's international solidarity. On this occasion many activities, in which the figure of the

Albanian woman through the centuries and her important role in the socialist construction and in the whole life of the country were stressed, took place all over Albania. The Party of Labour of Albania and the Albanian people are deeply indebted to their mothers, wives and sisters for the contribution they have made to the

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struggle for national and social liberation, and for the strengthening, flourishing and defence of the Homeland. Aware of the Party's great care for them and its high opinion of their capabilities, the Albanian women are always mobilized in the frontal battle against alien manifestations of bureaucracy, technocratism, intellectualism and conservatism, and equally against expressions of the resignation and atavistic submission of women. In Albania today, there is no front of life and activity on which the presence, revolutionary spirit, the mind and hand of the Albanian women are not felt. Suffice it to mention, that women make up over 40 per cent of the working people of the city and countryside, 28 per cent of the party membership, over 37 per cent of all the cadres of higher and secondary training, over 40 per cent of those elected to the leading forums of the state power and mass organizations. And it is characteristic that they have always distinguished themselves for their exemplary loyalty to the line of the Party, for their abilities as leaders and organizers, for their knowledge and culture. This confirms the correctness of the directive of the Party that women should be promoted boldly to posts of responsibility, from the lowest levels to the highest organs of the party and state. «Without the participation of the women», said comrade Enver Hoxha at the 7th Congress of the PLA, «the socialist revolution cannot be developed successfully, and without the socialist revolution the

complete emancipation of the women cannot be achieved».

At broad meetings, held in Tirana and the other districts of the country, the women of Albania once again expressed their profound gratitude to the PLA and comrade Enver Hoxha who have raised the figure of the woman so high in socialist Albania, and promised that they will fight shoulder to shoulder with the men to promote the construction of socialism in Albania. At the same time, on this marked day, the Albanian women expressed their solidarity with all the women of the world who are fighting to shake off the capitalist and revisionist yoke, with all the women and peoples fighting for social and national liberation, for democracy and progress. The reality of Albania has refuted all the bourgeois-revisionist «theories» about the ways to the emancipation of women. Their endeavours to direct the struggle for the emancipation of the women against their husbands, children, and the family have as their aim to divert the women from the revolutionary struggle. On the occasion of March 8th, the Albanian women pledge once again that, in the future, too, they will base themselves on the teachings of the Party, the principles of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism, while relentlessly fighting the demagogy of the modern revisionists, and the bourgeois «theories», and that they will consistently expose the expansionist policy of U.S. imperialism and Soviet social-imperialism.—