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THE LIFE AND WORK OF COMRADE ENVER HOXHA ARE IMMORTAL

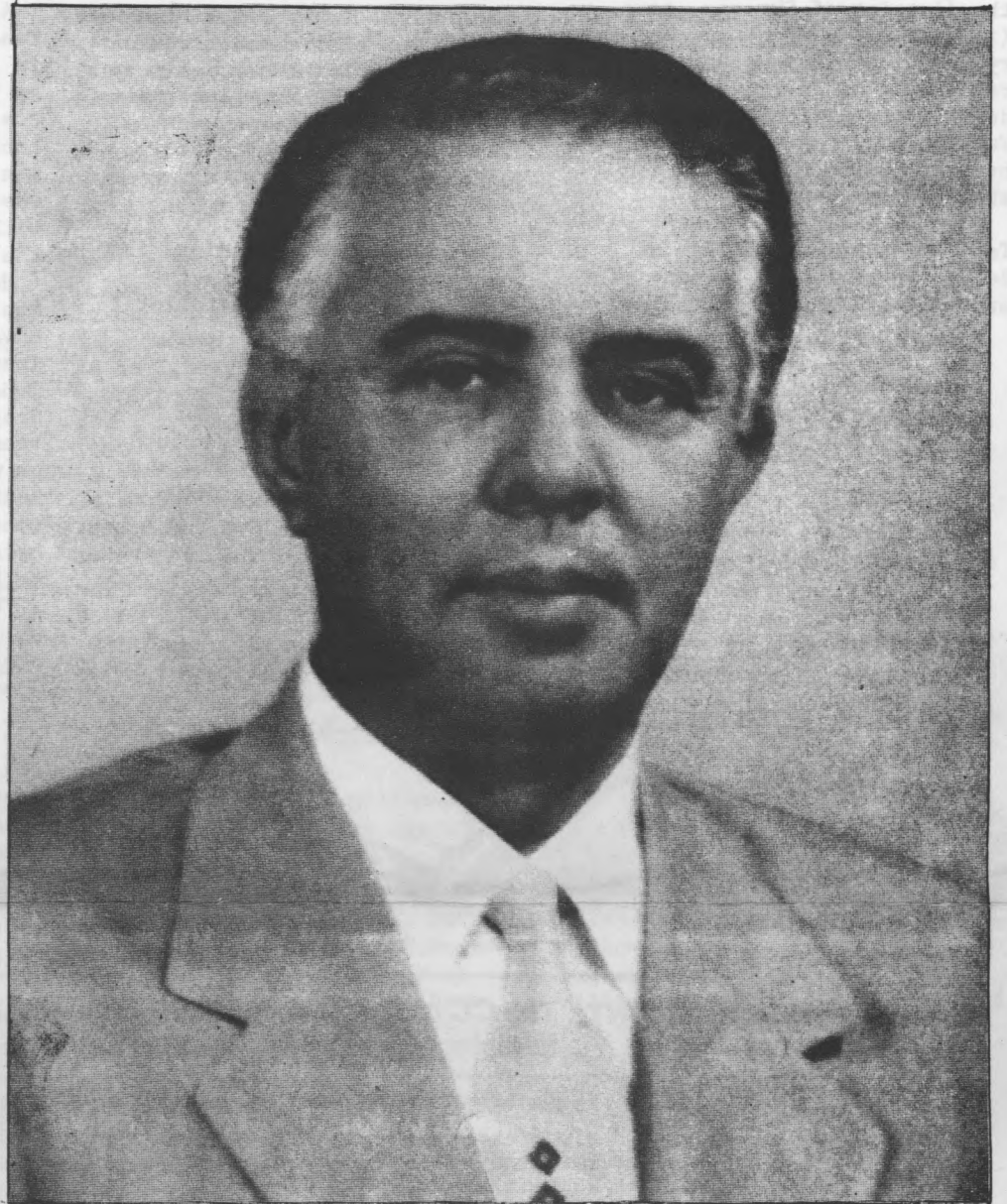
Communists, workers, and progressive people the world over join the Albanian Party and people in mourning the death of the beloved Marxist-Leninist leader, Comrade Enver Hoxha. The great work of Enver Hoxha will live on as the Albanian people continue from victory to victory in building the People's Socialist Republic of Albania, the only socialist country in the world. For it is Comrade Hoxha who led the Party of Labor of Albania (PLA) in mobilizing the people against every enemy effort to sell out the revolutionary anti-fascist struggle and crush the revolution. Comrade Hoxha's outstanding application of Marxism-Leninism gave guidance to the complex struggle of the Albanian people in their fight for freedom and for the establishment and construction of socialism. He taught the people to be self-reliant and closely guard their independence. His life and work stand like granite against all the plots of the 2 greatest enemies of the people — US imperialism and Soviet social-imperialism — to destroy socialism in Albania.

His leadership insured that the steel-like unity of the Party and people also smashed the efforts of internal enemy agents to defeat the revolution through revisionist treachery. The firm Marxist-Leninist leadership of the PLA, with Comrade En-

ver Hoxha at the head, enabled the Albanian people to achieve their outstanding socialist victories. Today Albania stands completely free and independent, with no foreign debts, no foreign troops on its soil, no taxes, no crises of any kind. It is a country where real equality and democracy for the people flower, and where the food, housing, health care, and everything for the material well-being of the people is assured.

Enver Hoxha, beloved leader of Albania, leaves a legacy not only treasured by the Albanian people, but of inestimable value to all the working and oppressed people of the world. Drawing on the great treasury of Marx, Engels, Lenin and Stalin, Comrade Hoxha provided critically important leadership to the world's communists. When the Krushchevites attacked Joseph Stalin and the Soviet Party in order to put forward their revisionist theses and restore capitalism in the Soviet Union, Enver Hoxha and the PLA opposed them. And when the phony communism known as "Maotsetung Thought" was causing great confusion in the ranks of Marxist-Leninists worldwide, Comrade Hoxha led the struggle to unmask this fraud—including the dangerous "3 world's theory."

In the ten years before his
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Comrade Enver Hoxha, 1908–1985

ANNOUNCEMENT

**The Central Committee of the Party of Labour of Albania,
The Presidium of the People's Assembly of the People's Socialist Republic of Albania,
the Council of Ministers of the People's Socialist Republic of Albania,
General Council of the Democratic Front of Albania**

Comrades, communists, workers, cooperativists, intellectuals, women and the youth of Albania, veterans of the war and patriots,

With the deepest grief we inform you that today, April 11, 1985, at 02:15 hours, the heart of the beloved and glorious leader of the Party and our people, Comrade Enver Hoxha, First Secretary of the Central Committee of the Party of Labour of Albania, Chairman of the General Council of the Democratic Front of Albania, Commander-in-Chief of our armed forces, ceased to beat. The founder of our glorious Party, the organizer and leader of the National Liberation War and of our people's revolution, the architect of the construction of the new socialist Albania, departed from our ranks forever. The heroic commander of our National Liberation Army, he who created the Democratic Front and laid the foundations of the people's power, closed his eyes forever.

The life and work of Enver Hoxha is the living history of present-day Albania. His name is linked with all the class battles and with all the victories of the Party and the Albanian people. At all the phases which our people have lived through, from the day when the Communist

Party was founded up to this date, whenever the fate of the people and of the homeland were in balance, his thinking and personality were always present. At all key moments when the road which had to be followed and the struggle which had to be waged were being chosen, his leadership and guidance were always decisive.

A staunch revolutionary, a devoted patriot, Enver Hoxha was the first amongst the Albanian communists who understood the great historical necessity of founding the Communist Party, the sole leading force capable of uniting the people and leading them in the struggle for the liberation of Albania and the establishment of people's state power. To him belongs the outstanding historical merit that at the gravest moments of fascist occupation and oppression and the national betrayal by the old political forces, he created this leading force, strengthened it organizationally and educated it ideologically. With his stand at the head of the Party, he waged stern battles with foreign and internal enemies, opportunists and factionalists, drafted and worked out the general political line of the National Liberation War. He found and laid down the roads to the achievement of the triumph of November 29, 1944.

Under the leadership of Comrade Enver Hoxha, the Party realized the unity of the Albanian people in the National Liberation Front. He was the initiator and the organizer of the historic Conference of Peza. For the first time, our people achieved a fighting unity on the basis of a platform which expressed their desires and genuine national aspirations. It was this unity which withstood the savage forces of the fascist occupiers and the traitors to the country. Comrade Enver Hoxha is the direct organizer of the National Liberation Army. Under his command, our glorious partisans fought with unprecedented heroism within and beyond the borders of Albania, and with the support of the patriotic forces of the whole people liberated our beloved homeland.

The creation of the people's power and the new Albanian state which were born in the flames of the National Liberation War have their roots in the revolutionary thinking and leadership of Comrade Enver Hoxha. Under his care and according to his teachings, the People's Councils became powerful weapons of the dictatorship of the proletariat, of the democracy of the masses and of the socialist construction.

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The Albanian People Pay Homage to Enver Hoxha

-FROM THE NUMEROUS LETTERS AND TELEGRAMS SENT TO THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE PARTY, as broadcast by Radio Tirana:

Our entire people, workers, cooperativists, militarymen, women, young men and women, intellectuals, students, pupils, young and old, express their profound grief for the death of the glorious leader of our Party and people, Comrade Enver Hoxha, and their solemn oath to march on the road of the Party, on the road of socialism, according to the teachings of Comrade Enver Hoxha.

The message sent by the Plenum of the People's Council of the district of Skrapar says (in part): The mountains and every corner of Skrapar knows Comrade Enver since the stormy days of the National Liberation War. We hear and will always hear his voice, his appeal; we shall follow his deed.

The mother of the Hero Hajdar Tafa from Gorican village of Berat district writes among other things: The news of the death

of the most beloved son of the people, the commander of my Hajdar and all those who laid down their lives for freedom, Comrade Enver Hoxha, made me, a mother, take the gravest wound of my life. I advise you to turn the sorrow into strength, not to please the enemies.

The cooperativists of Gore, Lushnja district write: On November 25, 1945 Comrade Enver Hoxha came to Gore and distributed among us the title deeds. He wished us to enjoy our land from generation to generation. This year we will celebrate the 40th anniversary of distribution of title deeds. Our desire was to have Comrade Enver Hoxha among us, but the bitter death would not let us fulfill our desires. Nevertheless, Comrade Enver Hoxha is and will be among us because the Party and its leadership, his co-fighters, are among us.

The achievements attained in the metallurgy giant, in the "Steel of the Party" metallurgi-

cal combine are a materialization of the valuable teachings and instructions of Comrade Enver Hoxha. Therefore, as all workers said, the life and work of Comrade Enver Hoxha, his valuable teachings will always serve as a guide for action. We will spare nothing for the good of the people and homeland. This is how Comrade Enver Hoxha taught us; this is what his life and work show us. By implementing the teachings of the Party and Comrade Enver Hoxha in the future, too, we will score fresh successes; we will make Albania stronger and the life of the working people more prosperous.

A 90-year old mother from Dures writes: My brother was killed in 1920, but the power was seized by the bourgeoisie. 4 of my nephews were killed in the National Liberation War but their blood was turned into light, and this was done by Comrade Enver Hoxha with the Party. Immortal glory to the work of Comrade Enver Hoxha!

Hearing over the radio the communique on the death of Comrade Enver Hoxha, we, the former partisans of "Thanas Ziko" battalion, inhabitants of the village of Grapsh, were overcome by a profound grief. We were shocked, but we will never lose courage. Our hearts never grow old because the teachings of the Party and our beloved leader, Comrade Enver Hoxha, have animated them.

The bitter news distresses us all, the people of Dropulli, who cherish a profound love and gratitude for the Party, and the loving son of our heart, Comrade Enver Hoxha, said the chairman of the higher type agricultural cooperative of Sofratika, Ilia Selo. Thanks to the Party and to the great care of Comrade Enver Hoxha, we, the minority people, emerged from death to life, from robbery to freedom, from darkness into light. In these moments, we, the

people of Dropulli, linked like flesh to bone with the Party, will turn grief into force, will tighten our ranks round the Party, will work with might and main to make our life even more prosperous.

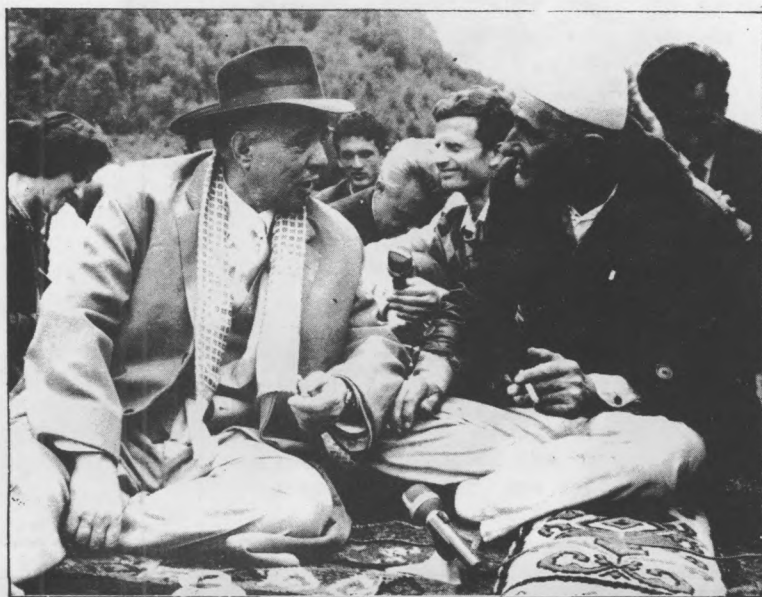
The cooperativists of the mountainous Rec said: Comrade Enver showed everyone that we are Albanians. Every inch of Albania is nourished by the Party with Comrade Enver Hoxha at the head. The leader is living; he will never die, because he left a people that will never forget him. He left a people that are illuminated by his light and mind.

I lost my eyes while working, an invalid said. The Party gave me a pension, a new house, and my children are given education. I was also given eyes. I see Comrade Enver Hoxha who is still in the lead; I talk with him and say: You will live, Comrade Enver, because the people live. In the lead of the Party you became for us a beacon with everlasting brilliance.

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Comrade Enver Hoxha speaking with the people

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Comrade Enver Hoxha drafted and worked out the programme of magnificent transformations and of the construction of the new socialist society. Under the leadership of the communists with Comrade Enver at the head, triumphant battles were waged for industrialization, the construction of all those monumental projects which the new working class gave the country, as well as a powerful base for the all-round economic and social development.

Firmly relying on Marxism-Leninism and being intimately acquainted with the centuries-old suffering and aspirations of our patriotic peasantry, Comrade Enver Hoxha gave fundamental instructions for the collectivization and modernization of agriculture. The correctness of the road laid down by the Party is clearly evident in the reality of the cooperativist village today.

Comrade Enver Hoxha led the Party and the people in the realization of the deep-going ideological and cultural revolution which is being carried out in our country. The fact that today Albania is an advanced socialist country developing on its own forces, the homeland of a people liberated from every kind of social and spiritual oppression, a country of democracy and well-being for all, of education and culture for the broad masses of the people — this is the merit of the struggle waged by the Albanian people with the Party and Comrade Enver Hoxha at the head. There is no field of political, ideological or social activity of the Party and our state in which the philosophical thinking, organizational force and leading activity of Comrade Enver Hoxha are not expressed. He worked out the general line of the foreign policy and the stand of the Party and our state towards international problems. This policy of resolute opposition to American imperialism, Soviet social-imperialism and world reaction and of sincere support for the revolutionary and liberation struggles of the peoples, and solidarity with the democratic and

anti-imperialist forces, has strengthened the international positions of our country, increased the admiration and respect for socialist Albania in the world, multiplied its friends and well-wishers.

Under the leadership of Comrade Enver Hoxha, the Party of Labour of Albania has waged a heroic struggle against modern revisionism. No one has defended the teachings of Marx, Engels, Lenin and Stalin from the opportunist distortions with such revolutionary purpose as he at every moment and in every situation. No one has exposed the policy of social-imperialism and the social-chauvinist activity of the Titoites, the Khrushchovites and other renegades as he did. No one has fought with so much force and determination as he against the internal enemies of the Party, groups of factionalists and foreign agents, from Koci Xoxe up to the band of Mehmet Shehu. This struggle was the salvation for the Party, the people and our homeland.

Comrade Enver Hoxha ranks amongst those outstanding revolutionaries who have made a brilliant and special contribution to the development of the Marxist-Leninist theoretical thinking that affects all the questions of the revolution and the construction of socialism. The conclusions of the experience of the liberation war and of the practice of the construction of our new society, the analyses and conclusions on the processes of present-day world development, are of remarkable ideological value, points of orientation and reference for day-to-day revolutionary activity. As a genuine internationalist, he has tirelessly supported the new Marxist-Leninist parties and their revolutionary struggle. He has always stood by them and attentively followed the struggle for their consolidation and progress.

Comrade Enver Hoxha is the greatest historical figure of our people and nation, who will light up the road of the present generation and those to come with an inextinguishable radiance. He will live on for all eternity in the

hearts of all the communists and our people, dearly beloved, profoundly honoured and respected. With his work and his teachings, he will always be near them to inspire them in struggle and at work for the good of the homeland and communism.

Let his fiery appeal addressed to the Albanian people on the occasion of the 40th anniversary of the liberation of the homeland remain a banner of struggle: *"Let us guard what we have achieved as the apple of our eye. Let us go on consistently to develop it further, to leave the coming generations an Albania ever stronger, always red like the undying flame of the hearts and ideals of communists and partisans, an Albania which will live and progress through the centuries. I am convinced that the people and the Party will raise the honour, respect and name of socialist Albania higher and higher in the world."*

This is also the unanimous oath which our Party of Labour of Albania and all the Albanian people take today. At these moments of profound grief for the loss of our beloved leader, comrade and teacher, Enver Hoxha, let us strengthen our steel-like unity and tighten the ranks around the Party and its Central Committee. Let us mobilize our forces even more to make our Albania what Comrade Enver wanted it to be — powerful, prosperous and advanced. Let us work tirelessly as he worked and fought for half a century on end, to raise his name even higher. Glory to the brilliant and immortal work of Comrade Enver Hoxha!

Tirana April 11, 1985

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Enver Hoxha's Profound Analysis of the International Situation

(from Radio Tirana, April 1985)

Speaking at the 8th Congress of the Party of Labor of Albania on this problem, Comrade Enver Hoxha said: "...the present international situation is disturbed, complicated and very tense. Major political and social forces confront one another: on the one side, imperialism, capitalism and reaction, the bearers of oppression, exploitation and war, and on the other side, the peoples, the revolutionaries and the democrats, who are struggling for national and social liberation and the emancipation of mankind. This large-scale, profound and all-



Comrade Enver Hoxha delivers the Report on the Activity of the Central Committee of the Party of Labour of Albania, at the 8th Congress of the PLA on November 1, 1981.

round confrontation, which is a reflection of stern class clashes and has included all the continents without exception, has further exacerbated all the contradictions and the grave crisis which has swept the capitalist world today. Everything indicates that the present situation in the world could give rise to general and local wars, just as it may give rise to liberation wars and revolution. The development of events will show whether imperialism will be able to lead the world to a new catastrophe or whether the peoples will prevent the war and save mankind....

Imperialism has been and still is the source of all aggressions and predatory wars, the source of all the disasters and suffering which have existed and exist in the world. The peoples have paid the price of the insatiable greed of the imperialists for conquests

and exploitation and for world domination with their blood and their lives. The struggle going on today among the imperialist superpowers and the big capitalist powers for markets and spheres of influence is further testimony of this unalterable character of the nature and aims of imperialism.

American imperialism and Soviet social-imperialism are contesting with one another, are competing and maneuvering to carry out aggressions and occupy other countries. In many regions of the world the struggle between the two imperialist superpowers, the United States of America and the Soviet Union, not excluding imperialist China and other capitalist powers, have assumed new, major proportions. Each of these powers is striving to achieve economic, political and military superiority over the other and to capture new strategic positions. Although the flames of world war are not blazing yet, the local fires which have broken out and the dangerous hotbeds which have already been created may turn into a great conflagration of imperialist world war....

Of course, while we observe that the rivalry between the superpowers and the sharpening of contradictions between them constitute the main source of present-day international conflicts and the danger of war, we cannot fail to notice also their efforts to reach compromises and agreements and even temporary alliances. The efforts to come to terms to the detriment of the peoples has always been the response of imperialists to the tendency towards inter-imperialist clashes and conflicts....

The front of the national liberation, anti-imperialist struggle of the oppressed and exploited people is broadening in scope and strength. In Asia, the Middle East, Africa and Latin America where the peoples are continuing their struggles for freedom and national independence, maturity and rising political consciousness have been manifested.

The interests of the superpowers and those of the peoples are not in accord and do not coincide at any time or in any instance. For imperialism to exist, the peoples must be enslaved. For the peoples to be liberated, imperialism must be destroyed.

The policy of the reactionary classes, which to protect their own power and to deceive the masses, relying on one or the other imperialist state, presenting the one as good and the other as bad, the one as the supporter of the people and the other as the enemy, the one as the champion of peace and the other as a warmonger, is very dangerous and must be fought to the end. The superpowers, individually and jointly, are the most ferocious enemies of the freedom and independence of the peoples, the protectors and guarantors of reactionary regimes, supporters of national bondage to foreigners, and instigators of feuds and conflicts between nations. Their policy contains the direct danger that mankind is hurled into a third world war. Therefore, now as in the past, the struggle of the revolutionary, progressive and democratic forces to expose and foil the predatory and enslaving plans of the imperialist superpowers is an historic necessity, a condition and a duty for the defense of the freedom and sovereignty of the peoples, for the triumph of the revolution, for averting the war and ensuring peace."

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death, Comrade Hoxha made very significant further contributions to the treasury of Marxism-Leninism, analyzing current developments and exposing all brands of revisionism as treachery to the working class.

In his important work Imperialism and the Revolution, and in the Reports to the 7th and 8th Congress, Comrade Hoxha provides a profound Marxist-Leninist analysis of present conditions and shows that the teachings of Marx, Engels, Lenin and Stalin remain completely valid today.

In all his activity, Comrade Hoxha gave great assistance to the International Marxist-Leninist Communist Movement, and helped to ensure its strength and unity.

Thus the life and work of this tireless fighter for socialism lives on not only in the hearts and minds of the Albanian people who had direct experience of his daily leadership, but in the work of Marxist-Leninists and progressive people the world over who are determined to learn from the proletarian internationalism and clear Marxist-Leninist analysis of this great Communist teacher.

It was with deepest respect

RAMIZ ALIA - FROM P.3

Party of Labor of Albania went to the building of the Presidium of the People's Assembly and paid homage and formed guards of honor around the coffin bearing the body of the founder of our Party, the architect of the construction of new socialist Albania, Comrade Enver Hoxha. In a sign of honor and profound respect for the magnificent and immortal work of the beloved and glorious leader of the Party and our people, Comrade Enver Hoxha, they stood in silence.

and sorrow that delegations of fraternal Marxist-Leninist Parties joined with the Albanian people for Comrade Hoxha's funeral April 15, 1985.

The material from Radio Tirana which is printed in this special edition of Voice of Revolution readily shows that at this time of great loss, the people are rallying closely around their Party of Labor, and all of Albania is standing firm in defense of Marxism-Leninism and socialism.

HOLD HIGH THE IMMORTAL WORK OF COMRADE ENVER HOXHA! #

In these solemn moments of deep grief, Comrade Ramiz Alia said:

"Comrades, it was our custom to inform Comrade Enver about the work we did. Today we have come here, and I want the whole Plenum of the Central Committee to say to Comrade Enver, to swear before him, that all of us, the members of the Central Committee, the whole Party, all our people, will advance along the road of Enver according to his teachings. Let us pledge our word that we shall carry forward the magnificent work created by Enver Hoxha. Therefore, unanimously, let us say, 'I swear.'"

"I swear," was the unanimous reply of all the members of the Plenum. Then the leaders of the Party and state bowed in profound reverence and gratitude before the coffin bearing the body of Comrade Enver Hoxha, the greatest historic figure of the Albanian people and nation, and raised their fists in salute.

BIOGRAPHY OF COMRADE RAMIZ ALIA (from Radio Tirana, 4/85)

As Comrade Enver Hoxha himself has described him, Comrade Ramiz Alia is one of the most distinguished collaborators, both during the National Liberation War and in the epoch of the construction of socialism in Albania, with Comrade Enver Hoxha. Comrade Ramiz Alia was born in 1925 in Shkodra city, in a poor family.

Since he was a pupil in the Lyceum of Tirana he took an active part in the Anti-fascist National Liberation Movement as a member of the Communist Youth Organization since its founding.

At the beginning of 1943 he became a member of the Communist Party of Albania (today the Party of Labor of Albania).

During the war for national liberation from the yoke of nazi-fascism, the Party charged Comrade Ramiz Alia with important duties in the leadership of the organization of Communist

Youth.

Later on, while he was 19 years old he was trusted with the responsible political and military tasks of directing the 7th partisan shock brigade, in the second division and being commissar of the 5th division of the Albanian National Liberation Army, which, under the order of the General Commander of the Partisan National Liberation Army, Comrade Enver Hoxha, fought against fascism in the territories of Yugoslavia as well.

In August 1944, at the First Congress of the Albanian Anti-fascist Youth, Comrade Ramiz Alia was elected member of the Secretariat of the Youth and later, in November 1948, he was elected First Secretary of the Central Committee of the Labor Youth Union of Albania.

Since the First Congress of the Party in November 1948 onwards Comrade Ramiz Alia has been elected member of the Central Committee of the Party of Labor of Albania. In the 3rd Congress of the Party, in May 1956, he was elected alternate member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Party. Since the 4th Congress of the Party in February 1961, he has been elected member of the Political Bureau and Secretary of the Central Committee of the Party.

Comrade Ramiz Alia, close co-fighter and collaborator of Comrade Enver Hoxha, is a distinguished political and social personality and a statesman. He has been elected deputy to the People's Assembly since the second legislature. He has been minister of education and culture. He is vice-chairman of the General Council of the Democratic Front of Albania. At the 10th legislature of the People's Assembly, Comrade Ramiz Alia was elected President of the Presidium of the People's Assembly of the People's Socialist Republic of Albania. #

Medical Communique

Since 1948, Comrade Enver Hoxha had suffered from the disease of diabetes, which with the passage of time caused widespread damage to the blood vessels, heart, kidneys and several other organs. As a result of this damage, in 1973 he had a myocardial infarct with arrhythmia. In later years a grave cardiac insufficiency built up. A year ago he suffered ischemic damage of the brain with transient paralysis. On the morning of April 9, 1985, there was an unexpected cessation of the heart by ventricular fibrillation. Despite the intensive medical treatment, the repetition of the ventricular fibrillation and the irreversible consequences on the brain and kidneys caused death at 2:15 hours on April 11, 1985.

The team of doctors
Tirana, April 11, 1985.

Enver Hoxha on the Leading Role of the Party

(from Radio Tirana, April 1985)

In all the works of Comrade Enver Hoxha, a defense is made of the Marxist idea on the Party and its leading role, and new arguments are presented which prove that without the Communist Party, without its leadership, there can be no triumph of the revolution, no successful construction of socialism.

Comrade Hoxha defends the thesis that the working class can play its historic role even when it is small in number because it plays this role through its Party, which adheres to the ideology of the class. When he made his historic proposal for the founding of the Communist Party of Albania at the meetings of the representatives of the communist groups on November 8, 1941, Comrade Enver Hoxha stressed, "This is demanded by the objective conditions, by the working class. The communists demand it. The historic moments our country is experiencing demand it. The people demand it, who are appealing to us to rise in struggle together with them. We cannot sidestep this principal objective for a single moment more, comrades."

NECESSITY FOR THE PARTY

Proceeding from the experience of the Party of Labor of Albania and from the analysis of the international political situation, Comrade Enver drew the general conclusion of outstanding theoretical and practical value, that "Currently, not only is it a possibility, but it is a necessity to create the Marxist-Leninist Communist Party of the proletariat everywhere, in every country of the world, irrespective of the level of economic and social development, as the leading Party of the working class even though it may be small in number. Of great importance is the experience of the Communist Party of Albania, that in those conditions it knew how to assume the leadership of the masses in the struggle and the revolution, to secure their trust and be accepted by them as the sole and incontestible leader. The forty year long experience of the Party of Labor of Albania also proved the exceptionally important lesson of Marxism-Leninism that in the period of the construction of socialism too, up until the classes are extinguished and communism is built, the existence of the Party of the working class and its leading role in society are vital."

AGAINST SO-CALLED POLITICAL PLURALISM IN SOCIALISM

The Party and Comrade Enver Hoxha have refuted the revisionist idea of so-called political pluralism in socialism, the idea of the preservation and cooperation with other political parties even when work is continuing for the construction of socialism. They propounded that at the commencement of the construction of socialism, the existence of another party could be accepted on the condition that the independence and the vanguard role of the Party of the proletariat are guaranteed, but with the passage of time, with the construction of the economic base of socialism and the liquidation of antagonistic classes, the preservation of other parties would be completely unnecessary and a theoretical absurdity. The interests of two friendly classes, the working class and the cooperativist peasantry and of the strata of the intelligentsia, which has emerged from the former, are represented and defended, and defended better than anyone else, by the Marxist-Leninist Party of the working class. Wherever there are other parties and where the necessity of other parties in socialism is debated, there is no socialism but the preservation of antagonistic classes. There the interests of the bourgeoisie are defended."

LEADING ROLE OF THE PARTY

By closely following the magnificent work for the construction of socialism, by drawing lessons on the degeneration of the parties in the revisionist countries, and in the struggle with all the internal enemies which fought to undermine the leadership of the Party to create closed fortresses in the sectors where they operated, Comrade Enver Hoxha enriched the Marxist-Leninist teaching on the leading role of the Party during the period of socialist construction with the important idea that the more the process of the socialist construction advanced and the more the tasks are increased, the more the leading role of the Party is enhanced.

At the 8th Congress of the Party, Comrade Enver Hoxha stated: "No problem, simple or complicated, present or future, can be solved without the leadership of the Party. This has always been and remains a law. This leadership guarantees the successful construction of socialism, ensures the centralized direction for the sole aim of all the work which is done in the country. It blocks the road to the possibility of the



from "The Party Has Been Founded." oil painting by S. Hysa

distortion of its line and to unlawful and hostile acts, defends socialism and the victories gained."

COMPOSITION OF THE PARTY

With outstanding force, Comrade Enver Hoxha has laid down the idea that the Party of the working class will always be a revolutionary party, but to achieve this, it is not sufficient to merely have a proletarian ideology, but also a proletarian composition of its ranks and its leading organs. Basing itself on the concrete proposals of Comrade Enver Hoxha, the Party of Labor of Albania defined a series of norms and rules to test those who requested admittance into the ranks of the Party. No one can be admitted into the Party without first acquiring the opinion of the working people amongst whom he works and lives. "The law of the Party in regard to its members," says Comrade Enver Hoxha, "must be that all his life must be spent in battle and sacrifice, and this is a duty and great honor for them. It is law, and becomes law for us communists that spiritually, until we die, we remain always revolutionary."

UNITY IN THOUGHT AND ACTION

One cardinal demand for the realization in life of democratic centralism, which at the same time is a basic factor to guarantee the leading role of the Party in the whole life of the country, has always been and remains the political, ideological and organizational unity, the unity of thought and action in its ranks. The Party of Labor has always regarded unity as a basis and source of strength and invincibility. As Comrade Enver Hoxha has stressed, "It has never permitted the existence of factions in its ranks. It has always had the one line, the Marxist-Leninist line, which it has defended with loyalty and has implemented with determination. Only the parties which renounce the revolution and the revolutionary struggle for the construction of socialism, which consequently have no need for unity, can advocate co-existence with ideological opponents within the ranks of the same Party. The genuine Marxist-Leninist parties can discharge their mission and lead the proletariat towards the revolution and socialism precisely when they secure first and foremost a steel-like and fighting unity of their ranks, a unity of revolutionaries."

LINKING THE PARTY WITH THE MASSES

It is the merit of the Party of Labor of Albania with Comrade Enver Hoxha at the head that during its whole history it knew how to bear in mind the great principle of linking the Party with the masses. The Party of Labor of Albania has persistently worked to create all the possibilities so that the masses actually take part in the direction of the country and exercise this right every day in life. "The whole life of our country," said Comrade Enver Hoxha at the 8th Congress of the Party, "the organization and direction of the state, of the economy, education, culture, defence, has been built up in such a manner that it guarantees and demands the active participation of the working people."

Ramiz Alia Elected First Secretary of the PLA

PROCEEDINGS OF THE 11th PLENUM OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE PARTY OF LABOR OF ALBANIA

(from Radio Tirana 4/85)

On April 13, 1985, the 11th Plenum of the Central Committee of the Party of Labor of Albania was held in Tirana to honor and perpetuate the name and immortal work of the glorious leader of the Party, Comrade Enver Hoxha. Comrade Ramiz Alia delivered an important speech at the Plenum on the life and brilliant work of Comrade Enver Hoxha.

The Plenum observed 2 minutes of silence in memory of the First Secretary of the Central Committee of the Party of Labor of Albania, Comrade Enver Hoxha. To perpetuate the name and work of Comrade Enver Hoxha, the Plenum adopted the respective decisions.

Then, in the name of the Political Bureau of the Central Com-

mittee of the Party, the floor at the Plenum was taken by the member of the Political Bureau, Comrade Adil Carcani, who proposed that Comrade Ramiz Alia be elected to the high post of First Secretary of the Central Committee of the Party, whom Comrade Enver Hoxha has quite correctly described as one of his most outstanding collaborators. In his speech, Comrade Adil Carcani spoke about the life and political and revolutionary activity of Comrade Ramiz Alia as one of the communists, partisans and cadres of the National Liberation War, as one of the responsible cadres of the Albanian Anti-fascist Communist Youth, as a member of the Central Committee of the Party since the First Congress. He said that Comrade Ramiz Alia in all the duties of great responsibilities with which he has been charged has fought and worked with outstanding loyalty as a pupil and close collaborator of Comrade Enver Hoxha. Expressing the unanimous opinion of the Political Bureau and in conclusion, Comrade Adil Carcani said, "I am convinced and I also express the

opinion of all the comrades of the Plenum and of the whole Party and people that by transforming the grief into strength and by faithfully implementing the general line of the Party and the teachings of Comrade Enver, the Central Committee of the Party with Comrade Ramiz Alia as First Secretary will continue and will always carry forward the glorious work of the Party and Comrade Enver, will work with all his strength and in complete Marxist-Leninist unity to ceaselessly strengthen the Party and the whole system of the dictatorship of the proletariat in our country, will always hold aloft the sharp-edged sword of Comrade Enver against all the internal and external enemies of our country.

The 11th Plenum of the Central Committee of the Party unanimously endorsed the proposal of the Political Bureau that Comrade Ramiz Alia be elected to the high post of the First Secretary of the Central Committee of the Party.

Then the members of the Plenum of the Central Committee of the

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Enver Hoxha and Ramiz Alia in 1983 on Karl Marx Centenary.