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**GREETINGS
OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE PARTY
OF LABOR OF ALBANIA PRESENTED TO THE
6th CONGRESS OF THE ALBANIAN LABOR
YOUTH UNION BY RAMIZ ALIA MEMBER OF
THE POLITICAL BUREAU AND SECRETARY OF
THE CC OF THE PARTY OF LABOR
OF ALBANIA**

Dear Comrade Delegates,

All the people and the Party follow the proceedings of your magnificent Congress with special interest. On this occasion, on behalf of the Central Committee of the Party and Comrade Enver Hoxha personally, on behalf of all the communists and workers of the country, allow me to greet the 6th Congress of the Albanian Labor Youth Union and to convey all the delegates our best wishes that they successfully carry out the important mission which our youth have assigned to them. Allow me express to you the sentiments of boundless love

of the Party and people for the heroic youth of new Albania, and to express to them their gratitude for everything they have done and are doing to further the sacred cause of the revolution and socialism, to congratulate them for their staunch loyalty towards our Party of Labor and towards victorious Marxism-Leninism.

Throughout all its history, from its foundation to this day, our Party has considered and continues to consider our youth as its inexhaustible militant reserve, its loyal supporter, a courageous and relentless fighter against the old world of oppression and exploitation, for the liberation of Albania, for its prosperity and transformation, for the all-round emancipation of our society. In the national-liberation struggle and in the reconstruction of the country, in the struggle for profound democratic and socialist transformations, in the all-round intensification of socialist revolution, our youth have always stood on the side of the Party, on the front ranks of all battles and mass actions and have manifested a rare spirit of sacrifice and self-denial, of enthusiasm and heroism.

By implementing the teachings of the Party and Comrade Enver Hoxha, throughout the entire process of the further revolutionization of the life of the country, our youth have shown themselves to be a revolutionary, motive and shock

force of our whole society in the most diverse fields, in politics and ideology, in social, cultural and educational matters, in carrying out the economic tasks in industry as well as in agriculture. Our youth have emerged as daring initiators and undaunted fighters in the field of the ideological class struggle against all the rot of the old world and all the pressure of the present-day imperialist and revisionist world, against all alien diversionary influences, whether old or new. This unprecedented struggle has enriched the marvelous revolutionary qualities and militant experience of our youth, has enhanced their personality, imparting a new impetus to their courage and initiative, further enriching our experience of how to bring up our youth in the heat of battle and revolutionary mass actions.

Our Party is justified in being proud of the heroic youth of our country who, as our leader, the beloved teacher of our youth, Comrade Enver Hoxha, says «... are closely linked with our Party, politically enlightened and morally above reproach, highly conscientious, daring and undaunted fighters who exert all their valuable efforts for the benefit of our socialist revolution and the all-round progress of our people».

Our successes and achievements speak of the force and ability of our wonderful youth and of

their organization, the Albanian Labor Youth Union. They are a guarantee that in the future, too, our youth will stand, as always, in the front ranks of the struggle to carry out the historic decisions of the 6th Party Congress by placing all their energies and outstanding talents into serving the people and socialism.

At this stage of the development of our revolution, when our economy and culture are advancing at a high rate, when the whole life of the country, of our whole society and of the younger generation itself is passing through a dynamic process of rapid development, the question of youth, that of their education and activation, of the role and the place they occupy in this non-stop revolutionary process of development and transformation, assumes special importance. The correct understanding and treatment of this problem is the primary essential condition for gaining a good understanding of and correctly solving the many new problems which are emerging today in the work with the youth. There is no doubt that the 6th Congress of the Albanian Labor Youth Union will make a valuable contribution in this direction.

Youth constitutes the most vital and active force in our country. A close examination of the social and demographic transformations of our

society will reveal a truly impetuous growth especially of our younger generation. The youth make up more than half of the population of our country. Persons from 16 to 30 years of age occupy the chief place in the active population, in the ranks of the working people and, especially, among the working class and the intelligentsia. This factor, which is a clear indication of the vitality of our people is very positive and optimistic for the increasingly rapid progress and prosperity of our socialist homeland. It constitutes a powerful premise for the rapid increase of our productive forces, for the still greater utilization of our natural resources, for the further increase of the productivity of social work in every sphere of life and especially in that of production. At the same time, it is a clear indication of the place our youth occupy and the role they are called on to play in our society.

But the place and role of the youth in our revolution is dictated first of all by the nature of our system. We are a socialist country in ceaseless revolutionizing transformation. The youth, for their very nature and age, not only constitute the most progressive and energetic element in this revolution, but it is precisely the youth who, generation after generation, will carry forward the torch of revolution. They constitute the present and the future of socialism and communism.

This sets a series of tasks and responsibilities before the younger generation itself and its heroic organisation, the Albanian Labor Youth Union. These are tasks which have to do, in the first place, with the education and strengthening of revolutionary consciousness and responsibility in relation to the role youth have to play in every field of political, economic, cultural, educational, social and ideological activity. This also confronts various party, state and economic organizations and organs, the whole society, with the task of uninterruptedly heightening their concern for the youth and their problems, of creating every possibility for the youth to successfully play their role.

Today, it is well known truth to all that the youth develop and mature more quickly in all aspects. The acceleration of physiological, intellectual and moral development nowadays is an indisputable phenomenon. Furthermore, in our socialist country, which is led by a Marxist-Leninist party, the Party of Labor of Albania, this acceleration is accompanied by the rapid growth of the political and ideological consciousness, initiative and social and ideological activity of the youth. Understanding these conditions of the present day development of the youth is of special importance to the youth organization which should carry out its educational and organizational work in con-

formity with this development, discarding primitive, didactical and rigid methods and relying upon the self-activation of the youth, upon their initiative, and on the lively discussion of the various problems confronting them. This is important for the whole society as well, because the correct treatment of the youth, the assessment of their possibilities and the trust placed in them as a great and powerful mass, organized and capable in every aspect of taking on any task and accomplishing it in the best possible way, are closely linked with this problem. Whoever fails to understand these conditions, cannot help falling into a conservative position and, whether consciously or unconsciously, hampering the drive of youth.

Today most of our young men and women start their independent life relatively later than the past generations. This is connected with the fact that nowadays all the possibilities have been created for the mass education of the youth, and almost all of them try to achieve a high category of schooling. Under these conditions, the concern of the family, the State and the whole society for a more complete training of the young men and young women for life grows in all directions. And this is completely correct and justified. But this concern which should be correctly understood by our young people, should neither serve as a basis

to approach the youth from a paternalistic position, nor be understood as an underestimation of the complicated educational problems which emerge from the fact that the youth start their independent life relatively late.

The role of the youth as well as their problems and demands vary according to the time and the transformations the country and society is undergoing. Viewed from this angle it is not enough only to speak of this role and these problems, but it is necessary for the youth themselves as well as the whole society to understand them in their dialectical development and solve them by taking into consideration the actual conditions and the contradictions they bring about.

As a result of the transformations that have taken place in our country, in economy and culture, in the social and ideological fields, new roads and vast horizons as well as boundless possibilities for development and progress have been opened to our youth. The life of our youth has been enriched. Our Party and People's Power have created the possibilities for the youth to affirm their youthful revolutionary ideals in practice. And the attempts of the youth in this direction are made concrete in the struggle each person wages to occupy a worthy place in life, to serve the people and socialism as well as possible by preparing for a

definite field of social activity. In the present day conditions of the socialist construction of the country it can be seen that the youth aspire towards an increasingly more qualified work, towards professions closely linked with modern technique, towards professions working where the social conditions for a more progressive life are created. This aspiration is not only understandable, but it is progressive and revolutionary. Nevertheless it is intertwined with numerous contradictions which must be clearly revealed to the youth. Today we need to promote both industry and agriculture, enlarge and develop our cities; but we need also to transform the life of our countryside in all its aspects; not only make the fields flourish, but also the mountains, extend the range of the more qualified jobs, but also engage ourselves more in numerous jobs calling for a lower level of qualification; we need to work not only close to our homes, but also far from them. On all these fronts, the participation and contribution of the youth is indispensable, because the task of struggling to transform the country falls mainly on them. This transformation constitutes a patriotic task for our youth, which is in conformity with the responsibilities they undertake in our society. It is clear that active undertakings to carry through these tasks do not always coincide with the narrow

personal interest. It is precisely this that should be made clear to our youth, so that they understand the necessities of the country, so that in the struggle for the construction of our homeland and socialism, our youth find their highest ideal, mould and affirm their personality, realize and achieve their interests and aspirations. At the same time, all efforts should be made to correctly combine the general interest with the personal one, by creating the necessary conditions to cope as well as possible with the demands and aspirations of the youth and to avoid considering their just requests as erroneous manifestations, as tendencies of pursuing an easy life etc., as sometimes happens. Our youth are aware of and fully understand that at present too, the spirit of sacrifice and self-abnegation is required, that it is in their interest and in that of the whole society for all their forces and energies to be concentrated on the revolutionary transformations all over the country. And our glorious youth are demonstrating their lofty spirit of heroism with a great force. The youth are the first in the fulfilment of the tasks of the State plan, in the construction and mastery of the operation of the big industrial projects, in the railway constructions, in land reclamation, in the increase of new cattle breeds and, in going wherever our homeland and Party call them.

The Party and the State of the dictatorship of the proletariat have secured great victories for our younger generation. Our youth not only enjoy the right to work, but have the effective possibility to actually practice this right as well. They not only enjoy the right to education, but as well have increasingly greater and broader possibilities to pursue it. Legislation effectively safeguards all the rights of children and youth. These and other such rights secured by the people in power have enabled our youth to learn and work assured of their present and future, unlike the youth of the majority of the countries in the world, where not only their future but their present, too, is quite gloomy.

But it is essential to understand that the great victories achieved by our youth, in a natural and objective way, parallel with the development of the country's economy and culture must be accompanied by a greater attention to create ever better conditions for our youth and children for cultural leisure time activities, for education and sports, for recreation. No one can say that our youth have made excessive demands in this field. On the contrary their demands are quite modest. But it can't be denied that the involvement of the state and society, including the youth organisation itself,

in fulfilling these demands is below the level of the present possibilities. It seems that the importance of this side of its work for the all-round normal and healthy development of the youth is not understood correctly, many natural demands of the time being considered as excessive and beyond our material possibilities. It is clear that this is a very narrow conception of the problem, and it is therefore necessary that such mistakes be corrected as soon as possible.

At present the problems of the youth are numerous, because the whole social development of the time, the class struggle which is being carried on in our society, with all its characteristic contradictions, are reflected in the life of our young people. Therefore the Party and Comrade Enver teach us to consider them in their entirety and complexity, avoiding uniform, mechanical solutions, and one-sided solutions which render no result whatsoever.

Dear comrade delegates,

Our socialist country is marching with rapid strides towards its further progress and prosperity. Under the leadership of the Party of Labor, with Comrade Enver Hoxha at the head, firmly overcoming the difficulties of the backward economic situation inherited from the past and all sorts of

hardships met with under the conditions of the imperialist-revisionist blockade, our people are putting all of their efforts into the further deepening of the socialist industrialization of the country, into the creation of a modern and intensive agriculture, into the further development and extension of education and culture in all aspects of our society. The great prospects and tasks set forth by the 6th Party Congress aim at transforming our country into an industrial agrarian country with an intensive, advanced multi-branched economy and at rendering the life of our country happier and more prosperous. This great program of the Party can only be achieved through the great endeavours of all the working people, through the total mobilization of all the existing active forces of the people. The 6th Youth Congress has centered all its attention on these problems and will discuss the tasks to be carried out by our youth.

The field of activity of the youth and their organisation on the economic front is quite a broad one. The tasks of the youth emerge from the struggle to fulfill and overfulfill the targets of the plan and to establish advanced norms in which the youth, both in town and countryside, must play a vanguard role and go as far as to actively participate in the work of deepening the technical-scientific revolution. They have to deal with

problems of the socialist organization of work, with the struggle for the improvement of the planning and management of the economy, and include concern for the organization and the promotion of socialist emulation. The tasks of the youth are linked with the work center or the agricultural cooperative where young people live and work and extend to the organization of mass actions on a national scale and the construction of big projects, in which the youth play a decisive role.

The Central Committee of the Party is confident that, just as heretofore, in the future, too, the youth will stand in the front ranks of the socialist construction of the country, that they will spark off successive revolutionary initiatives and mass actions, that, in the service of the common cause, they will work with all their youthful enthusiasm and the impetus characterizing them.

The youth is the vanguard detachment in the great struggle that is being waged today in our society to promote education and culture, science and modern technology. Hundreds of thousands of children and young men and women are now enrolled in various kinds of schools throughout the country. This development of education, in a country where until not so long ago the people were almost totally illiterate, is truly astonishing and represents one of the most important achieve-

ments of our revolution. But today it is indispensable to struggle to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of this greatly extended educational network, to improve the quality of school work. This is one of the major tasks of the time confronting our youth. Of course, this problem cannot be solved by the youth alone. In the first place, it is a problem of the teachers and lecturers and a question of a deeper involvement of the state and the society in school affairs. But the serious stand of the youth towards lessons and their persistent work to master them also play a role of primary importance. In the field of science, as in all other fields, knowledge is not easily attained. For this purpose efforts, persistence and patience, systematic work and will-power are needed.

The youth have been and remain a great and active force for the further revolutionization of the school. It is essential that this contribution of theirs, which has also greatly influenced the activation and democratization of school life, be accompanied by the strengthening of the spirit of proletarian discipline in the process of teaching and during free time, and by the struggle against being satisfied with little, against negligence and indifference. The ALYU should see to it that, in our schools, and in the life of the pupils and students, their rights and obligations, socialist

democracy and proletarian discipline are realized in harmonious unity.

Of all the work of the youth organization, the first place should be taken by the work for the education of the youth, for their political and ideological tempering according to the teachings of the party, of Marxism-Leninism. The incessant strengthening and improvement of educational work with the youth assumes particular importance today not only because of the great role the youth play in the life of the country, but also because, as is known, a broad frontal struggle is being waged today by the bourgeois and revisionist ideologists who aim at misleading people and at paralyzing the revolutionary forces. The ideological and political education of the youth in our country aims at training them to become active fighters, in every moment of their life, in defense of the revolutionary ideals of the revolution and the successful construction of socialism. For this purpose the ALYU should always center its attention on education in **a revolutionary class spirit**, the Marxist-Leninist formation of the youth, the cultivation of the lofty qualities of communist ethics and behavior. This problem can be solved successfully only when the youth are taught to consider and solve all problems, both personal and social, through the prism of our revolutionary ideals. On the other hand, the

education of the youth is not effective when it is imparted in a general, vague and declarative manner, but only when it is closely connected with the concrete problems the youth are confronted with. In the light of the teachings of Marxism-Leninism, deeper and more organized work should be carried out with the youth especially over social, aesthetic and cultural problems, where the pressure of alien ideology, both old and new, is stronger and which the youth come up against more frequently.

It is well known that the younger generation is always inclined towards new developments and elements. But the process of research, especially when it comes to aesthetics and tastes, is a very complex one. The bourgeoisie and the revisionists, for their own interests, encourage the most disgraceful phenomena in order to lead the youth astray. «Originality» and «imagination» are carried to the absurd. Everything is labelled as new, fashionable, in the spirit of the times. Pretending to be original, some young men and women clothe themselves in tatters or, in tribes, lead the life of primitive man, let their hair and beards grow and pin all kinds of medals and crosses, on their chest etc. Some of these young people pretend that they go to such extremities allegedly to voice their protest against the conventions of bourgeois society. But it is clear that the

bourgeois order can suffer nothing from such protests, because outward appearance is not and cannot be a way to affirm the personality of the youth. The youth affirm their personality only by fighting for lofty ideals.

It goes without saying that these tastes, which are encouraged and served up by the bourgeoisie, cannot serve as an example to form our tastes. They are alien and unacceptable to us.

In search of the new, the youth themselves, their organization and the whole society, should fight against every infiltration of foreign influences into our spotless life. But this fight cannot be waged correctly from a conservative position, when any changes in the customary norms, in traditional tastes or in musical preferences, etc., which result logically from the economic and cultural development of the society, are narrowly dealt with as imitations or extravagances. Neither can it be waged from the liberal position, or by remaining unruffled and passive, when in fact, even though the cases may be few, alien stands are observed both in the field of fashion and tastes, and in behaviour in society, in the stand towards socialist property, and so on.

The party and Comrade Enver pay special attention to our youth. Their objective is for the youth, through their work and stand, to be

always worthy of the love and confidence our entire people nourish for them. The party and Comrade Enver Hoxha work to open up broad vistas of development to the youth, to create broad possibilities for the Youth Union to enhance its revolutionary initiative and courage, raise its revolutionizing impact on the whole society.

Dear comrades,

The revolutionary youth, worthy of upholding and courageously carrying onward the banner of our nonstop revolution, worthy of the lofty revolutionary mission entrusted to the younger generation in this epoch of great liberation and revolutionary battles, are growing, being educated and tempered in the dynamic process of the development of the society.

All over the world, the youth today are a stratum aspiring and fighting for revolutionary transformations against imperialist colonialist oppression and social exploitation, for democratic rights, for broader possibilities of development in all walks of life. All the reactionary forces of the present-day capitalist and revisionist society do their utmost to suppress this protest of the youth. The bourgeois ideologists endeavour to treat this as a mere perpetual conflict amongst generations,

a conflict of biological and psychological content, they try to divest it of its class character. The bourgeoisie and the revisionists are afraid of the spirit of protest and the desire for revolutionary transformations which seethe in the youth. Therefore, they exert all-round pressure to bear on the youth, aiming at holding them back from revolutionary ideals and struggle, from political-social battles, so as to plunge them into an aimless life.

Certainly, in these countries the youth do not represent a homogenous mass, and less so, a homogenous movement. Among them there are diverse trends which develop and act, representing essentially different class interests. All sorts of pacifist and reformist trends infiltrate into the youth movement, all sorts of social democratic and revisionist, Trotskyite and anarchist currents. But, with every passing day, life proves that the revolutionary aspirations of the youth can be completely realized only under the guidance of Marxist-Leninist theory. Herein lies the reason that in various countries genuinely revolutionary youth movements are emerging, some of whose representatives we have the honor to greet at this congress and to wish them successes in the extension of their revolutionary activity, in its propagation to ever broader strata of the youth.

At present the revolutionary movement of the

youth is developing under the conditions of the continual upsurge of the liberation and revolutionary movements against all reactionary forces, especially, against U.S. imperialism and Soviet social-imperialism. The liberation and revolutionary forces are growing everyday. The People's Republic of China, guided by its Communist Party with Comrade Mao Tsetung at the head, and the People's Republic of Albania guided by the Party of Labor with Comrade Enver Hoxha at the head, march always onward on the road of revolution and socialism. The true revolutionary Marxist-Leninist forces fight for the consolidation and extension of their ranks. The liberation movement and the social protest of the oppressed and exploited peoples and masses is constantly on the rise. All this is favorable ground for the consolidation and growth of the revolutionary movement of the youth, which is a component part of the world revolutionary process under the guidance of the working class.

The Albanian youth regard their struggle as and wage it closely connected with the entire revolutionary movement of the youth in the world. They regard and develop their revolutionary action as their own contribution to the great revolutionary action of the whole youth. Therefore, the practical implementation of the instructions of the party

and Comrade Enver Hoxha, the implementation of the tasks to be brought forth at this congress are regarded by the youth as a great internationalist task.

Dear comrade delegates to the 6th Congress of the Youth Union!

The party and our whole people are unshakably confident that the Youth Union, by its total mobilization, with new and multiplied forces, as always, honorably fulfill the tasks to be assigned to it by this congress, as well as all the continuous instructions of the party and Comrade Enver. Therefore, may this ever valid call of our beloved leader and teacher, Comrade Enver Hoxha, find an ever present echo in your hearts: «Heroic youth of Albania, never let your triumphant drive stop, let your new song be heard everywhere, have your strong hand imprinted everywhere, let your sound mind be felt everywhere. With your characteristic impetus and enthusiasm, you should go to work and to school, for you are the hope of the homeland, for you are the spring of our people's life.»

Long live our heroic youth!

Long live the 6th Congress of the Albanian Labor Youth Union!



**REPORT ON THE ACTIVITY OF THE CENTRAL
COMMITTEE OF THE ALYU PRESENTED TO
THE 6th CONGRESS OF THE ALYU BY THE
FIRST SECRETARY OF THE CC OF THE ALYU,
RUDI MONARI.**

**«THE YOUTH — AN ACTIVE FORCE IN THE
STRUGGLE FOR THE ALL-ROUND
REVOLUTIONIZATION OF THE LIFE
OF THE COUNTRY.»**

Dear Comrades,

Our 6th Congress, which begins its proceedings in an atmosphere of revolutionary enthusiasm and optimism, is an important event and a great joy for Albania's entire younger generation, who, at this convention, will draw up the balance-sheet of the efforts made and successes achieved in the interim period.

At the same time, our Congress is an important event and a great joy for our party and people.

who cherish their youth as the apple of their eye and see them as the fresh detachments, which are always ready to advance on a broad front, wherever needed, with courage and determination. The trust our party and people have placed in the youth and their love for the youth makes us even prouder and multiplies our efforts to be always on the forefront of future battles.

From the lofty tribune of this Congress, Albania's younger generation expresses their patriotic feelings and their loyalty to the cause of the revolution, their courage and determination to always march ahead, their deep gratitude and ardent love for the party and its beloved leader, Comrade Enver Hoxha.

It is a great honour for the younger generation to carry out the noble tasks for the realization of the magnificent program laid down by the party at its 6th Congress. Like the whole of our people, our younger generation is struggling in an atmosphere of all-out mobilization for the further victorious advance and general progress of our socialist life.

The interim period between the 5th and the 6th Congress of the Albanian Labour Youth Union (A.L.Y.U.) is characterized by far-reaching revolutionary transformations in the life of the whole country including that of Albania's younger gene-

ration, in their blow-for-blow struggle against imperialism and modern revisionism. The party has lifted the pride and dignity of our nation to the highest peaks, and has enhanced the prestige and glory of socialist Albania which remains loyal to the last and is the beacon of Marxism-Leninism illuminating on the shores of the Adriatic. The pathos of work, the creative spirit and the determination of our whole people and youth have been raised to a new level to carry on the cause of the revolution to the end. The 5th five-year plan, under which our country will become still stronger and richer and the life of our people and youth happier and more beautiful, has further promoted the mobilization and revolutionary drive of the broad masses of the people.

Over this period, the Albanian youth, as always, have fought on the forefront of the struggle and have made an important contribution to the activity, for the further revolutionization of the life of the country, under the leadership of the party. They continue to stand in the front-ranks of this struggle and have taken the initiative in many important movements: for the formation of the new man, for the enhancement and the affirmation of the personality of the young men and women, for the further emancipation of women, in the fight against remnants of religious, feudal and bourgeois

ideology, for the further revolutionization of the school, for the increase of production, and so on.

Following glorious traditions, our youth have raised the flags of the mass actions ever higher: in building the Rrogozhina-Fier and Elbasan-Prrenjas railroad, the Malësia e Madhe highway, in terracing the slopes of our hills and mountains to make them as fertile as the plains, in terracing the hills along the coast and, in general, contributing everywhere their drive, force and heroism were needed. These mass-actions are arenas of patriotism and schools for the revolutionary education of the younger generation, expressions of the readiness of our youth to present our people and country with magnificent monuments of constructive work. In the field of socialist production and the organization of labour, in implementing the achievements of science in production, our youth have given ample proof of their high political consciousness and of their determination to overcome difficulties. They are having their say increasingly more frequently, they are taking an active part in the country's political and social life, in the development of its economy, culture and education as well as in its administration.

The youth have embarked unhesitatingly on the road of the development of the technical-scientific revolution and are standing on the fore-

front of the struggle to defend modern science and technology from craft consciousness and bureaucratic concepts. The efforts of our youth, who find their inspiration in the words of our party, are sweeping away everything stale and obsolete and are building the new life. While taking an active part in all fields of socialist construction and in revolutionary mass actions and movements, our youth are being imbued with the qualities of the new man.

«Our youth», Comrade Enver Hoxha said, «have never failed to live up to the word of the party. In hard times and good they have enthusiastically answered the calls of the party and have worked and fought with determination and self-denial to achieve the objective the party has set them».

The general drive of work, education and efforts towards progress has also enveloped our young pioneers who, united in their beloved young pioneer organization, fight to further their achievements in school, to temper themselves through work of value to society and through initiatives and mass actions of great educational importance.

Comrades,

All the successes and achievements of the younger generation of our country and their militant organization of the ALYU are to be attributed to the party, to its correct Marxist-Leninist line. Tempered and formed under the care of the party, in the heat of work and struggle for the construction of socialism, the youth of Albania are ready to take on new tasks and still greater responsibilities, just as they have been taught by the party and Comrade Enver Hoxha. They are an active force in the all-out revolutionization of the life of the country.

I. The ideological formation and tempering of the younger generation enhances the role of the youth as an active force in the entire political and social life of the country.

The concrete tasks that have been laid down by the party for the further revolutionization of the life of the country, for the struggle against the stains of the remnants of the old world, as well as for the development of the economy, culture and education, cannot be grasped without the all-out participation of the youth in carrying them out.

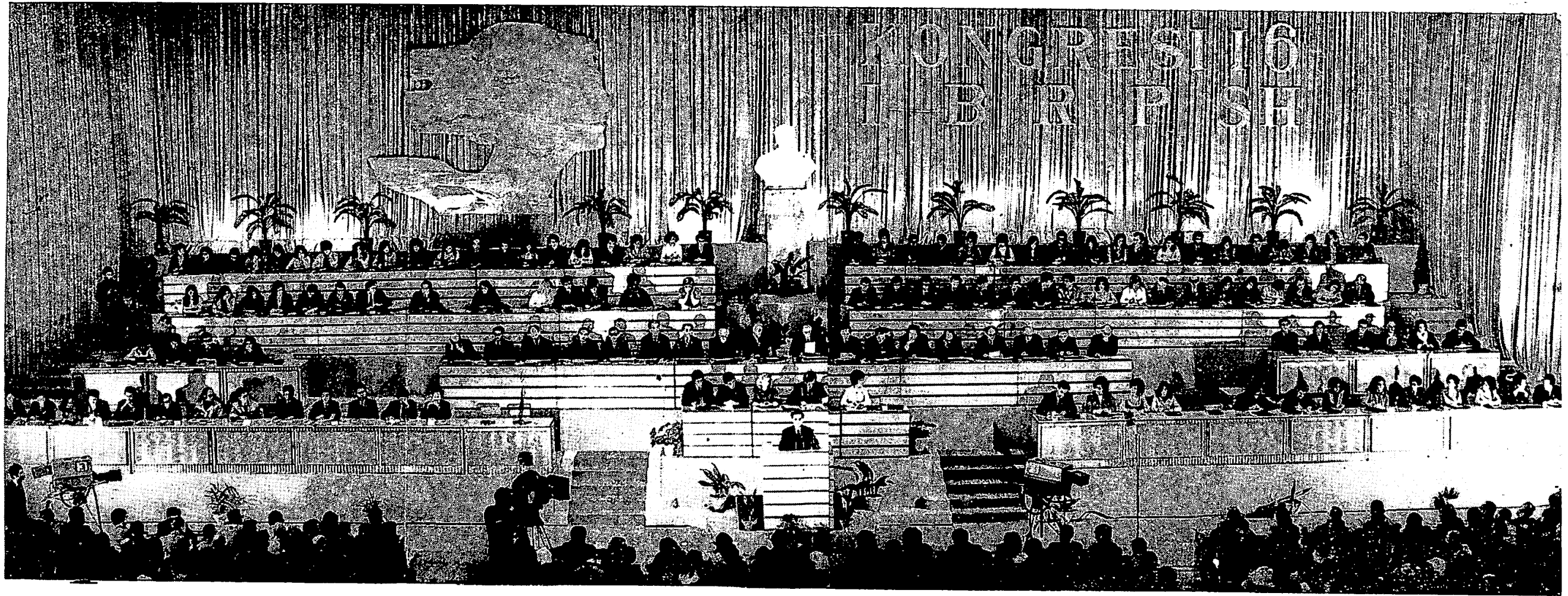
At the 6th Congress of the PLA, Comrade Enver Hoxha highly assessed the role of the youth: «Our younger generation, united in their militant organization of the Albanian Labor Youth Union, under the leadership of the Party, have come out on the arena of the ideological class struggle as a courageous initiator and unflinching fighter, as a revolutionizing, motive and shock force in the field of social, ideological and cultural transformations».

Our youth have played such a role and will carry it out still better in the future, because the Party, during the whole period of its glorious history, has considered the timely training of the youth in administrating the country as a fundamental task for the destiny of the country and the happy future of the youth itself. The drawing of the younger generation into political, social and state activities at an early age serves not only to more effectively and rapidly solve the various problems that concern our party, state and society, but also to cultivate the feeling of responsibility among our young people, to teach them the art of administration, to arm them politically and ideologically. Such a thing is quite natural in our socialist system. Our country belongs wholly to our people and youth, the future belongs to the younger generation, who, under the leadership of

the Party, build their happy, beautiful and magnificent future with their own hands.

The bourgeoisie and the modern revisionist, who are as afraid of the future as the devil is of holy-water, cannot but be terrified at the prospect of an all-sidedly developed younger generation. They are not interested in the youth taking part in healing the serious wounds that afflict the societies where they are in power, because such a thing would be their undoing. Therefore, they leave no stone unturned, resorting to everything, from demagoguery and crime, the encouragement of corruption and drugs, to police violence, in order to disorientate, intimidate and divert the youth from their justified efforts to achieve a decent standard of living and a secure future.

Quite the opposite of this, in our country the ideas and actions of the youth are solicited and encouraged. The Albanian youth are deeply engaged in all sectors of the socialist life. Political indifference and seclusion in a narrow world of personal interests are alien to them. As always, in the interim period between our two congresses, our youth have taken an active part in the solution of a series of important problems. Tens of thousands of young men and women voice their opinions and make their contribution to the further revolutionization of the school, thousands upon thou-



sands of young workers have made bold proposals for the new five-year plan and are continuing to undertake numerous initiatives and actions for its fulfilment ahead of schedule. Our youth also take an important part in the solution of all major social and state problems which affect the development of our society along the road of socialism, in struggle against feudal and bourgeois remnants and influences, for the strengthening of the dictatorship of the proletariat.

At the present stage, the Party and Comrade Enver Hoxha demand that our organization participate even more actively in the discussion of problems concerning the country, as well as in the working out of directives and decisions, and in the verification of their correctness in practice.

This means that our young people should not feel themselves as only implementers of the tasks assigned to them and of those decisions taken from above, but also as active participants in laying them down. The ALYU, as the tribune of the youth, should energetically strive to develop the creative thought of the young people and to convey their opinions on all the various problems. The working youth, with their characteristic courage and spirit of initiative, should set the example in this direction for the entire youth of the country, voicing their opinions everywhere and about everything!

Despite the successes achieved in the mass activation of the young people for the solution of the major problems facing our country, society and state, it should be admitted that sometimes there are young people at work centers, agricultural cooperatives and schools, who think that the problems of management and organization are not their affair. This is an erroneous concept which harms not only the work, but the education of the youth. The ALYU organizations are equally responsible both for their particular tasks at their place of work and for the general problems our country is confronted with.

The 6th Party Congress emphatically stressed the indispensability of the ever broader participation of the working masses in the administration of the country, in the strengthening of the dictatorship of the proletariat and the deepening of socialist consciousness. It is a known fact that, in the leading organs of all levels, young cadres take an important place. Thus, for instance, in the people's councils of towns and villages, young people make up 34.2 per cent of all the councillors, while in the people's courts they make up 26.6 per cent of all the judges. Of course, our young people who have been elected to various leading organs need encouragement and assistance from the ALYU organization so as to be able to carry out their tasks

correctly, to keep in touch with the masses and systematically render account to them. The ALYU should do better work in this field in the future. But the important thing is that a broader circle of activists and of the entire masses of the youth be encouraged to engage in leading and organizing activities. There are some conservative elements who think that it is better for the youth not to engage in such activities, because, according to them, young people are still immature and may make errors if charged with such tasks and problems. It is self-evident that it is those who hold such opinions of the youth who are in fact the mistaken ones.

The further enhancement and affirmation of the role and participation of the young people in the political, social and state life of the country demands the refutation of all conservative concepts that underrate the capabilities of the youth. Likewise it is of greatest importance to further cultivate, among the young people themselves, the courage to voice their opinions on all the problems that concern the party and state at enterprises, cooperatives, schools, on a local and national level. Being less affected by concepts that generate bureaucracy, better armed with the Marxist-Leninist ideology of the Party, more deeply imbued with socialist culture and education, our young people

have all the possibilities to also become vanguard fighters against routine, the underestimation of the role of the masses, the spirit of comandeering, against obsolete methods of work and management, procrastination and all the evils bureaucracy is heir to, because bureaucracy presents a direct threat to the state of the dictatorship of the proletariat. The speech delivered by Comrade Enver Hoxha at the plenum of the Party Committee of the Mati District gave fresh impetus to the struggle of the youth against manifestations of bureaucracy. But, of course, it still remains a broad and delicate front for the activity of all the ALYU organizations. Our young people, wherever they live and work, whether in enterprises, institutions, agricultural cooperatives or schools, through their opinions, proposals and suggestions, should strike at bureaucratic concepts and practices and support the enforcement of the party directives! But none of these tasks can be carried out without our young people being acquainted with the directives, orientations and decisions of the party and state, of their laws and ordinations, as well as with the major problems of their enterprises, institutions, agricultural cooperatives, schools, etc.

Our younger generation is a living embodiment of the achievements of our revolution. Thanks to

the maternal concern of the party and to youth's direct participation in revolutionary practice, our young people are endowed with lofty spiritual qualities, with outstanding moral virtues, they are closely linked with work and eager to master knowledge and science and are loyal to the end to the cause of the party and the people. The Marxist-Leninist formation of the youth remains one of the fundamental tasks of the ALYU. The main aim of all the activity that is being carried out in this field is the continuous revolutionization of the mind and conscience of our young people, of their spiritual world. This is closely connected not only with our present-day revolution, but also with its future, with the role the youth should play in this revolution, because, as Comrade Enver Hoxha teaches us, «Who weens over the youth, assures victory».

The solution of this task is of particular importance today, when the revolution is being deepened in the ideological and cultural field and the participation of the youth in the ideological class struggle is being broadened, when the class struggle between socialism and capitalism, between Marxism-Leninism and revisionism, is becoming fiercer and fiercer.

The entire youth of our country are being enveloped in a broad movement for the study of the History of the Party, of its documents and

the works of Comrade Enver Hoxha. Tens of thousands of young people take part in the movements: «In the footsteps of the History of the Party», «Learn from the working class», «In the footsteps of struggle and work», and in other mass movements. In this process of study and education, through theory and practice, through books and concrete experience, the attention of the youth and their organizations is being centered, first and foremost, on drawing and upholding the fundamental conclusions, principles and norms which the party is led by, on learning the methods of work it uses, on singling out the different problems in the various stages of the development of revolution in our country. This has enabled the youth to take bold independent initiatives and to be able to cope skillfully in any situation so as to successfully solve any problems, however difficult and complex.

«Study-analysis-action»: this has been the motto permeating the whole activity of the ALYU in struggle to uphold the ideology of the party, the theory of Marxism-Leninism. The study of this ideology is always linked with the fundamental problems that concern the ALYU, and is associated with mass actions, with concrete revolutionary activities. All the ideological movements and mass actions, especially following the 5th

Party Congress, such as the movements against religion and backward customs, the movement for the complete emancipation of women and against patriarchalism and conservatism, have been an integration of the practical revolutionary activity of the masses of the youth and people with theoretical training. The study of Marxist-Leninist theory, in the future too, must be closely linked with the tasks facing the working, cooperativist, school and student youth and become an encouragement and inspiration to the youth! The combination of theoretical study with concrete actions helps in the correct analysis and ideological grasping of the various tasks and opens new prospects and horizons to the organizations.

The youth organizations are struggling for the further improvement of the forms of studying Marxist-Leninist theory, taking into account the requirement that study should be carried out in a differentiated manner, according to the categories and the qualifications of the young people concerned. In order to make such study as interesting and effective as possible, it is necessary to avoid obsolete methods, formalism, intellectualism and globalism in the work for the theoretical education of the youth. The experience of many basic organizations has confirmed that the broad and free discussion of opinions and the

confrontation of opposites, as forms of educational work, create better conditions for a deeper and more creative assimilation of the principles of Marxism-Leninism and turn the ideas of the party into conscious and militant convictions of the young people.

The Party teaches that only those who, alongside the study of modern science and technology, systematically uphold the Marxist-Leninist ideology of the party which shows us that knowledge is a powerful weapon in the service of the people and revolution, can be called intellectuals devoted to the Party. Keeping this in mind, the ALYU should devote particular attention to the ideological education of the school and student youth, as well of the young intellectuals.

We should make the study of the Marxist-Leninist theory an indispensable requirement for all our young men and young women because only in this way will they succeed in gaining a deeper knowledge and in correctly carrying out the policy of the party, at the same time, playing ever better the role the Party and Comrade Enver Hoxha have assigned the youth as a revolutionizing, motive and shock force.

In the process of the communist education of the youth, alongside the efforts for the inculcation and affirmation of Marxist ideology and prole-

tarian ethics, a determined struggle should be waged against remnants from the past and influences of the bourgeois-revisionist ideology. A concrete expression of this struggle is the movement: «For the perfection of the moral figure, against manifestations of petty-bourgeois mentality» which was launched following the 6th Party Congress. This movement of a deeply revolutionary content has found a wide response throughout the country. It is directed against and strikes at the remnants of the old society, such as contentment with little, seclusion in the petty world of personal interests, running after material interest and personal comfort, apathy, etc., which still continue to be manifested in the consciousness of our people. At the same time, the movement aims at detecting the roots of the concepts that give birth to negative phenomena, and shows the youth the ways to fight to eradicate them. As always, in this movement too, the youth act not only within their ranks, but also among the broad strata of the population, in the family, in work centers, in society. Comrade Enver Hoxha teaches us that this struggle should be forged ahead, sharpening the edge of our attack more and more. Relying on the experience already accumulated, the youth organizations have all the possibilities to extend and further deepen this revolutionary

movement that serves the communist education of the working people in general, and the younger generation in particular.

At the 6th Party Congress, Comrade Enver Hoxha emphasized that manifestations of petty-bourgeois mentality are intertwined with various conservative and liberal attitudes. Conservatism is a major hindrance to the development of the personality of the young people. Despite the struggle that has been waged against conservative concepts, they are still come up against in many fields of our social and production life.

The further emancipation of women and girls remains always an important front of the struggle of our youth against conservatism and patriarchy. Relying on the teachings of the party and the experience accumulated, we should more clearly define the problems to be solved for the complete emancipation of women and girls. The ALYU organizations should more attentively lead the work for the ideological education, the educational and cultural uplift and technical and scientific training of young women, without which there can be no mention of true equality between men and women. For this purpose it is indispensable to combat both the prejudices of conservative elements who underestimate the capabilities of our young women and the timidity and lack of confi-

dence which are sometimes observed among the young women regarding their abilities to develop and train themselves just as well as the representatives of the opposite sex. An important problem closely connected with the complete emancipation of our young women is the further democratization of family life. Many conservative concepts and pronounced manifestations of inequality which cannot help but influence the education and the mentality of our young women are to be met with, first and foremost, in the family itself. Safeguarding mutual respect, mutual love and family harmony, our young men and women should strive more and more energetically to introduce the proletarian principles into our families and to establish correct relations between men and women, brothers and sisters, sons and daughters, doing away with the obsolete norms which the spirit of the time and the revolution have made unacceptable to our socialist family and society!

Our young people themselves should set the example in this direction. The relations between young men and women in the family, at work centers, schools, in society, and everywhere, should be characterized by the feeling of mutual respect for each other's dignity and ability, by a high level of moral education. Of course, the young

men should show a deeper sense of responsibility for it is among them that sometimes the atavism of men's «superiority» rears its head in a harmful manner. On the basis of a sound and equal friendship between young men and women, sincere and honest love, a new and stable family will emerge.

Important successes have been achieved by the ALYU organizations in the struggle led by the party against religion and backward customs. The initiatives taken by the youth organizations which were remarkable for their revolutionary drive, clear ideological perspective and good organization, shook religious ideology, the idealist world-outlook and the mystical mentality from their foundations. Now the ideological struggle against religion has become more complex, since the idealist mentality and the mystical psychology crop up in more subjective forms in some of the traditions and customs of our everyday life. However, though on a lesser scale, religious influences continue to exist, and neglect in the struggle against them would greatly harm the ideological, moral and spiritual education of the younger generation. Therefore we must further strengthen the vigilance and the activity of the ALYU organization in the field of the struggle against religious and mystical remnants and in the struggle for the deeper implantation of the

materialist-scientific world outlook among our young people!

The 6th Party Congress stressed that manifestations of petty-bourgeois and conservative psychology are intertwined with liberal attitudes. In this way, the struggle against conservatism and liberalism is an integral part of the activity of the organization for the class revolutionary education of the youth.

The bourgeoisie and the modern revisionists, in the strategy of their struggle against our party and people, devote particular attention to the ideological undermining impact and the moral degradation of the younger generation. For this purpose, they strive to make as wide a use as possible of their numerous means of communication and propaganda. Thanks to the concern and the educative work of the party, our younger generation is characterized by sound ideological convictions and a high level of moral qualities. But it is well known that there is no such thing as perennial immunity. Therefore the ALYU organizations are faced with the task of carrying out continuous and systematic work for the revolutionary and ideological tempering of the young people, for the all-out strengthening of socialist ethics, culture and art.

The problems concerning cultured behaviour

and a sound civic education have always drawn the attention of our organizations. The spiritual, intellectual and moral wealth should find its expression in perfect ethical behaviour of the young people in society, the family and everywhere, and in as decent as possible appearance in harmony with civic education and proletarian taste. Indifferent attitudes towards any alien manifestations that harm common property, infringe upon socialist law and violate moral codes, are inadmissible for our youth. Tens upon tens of our organizations have undertaken concrete actions to improve the cultured behaviour of our young people. A mass movement has sprung forth among children. These mass actions and movements, by affirming the communist principles of proletarian education and singling out positive examples, aim at barring the road to improper behaviour, disrespect, violation of social discipline and ethical norms in relations with friends, parents or other adults, at preventing affectations and extravagance in clothing, etc., manifestations which tarnish the moral figure of our young people. The movement for a cultured behaviour should be extended to all the youth and young pioneer organizations, fighting against negligence, formalism and shallowness which are often met with in the treatment of this problem.

The school and the family, alongside the youth organization, play an important role in the education for a cultured behaviour among the young people. They make a major contribution in imbuing the younger generation with the best national traditions and with the moral and ethical qualities of the socialist society. It is but understandable that such problems require continuous attention and systematical work on the part of teachers and parents. Indifferentism and carelessness, to whatever degree, damage the formation of the younger generation greatly.

A closer collaboration among family, school and youth organizations renders the moral and ethical education of the youth more fruitful, that is why they should continuously coordinate their activity in the entire process of education.

In the activity carried out by the ALYU organizations for the cultural development and the spiritual enrichment of the younger generation, an important role is played by literature and art. They are powerful conveyors of ideas, knowledge, states of mind, tastes, moral and ethical opinions, therefore they exert an important influence on the formation of the character, personality and world-outlook of the young people. It is for this reason that the party has given such great support to the development of the literature and art of socialist

realism and has made them the property of the masses of the people and youth. At the disposal of the younger generation there are now hundreds of cultural and artistic institutions, drama theatres, the opera, the film studio, television and thousands of publications of the literature of socialist realism and progressive authors from all over the world. It is the task of the ALYU organizations to acquaint the masses of the youth with literature and art and educate them in a sound taste for the evaluation of literary and artistic works.

The problems of aesthetic education are today most acute on the front of the ideological class struggle. The bourgeoisie and the revisionists use literature and art widely, as a means of ideological diversion, of spiritual infection and moral dissolution. Behind the numerous pseudo-innovatory theories advocating the «free» cultural and aesthetical development of the youth, behind the theatrical tricks and false veneer of a host of literary and artistic works by bourgeois and revisionist authors, lies hidden a whole counterrevolutionary biased ideology.

Our youth, educated with the teachings of the Party, have succeeded in forming a sound taste and have become an active force in forming a revolutionary culture and art. Thanks to the conditions that have been created for them, hundreds



of new talents have emerged from their ranks who militate with excellent results in the various branches of literature and art.

But what should be tasks of our youth organizations in the field of aesthetic education?

An ever broader discussion of these problems in the youth organizations, the mass participation of the young people in cultural and artistic activities, the attraction of the masses of the youth to artistic activities, the attraction of the masses of the youth to artistic and cultural productions, the support and encouragement of young talent, the principled struggle against alien manifestations and attitudes, the exposure of bourgeois and revisionist art and culture, all help the shaping of a sound aesthetical education. To achieve success in the work for the education of the youth with the principles of Marxist-Leninist aesthetics requires that the ALYU organization avoid spontaneity and gain a better understanding of the attitudes and inclinations of the young people towards the beautiful and the new. Artistic and cultural events should be carried out with a deeper and more imaginative content, doing away with standardized forms and conservative attitudes in tackling problems of art and culture. For not unfrequently it happens that, at the youth organizations, in society or the family, when it comes to the assessment of

a work of art; the young are spoken to in rigid formulae, without any deep and convincing argument, without taking into account the development of their personality. We should strive to help the young people know how to detect what is truly beautiful, humane, revolutionary and progressive in works of art, and, make them capable of resisting the impact of the bourgeois and revisionist ideological pressure, no matter where it comes from or how it is presented.

The all-round development of our young people has also raised the demands made towards artistic creativeness to a higher level. Our youth need more and more beautiful literary and artistic works which reflect the struggle and the aspirations of the people and the youth for the triumph of the revolution and the achievement of the lofty ideals of our party, as faithfully as possible. These demands are all the more important in the field of the literature for children, which should be evaluated more correctly and seriously on the part of our writers. We are confident that our writers and artists will meet these legitimate demands of our young people who are the most ardent admirers of their works.

The life of the youth cannot be complete without their wide participation in physical culture and sports. This not only serves their educa-

tion and physical tempering and the increase of their abilities for work and defence, but also fulfils a special passion of their age. The party and the government have created the conditions for the youth to go in for physical culture and sports. Another expression of this concern is the decision of the Council of Ministers, adopted recently, for the increase and improvement of the material basis serving the cultured recreation of the youth, and especially physical culture and sports.

The young men and women, the pioneers and children enthusiastically participate in excursions, big races, National sports meetings, matches and championships, they make up the teams and set the tone for the sports life of the country. There are numerous initiatives taken to attract as many young people to sporting activities as possible. Thus, for example, the young people of the secondary agricultural school of Delvina and of the «Luigj Gurakuqi» teacher training school in Elbasan, have embraced the initiative of taking a diploma of activists of physical culture and sports side by side with their agronomy or teaching diploma. Such initiatives should be propagated and generalized. They should serve to urge on the young peoples' enthusiasm to go in for physical culture and sports as well as to uplift the level of work in the organizations of the ALYU and in

the organs of physical culture for the organization of physical culture and sporting activities. The moulding of a correct attitude among the youth as to the value and benefit of physical culture and sports should be carried out in struggle against manifestations of morbid fan fanaticism and the spirit of championship for championship's sake. In the sports life of the youth the main attention should be paid to mass participation. On the basis of mass physical culture and sporting activities organized on sound scientific criteria, the quality of sports is raised. The organizations should work especially for the broad participation of young worker and cooperativist women in physical culture and sports.

A problem closely connected with the broad active participation of the younger generation in physical culture and sports is that of further strengthening its material basis. When the matter is given ample consideration by the youth, when actions have been organized and when these mass action have been supported and properly backed up, the problem of the material basis is successfully solved. Nevertheless, it is necessary for the respective organs to pay greater attention to the implementation of the decision of the Council of Ministers for the exploitation of the numerous conditions created by the party for physical tempering, by

assessing this as a problem which has direct bearing on the communist education of the youth.

The educative work is broad and allround, and there are various problems posed for the further perfecting of the moral and political features of the youth. The ALYU should work more persistently for the formation of a younger generation capable of grasping solutions to all those problems which emerge in the sphere of communist education! In all spheres of their life the youth are guided by the teachings of the party and of Comrade Enver, which serve them as an infallible compass which is their life-blood and the source of their happiness.

II. Enhance the role of the youth on the production front for the realization of the tasks of the 5th five-year plan and arm them with scientific and technical knowledge.

For the youth, the work for the socialist construction of the country remains not only one of the fundamental factors of their contribution to the flourishing and strengthening of the homeland, but also an important means of educating, tempering and forming them with the features of proletarian morality.

The party has always entrusted the youth with

important and difficult tasks on the production front, which they have enthusiastically and persistently realized. The period between the two congresses is characterized by an all-round mobilization of the worker and cooperativist youth, who have participated in a series of mass actions and initiatives of great economic importance for the development of production, for the fulfillment and overfulfillment of the plans, for the raising of labour productivity, for the strengthening of proletarian discipline.

The general launching of the youth into mass actions, the improved organization of a truly socialist life in them, the mobilization in useful work to the benefit of the entire society and socialist construction, proved once again the teaching of the party that mass actions are one of the most fruitful methods of educating the younger generation through work. The 300,000 young men and women who participated, wave upon wave, during the period between the two congresses, in all the national mass actions of the youth, passed through an unforgettable school of revolutionary tempering and education, which left them with lifelong beautiful memories. These are memories of enthusiastic work in the service of the people and socialism, the strengthening of the virtues of the new communist morality in their consciousness and the calluses on their hands.

The younger generation proudly reports to the party today that, added to the series of numerous projects built by the preceding generations of youth, they have also built the Brogozhina-Fier railroad which was handed over to their people 2 years ahead of schedule, and the first part of the Elbasan-Prrenjas railroad, the Malësia e Madhe (Great Highland) highway which became an important factor in the further development of this area and the terraces of the Saranda and Jonufres coastal area, which became the starting point for the embellishment of the whole of our Riviera.

By expressing at this Congress the will and determination of the whole youth, we pledge to the party that we will carry out the complete task entrusted with us for the construction of the Elbasan-Prrenjas railroad ahead of schedule too, and that we will be always ready to undertake other mass actions no matter how difficult they may be. The younger generation, who now understand the great qualities of the mass actions, which have become part of their life, will throw themselves into numerous mass actions throughout the country, wherever the needs of socialist construction call them, and with their enthusiastic work they will become a shock force and motive force for the realization of the tasks ahead of schedule.

New horizons of work and activity were opened up for the masses of the people by the 5th five-year plan, which was approved by the party at its 6th Congress. Our economy has now entered a higher stage of development. The total industrial output at the end of the five-year plan is envisaged to grow by 61-68% in comparison with 1970, by improving its structure with the creation of new branches of heavy processing industry and with the wide-scale introduction of advanced technique and technology. Great tasks, but fully attainable, are also envisaged by this five-year plan for agriculture which will embark more widely on the road of the intensification and organization of production on a scientific basis.

The 5th five-year plan requires the mobilization of all the creative energies of the masses. An important role belongs to the youth, who will place all their forces, zeal and talent in the services of the five-year plan and will become a shock force in the work for its fulfillment and overfulfillment. The fields of activity of the youth are diverse, but the organizations of the ALYU at work-sites and agricultural cooperatives must concentrate their attention on some principal directions.

Of great importance is the mobilization and active participation of the younger generation in the efforts to introduce the new, science and

advanced technique into production as well as the struggle against artisan concepts.

Our industry has grown greatly and is advancing rapidly towards modernization. The «Tractor» plant in Tirana, the precision instruments' plant in Korça, that for wire in Shkodra, for electric light bulbs in Vlora and many other enterprises, plants and factories work on the basis of modern technology. But alongside these our industry also has many technologically backward processes, where part of the work is done manually. The existence of technologically backward processes is the outcome of conservative concepts which have their source in low professional and cultural level and in ideological backwardness. Due to their energies, the enthusiasm of their age, and their continually rising cultural and technical-professional level, the youth understand the great value of science and are inclined towards and interested in introducing it into production processes. In many enterprises of the country, such as in Tirana, Durrës, Korça, etc. the proposals put forth by young men and women for mechanization and the establishment of new methods of work etc., have served the revolutionization of production. The time is ripe for the organizations to work in a more organized and systematic manner, and on the ba-

sis of studies, to come forward with concrete initiatives and mass actions in every enterprise, to introduce the new, science and advanced technology, to substitute old technological processes with new ones and to mechanize production by struggling against concepts of craft consciousness, against routine and backwardness.

The increase of production as well as its scientific organization cannot be understood divorced from the establishment of technical norms. In this direction especially rich experience has been won by the youth at the «Stalin» textile mill, the «Mao Tsetung» textile mill, the «Drapër e Çekan» (Hammer and Sickle) mill, as well as at other enterprises. The experience of these organizations, enriched and further elaborated, should become the basis for a broad and organized movement of the working youth, for the establishment of technical norms. Likewise, an important role should be played by the youth in raising the norms on the basis of the progressive average, which directly affects the better and more fruitful exploitation of work time and the capacity of machinery.

The brilliant prospects opened up by the party at its 6th Congress for the development and intensification of agriculture and for the transformation of the cooperatives into modern economies of extended production are already known. The youth

see in them a glorious and challenging work-front where they will shed their sweat unsparingly and will pour out their talent and spirit of initiative. The interim between the two congresses has many examples showing the exemplary work of the peasant youth. Let us recall the initiative of the Lumas youth in the Korça district which became the basis of a powerful movement throughout the country for raising the norms in agriculture and for putting in 300 calendar work days, or the mass actions organized by the youth for the opening up of new land, and so on. These and plenty of other examples convince us of how much the cooperativist youth can do when they understand the importance of the tasks in agriculture and when they really exert themselves to realize these tasks. What could some of the concrete tasks be in which the youth can and should make their contribution so as to become a motive and shock force on the front of agriculture? What could some of the objectives of the cooperativist youth be in this direction? In the first place, they should support the efforts of all the cooperativist masses and become the initiator in the struggle for the achievement of high yields, by introducing new scientific methods in agriculture and live-stock breeding and by being first to apply scientific discipline in the organization of labour and in production. It should

also become the support for the broadest possible introduction of hibrid seeds for bringing in high yields by fighting against hesitations observed sometimes in their use. At the same time, it is necessary for the youth organizations to fight against concepts impeding the widescale introduction of complex mechanization, which constitutes a decisive condition for the modernization of agriculture and the achievement of those results which are expected from it. The establishment of higher more progressive norms in all sectors of work is another objective where the cooperativist youth have given and could give a greater contribution.

The mountains and hills of our homeland remain an area of continuous and persevering work of the youth for the opening up of new lands. This mass action has penetrated into the life of the younger generation, not only as a patriotic movement to give the homeland more fields sown to bread grains, but also as a great school for the communist education of the youth. The new five-year plan envisages the opening up of a further 90,000 hectares of new land. New, large acreages of land on our hills and mountains will be turned into fertile and flourishing fields. The youth will still more vigorously throw themselves into the attack for the fulfilment of this task and will become an example to draw all the masses of the

cooperativist members into these actions. Making light of the difficulties of weather and terrain, they will raise aloft the banners of work in this important action and will instill the idea that it is possible and necessary to work in agriculture all year round.

When speaking of such great tasks and actions, which have to do with the all-round development of our socialist countryside, we must always bear in mind the work of the cooperativist youth organizations to further arouse in the youth love for the countryside and for the honoured occupation of peasant. The strengthening of this sentiment has constantly relied on the ardent patriotism of the youth, on the importance of agriculture to the entire development of the country and to the brilliant future socialism opens to the all-round progress of our socialist countryside, which always tends towards narrowing the essential distinctions existing today between it and the town. The youth organizations should assess this task better and through a farsighted, studied work should instill in every young man and woman the deep love of the countryside and the sentiment of the lofty task for its prospering. In this work, the youth will find their happiness, joy and revolutionary romanticism of life.

It is becoming continually clearer to the youth

that at this stage of the development of our productive forces, under the conditions of an increasingly wider application of modern technique and technology, the tasks of production cannot be realized without observing proletarian discipline and scientific discipline. In the activity of the organizations for the consolidation of discipline and the raising of productivity, alongside the educational work, an important part is being played by the revolutionary initiatives «To make full use of the 480 minutes work time», «No unjustified absences», «To work according to the advanced norms in agriculture», «For the exploitation and prolonging of the life-span of machinery», «8 hours OF work, not 8 hours AT work», and so on. An increasing number of young men and women are participating in these initiatives, which have enhanced the socialist stand towards work.

Positive phenomena are the main features of the youth's stand towards work. Nevertheless, the youth organizations should not, even for a single moment, cease paying attention to and being concerned for the enhancement of their own socialist consciousness. The youngest workers, especially those who have not yet accumulated the necessary experience or the proper tempering on the work fronts, are in need of learning more from the stand of the working class and from their steel-like

discipline. Breach of discipline regulations, absence from work, failure to observe the technological processes, carelessness, and indifference towards the questions of the plan, all cause great damage to the economy and to their own education and should be alien to them. Educative work should be aimed at imbuing the youth with the most valuable features of the working class and of our wonderful workers in general on all fronts of socialist construction.

Confrontations and broad discussions of the positive and negative examples, the encouragement of the initiatives and mass actions emerging from within and outside the collective etc., are some of the most effective forms of work for the proletarian tempering and for the instilling of conscious discipline. Advanced experience represents the new, and the tendency of the youth is to grasp it and put it into practice. The summing up and the propagating of the positive example, the propagation of the advanced experience of the brigades, sectors, or various collectives, constitute a great reserve for the increase of industrial, agricultural and live-stock production. It is precisely for this reason that the youth should become the standard-bearer in the exploration, mastering and dissemination of this experience amongst the youth.

and amongst the working collectives. Good examples of work are to be found everywhere. There are hundreds and thousands of workers and youths who have achieved extremely good results if compared with their work-mates.

Another important movement for the promotion of production is that of scientific experimentation. The youth, in compliance with the tasks facing their working place or cooperative, relying on technical and scientific criteria, are engaging themselves far and wide and in a better organized way, in scientific experimentation. Studies, experiments and the results achieved should be discussed, so as to draw out whatever is useful to be known and generalized.

The dissemination of advanced experience and of the results of scientific experimentation should be better organized in the future. The youth should become the initiator for the organization of discussions to exchange experience within the collective, among worker collectives, etc. It would be of great value to organize meetings on a nation-wide scale, according to branches of specialities and on certain problems of production and scientific experimentation. Such work could be done with success, if we know how to urge on socialist emulation properly and how to organize concrete propaganda on production. A good example in these

fields is supplied by the youth of some cooperatives in the Lushnja district who deal with emulation amongst work teams and brigades and support it with rich-propaganda of production.

The mastering of science and technology constitutes an important ideological, political and economic problem for the youth. Comrade Enver instructs, «The worker, peasant, student youth should intensify their efforts in order to learn more, to master culture and science which are indispensable prerequisites for the progress of the country, they should learn while working and work while learning.» This instruction has been transformed into a characteristic feature of our youth. They understand clearly that without systematically mastering the achievements of science and modern technology, whose rates of development are extraordinarily high, production cannot be promoted.

The principal role in arming the youth with progressive culture and science belongs to the new socialist school. Nowadays, about 700,000 people attend school, that is one third of our population. During this five-year plan about 60,000 cadres of middle and higher education will be trained, a figure equalling the number of all cadres trained after liberation. A distinguishing feature of the 5th five-year plan is that for the first time, the majority

of these cadres will be graduating from part-time schools, that is, cadres amongst worker and peasant young men and young women who, alongside their work, also attend their studies.

The measures adopted by the party for the further revolutionization of the school system are another expression of its concern for the younger generation, a major victory for the youth, for it opens up further horizons for their ideological and cultural-scientific education and moulding. This is why the whole younger generation lives up to the ideas and orientations of the party and fights with enthusiasm and without restraint for their implementation into life, for the building of the new revolutionized school on the basis of the revolutionary triangle; study, production work and physical-military training.

In the course of the implementation of the party orientations, for the further revolutionization of the school system, a series of successes have been achieved. The school and student youth, especially in recent times, have stepped up their efforts for the mastering of science. Amongst other things, the initiatives for high quality of studies and the highest possible graduation, the initiative «For the strengthening of proletarian discipline», «For the optimal mastering of profession in the course of productive work», in which

a great number of young men and young women have been included bear witness to this. But, we should by no means regard the job as completed, for there also exist old concepts on learning, which become a stumbling block to the systematic study of some pupils and students.

The further development of technical and scientific progress in our country makes it indispensable not only to persistently master the knowledge taught at school, but also to make use of supplementary literature. Today, our youth should be characterized by a great enthusiasm and will to learn, inquisitiveness to know the phenomena and laws of science, by persistence in research, by creative imaginative and generalizing capacities.

The young men and young women should devote the whole of their attention to the question of studies, to the more profound and systematic mastering of various subjects, to the persistent efforts for higher graduation. The stand of every pupil and student towards study should be regarded as the stand towards the principal task in the school and as one of the criteria for the assessment of their work as members of the youth organization.

Even school itself should make more efforts towards supporting and instigating youth initiati-

ves, towards raising the scientific level of teaching, towards better connecting theory with the practice of our country and towards arming the youth with the ultimate successes of progressive science and know-how.

It is only three years since productive work and physical-military education were widely introduced into the life of the school. Although it was only a short span of time, it was sufficient to verify the importance of these two ingredients for the all-round education of the younger generation. The pupils and the students feel a greater responsibility towards the task of being trained as fighters for the building of socialism. But more work should be done by the youth organization at school and enterprise, so that the productive work be used more to the advantage of the theoretical-scientific education in the socialist stand towards work. The worker and peasant youth, bearing in mind the teachings of Comrade Enver, who says that life is school and school is nothing else but a component part of life, pursue schools, qualification courses en masse and benefit from the advanced experience. And the results in this direction are good. Last school year of the 90,000 people who attended studies in part time schools, about 80% of them were young men and young women. This school year about 85% of the worker and peasant

youth have been enrolled and pursue part-time schools. The efforts for the educational and technical-scientific uplift are reflected in the raising of the professional categories of the young people, in their more active participation in scientific work and in the movement of innovations and rationalization, in the implementation of advanced agro-technique in agriculture, and so on.

In regard to increasing the knowledge and technical professional and agro-zootechnical abilities by means of schools and study courses, some problems emerge both for the youth organization and for the educational state organs. The organizations of the Albanian Labor Youth Union should further strengthen the ideo-political work among the worker and peasant youth in order to make clear to them the indispensability of mastering theory, because indications of shortcomings and of insufficient preparations can be observed. On the other hand, the quality of the work in the part-time schools, as well as the exigencies towards the programs, the text-books, and the methods of teaching should be improved, because sometimes it is observed that their level is not up to the proper scientific standard. Likewise, it should be borne in mind that the school and the study courses should be interconnected and be placed at the service of production, by making better use of the

laboratories, of the technical-scientific and agrozootechnical centers, of the plots of land and livestock herds assigned to experimentation, as well as of the advanced experience. The participation of the worker, peasant, and school youth in the solution of the most important problems of the school has deepened democracy and has further revolutionized the teacher-pupil relationship. Despite the progress made so far, it is necessary to further encourage the drawing of the youth into the solution of problems both on the part of the school and of the ALYU organizations because it should be pointed out here that there are still some manifestations of lack of confidence in the forces and capacities of the youth as well as superficial concepts on the role of the youth in school as a vivid revolutionizing force.

The more the youth takes part in the solution of the problems of the school, the more the spirit of their mobilization is enhanced, the more their proletarian discipline is strengthened. But there are persons who do not correctly understand the connections between democracy and discipline. Socialist democracy cannot be imposed or created through methods of spontaneity of liberalism, it is alien to compromises and unhealthy familiarity. Socialist democracy first requires the raising of the level of conscious discipline.

Comrades! Our younger generation will justify the party's confidence in them, by continuing to be a great shock force, as they have always been for the fulfilment and overfulfilment of the magnificent tasks of the 5th five-year plan which was approved by the 6th Party Congress. The youth will earnestly throw themselves into work on all fronts of socialist construction and will display the undaunted will, revolutionary enthusiasm and lofty socialist patriotism characteristic of our youth. They will enthusiastically study science and technology so as to use them well in the service of technical scientific progress and on the basis of every kind of work, by imparting new impetus to the progress, prosperity and strengthening of our socialist motherland.

III. On the continual strengthening and revolutionization of the organizations of the Albanian Labor Youth Union

Our Youth Union comes to its 6th Congress stronger than ever, as a compact organization, devoted and always loyal to the party, with a rich experience of struggle and work, greater in numbers, with all-round successes in the revolutionization of its internal life.

The ALYU always regards its organizational

strengthening as a fundamental task, whose implementation creates a revolutionary situation in the midst of the organization and prepares the conditions for an active participation of the masses of the youth in the revolutionization of the whole life of the country. In order to understand and implement this task properly an important part has been played by the continual teachings of the party, and especially, by the instructions of Comrade Enver in his two speeches delivered on May 13, 1970 and March 24, 1971.

The decisions of the 6th Party Congress, by opening up new horizons to the activity of the ALYU organizations, also became a new incentive for the further revolutionization of their internal life. Perceptible results have been observed in the improvement of the content of the work methods in the organization. It has engaged itself in problems of major importance and has mobilized the masses of the youth in solving them. Successes have also been achieved in increasing the ranks of the ALYU. The youth organizations have admitted many devoted revolutionary young people into their ranks. The 6th Congress of the Albania Labour Youth Union finds the organizations with 300,000 members, that is, 100,000 more than at its 5th congress. This is a clear indication of the good work done by the youth organizations for streng-

thening themselves. In the future too we should work incessantly for admitting new members into the organization, by doing away with the method of «campaign» work. The systematic implementation of this task is of vital importance to the organization. Tens of thousands of young people reach the organization's admittance age every year. Great concern and attention should be paid to these young people, for they are the future fighters who will refresh and further strengthen the organization. Let us educate and organize them in the ranks of the ALYU, so as to make them even more devoted to and conscientious in the role entrusted to them in new Albania.

Our Youth Union, through its entire militant activity, tempers communist qualities amongst the youth. New contingents, furnishing the party with new blood, are created from the ranks of this organization. In the interim period between the two congresses 15,325 young people have been accepted as candidates for party membership and as party members from the ranks of our organization. Youth have been and will always be the reserve of the party. The most sacred ideal and greatest aim for every young man and young woman is to be worthy or bearing the lofty name of communist, of being a member of our glorious Party of Labour, which like a fearless eagle, lead our people with

wisdom and courage through the storms of victorious revolution.

The fulfilment of the task entrusted by the party for the preparation of a youth which can play an important role in the political, social and economic field and for mobilizing and launching it to revolutionary activity through concrete actions, requires the further strengthening of the ALYU organization.

It is understandable that the improvement of the content of work in the organization cannot be achieved through old-fashioned styles and methods of work. In fact, good results have been achieved, but not all shortcomings have been done away with. In practice we come up against manifestations of bureaucracy, officialdom, commandeerism, tutelage, and closed-door office work, which do not enable the youth to organize their life in an all-round, dynamic and lively way. How could there be any interest in those meetings or activities which have static themes that do not take into account the problems and interest of the youth? Doesn't tutelage and dictation of initiatives from above lead the organization onto the road of formalism? The struggle against such methods and practices is an indispensable condition for the enlivenment of the life of the ALYU organization.

It is natural that by giving up some old-fa-

shioned styles and methods of work, the organization should create, develop and consolidate some other more appropriate methods and forms of work. The experience of the best organizations has proved that the most effective way for the strengthening and enlivenment of the internal life of the organizations is the development of the spirit of debate through the confrontation of opinions on all problems which concern the youth in our country. The broad introduction of such a method enables the youth to take a more active part in the discussion of problems, to bar the way to conformist stands and leaving no room for the spirit of commandeering and tutelage, teaches them to speak their own minds everywhere and at any time and raises the democratic spirit in the organization to a higher level.

Thus one of the basic principles of the activity of the organization is realized by relying on the method of persuasion. It carries out this activity with the conscious participation of the youth in mass actions and the initiatives and movements realized in this way, that is, on the basis of the formation of a sound conviction amongst the whole masses of youth, will become a powerful and greatly efficient means for the education of the youth. Mass actions on the other hand, conso-

validate and strengthen still more sound convictions through practice.

In the practice of the work of our ALYU organization, we sometimes come up against incomplete understanding of what we call the life of the organization. This life is by no means merely the meetings of the organization, or some dry, formal activities which confine the activity of the youth within a bureaucratic framework. The youth organizations should encourage some freer forms of education, for the young people to discuss politics and morality, science and technology, sports, literature and so on. The question is to have these forms of education, which exist in practice, encouraged by the organization, so that they assist the achievement of the educative objectives included within the programs and satisfy some particular individual demands of the young people.

It is understandable that every year the task of the organization and of the cadres in the work for the education of the youth becomes increasingly difficult and complicated. Their ideological, political, cultural and educational horizons broaden with each passing day. It is up to the organization to bear in mind this transformation of the spiritual and mental world of the youth and to carry out its work in harmony with the demands and needs of the young men and women.

The organization should also bear in mind the age, category, and the interests of the youth. We cannot employ the same method of argument in addressing a 15 year-old youngster and a 24 year-old young man, a young woman student has different interests and problems from a young cooperativist woman and so on. The youth organizations should apply a variety of forms and make up a system of differentiated educational work.

It is the duty of the youth committees in the districts and of the Central Committee of the Albanian Labor Youth Union to study and find a solution to all these problems and, relying on the self-initiative of the grass-roots organizations, to carry out more qualified work for the education of the youth both from the viewpoint of content and of method.

The direction of the organization calls for people of a high, ideological, political and cultural level, people devoted to and enthusiastic about working with the youth. Only well prepared cadres are in a position to play the role of an organizer and educator of the youth and can open horizons to the activity of the Albanian Labour Youth Union. Educated in the teachings of the party, tempered in the process of struggle, the cadres of the organization have been able to honourably fulfil the tasks entrusted to them for the education of the

younger generation and for the strengthening and enlivening of the organization.

This is how it will be in the future too. The recent elections brought thousands of new cadres to the leading forums; cadres who mainly come from the production front and have a high educational level. The reinforcement of the leading cadres with new elements at all levels will of course revitalize the organization too. But we should also be conscious about the great work to be done for the enhancement of the directing abilities of these thousands of young men and young women. In order to reach this goal, the cadres of the organization should work in an organized differentiated, manner, they should systematically study the Marxist-Leninist theory, extend the horizon of their knowledge and master the positive experience gained by the ALYU. Of great importance for the cadres of the ALYU are their moral, ethical and characteristic qualities. They should be characterized by modesty, simplicity, the ability to forge strong links with the masses of the youth, to learn from them; such manifestations as conceit, overestimation of their own abilities, the spirit of commandeerism, etc., weaknesses which harm the organization and the cadres themselves, should be alien to them.

In the work for the training of cadres, the or-

ganization of the Youth Union should necessarily bear in mind not only the actual situation, but also the prospects, the all-round development of the younger generation and the country in the future. The degree of education and the present level of the youth impose upon the cadres and the leading persons in the organization the need to specialize in and become qualified to do educational work. Therefore, not only those elected to the forums should be drawn into the activity for the training of cadres, but also a great number of youths who distinguish themselves in various sectors of the economy, culture, science, etc., should be activated in directing the education of the youth in these sectors.

It is understandable that the important ideological problems connected with the education of the cadres can be solved only through organized, well-studied work, devoid of every trace of formalism on the part of the youth committees in the districts and the Central Committee of the Albanian Labor Youth Union.

The successful fulfillment of the great and important tasks facing the Youth Union calls for the further enhancement of the role of the forums and organs of the ALYU. The youth committees in the districts and the Central Committee itself, should perfect their style of directing and should support their work better than they have done so-

far with systematic studies and consultations with the masses of the youth, from whom they should draw valuable and serious generalizations.

Comrades,

Our youth have never divorced struggle for the construction of socialism and the defence of the homeland from the struggle and efforts made by the progressive youth of the world for the great cause of national and social liberation. Educated in the sentiments of proletarian internationalism they have always considered it one of their principal tasks to actively support and encourage, with all their forces, the struggle of the young men and women of all continents for freedom, national independence, democracy and socialism against U.S.-led imperialism, Soviet-led modern revisionism and all reaction.

The events we have witnessed in the interim period between the two congresses fully respond to the synthesis made by Comrade Enver on the international situation, at the 6th Congress of the Party of Labor of Albania, that the tendency of the present day world development is revolution and the victory of socialism. In fact, we are living in an epoch of great social transformations, in the epoch when the old world of oppression, exploita-



tion and humiliation of human dignity is heading directly towards the abyss. In the battle for the destruction of this obsolete world, the progressive youth and students have entered the arena of class struggle as a great force and an important factor in the destiny of revolution. In this battle of universal dimensions that is being waged between the progressive forces on one hand, and the regressive forces on the other, it is once again being proved that the youth, just as in any other historic epoch, are marching in the front lines of the progressive and revolutionary movement. The youth and the students, who due to their age are organically linked with the new and are inclined towards the ideals of liberty, justice and progress, have written glorious pages of history with their blood and sacrifices. In our time too, youth are the first to throw themselves into revolution and into the struggle for national and social liberation, for the new life.

On your behalf, on behalf of all our youth organizations of the ALYU, allow me, from the tribune of our Congress, to greet in a special way the glorious Chinese youth, who we are connected with by the same ideal and march on the same road. The Chinese youth, who, under the leadership of the glorious Communist Party of China and the great Marxist-Leninist, Chairman Mao Tsetung,

have played a considerable role in the revolution, especially in the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution, are rendering a colossal contribution to the construction of socialism, are unreservedly supporting the revolutionary struggle of the progressive younger generation all over the world and, through their example, inspire the youth of all countries in their struggle for national, political and social liberation.

Until their final victory, we express our solidarity with and complete support for the heroic Vietnamese youth, the youth of Laos and Cambodia in their just struggle against the barbarous aggression of U.S. imperialism and the plots of the Soviet social-imperialists, to the youth of Palestine and the other Arab countries in their just struggle for the liberation of their land occupied by the Israeli Zionists, the tools of the U.S. imperialists; to the progressive youth and students of other countries of Asia, Africa, Latin and North America, Europe and Oceania, who have risen, arms in hand or in other forms, and, through their struggle, are shaking the dark world of oppression and exploitation.

Today we are witnessing a powerful upsurge of the youth and student movement everywhere in the world. The revolts of the younger generation have become an important phenomena of great

political and social significance. They have greatly sharpened the class contradictions in the capitalist world. The youth and the students have risen en masse for their vital rights, for freedom, work, truly democratic reforms in the field of education, for occupying their rightful place and playing the part they are entitled to in society; they revolt against any form of exploitation, they demand justice, oppose the aggressive wars, they support the freedom and equality of peoples and give expression to this through their wide participation in the mass movement of solidarity with the struggle of the Vietnamese people and youth, etc. Therefore, in opposition to the preachings of bourgeois sociologists and ideologists, their revolts are not wayward impulses of youth seeking violence for the sake of violence, nor are they «rebellions» of the youth against the older generation, neither are they manifestations of «neurosis» or the «inherent natural aggressiveness» of the youth, but they are outbursts of the youth's anger and hatred, of their wish to destroy, to their very foundations, the structures of the capitalist society and the whole capitalist system, which is the source and the bearer of all their misfortunes, which exploits and tramples on them, which obstructs every prospect for a dignified life and only prepares them for wage slavery, unemployment, poverty, degene-

ration and aggressive war. In this bitter class struggle, it is a positive phenomena that the masses of revolutionary young men and women are being convinced of the fact that their problems cannot be solved outside the struggle against the capitalist system, or outside the general revolutionary movement led by the working class.

The movement of the youth and students has shaken and greatly frightened the bourgeoisie and the modern revisionists, who see in it a serious threat. In fact, the youth and students even as regards quantity constitute a powerful revolutionary potential. They now represent over 40 per cent of the population. Therefore, the struggle to win over the youth has today become one of the most important fields of the class struggle which is being waged between the proletariat and the bourgeoisie, one of the principal aspects conditioning the destinies of the cause of the revolution and socialism. The bourgeoisie has launched and engages in an all-round propaganda campaign to try and lead the youth and the students away from revolution, to paralyse their revolutionary spirit, to sow ideological and political confusion among them. To this end, it has brought onto the battle-field all manner of ideological influences, ranging from the press, radio, television, literature and religion, to fashion, sex, drugs and diverse

forms of corruption and moral and physical degeneration. The bourgeois ideologists pretend and try to theoretically maintain that the negative phenomena of the capitalist world are a «natural outcome» of the great development of science and technology, of the «improvement of the wellbeing», and due to the fulfilment of all their material and spiritual demands, etc. The ugly phenomena and the degeneration characterizing the capitalist world have also assumed wide proportions in the countries where the revisionists cliques are in power. Furthermore, the modern revisionist renegades have been mobilized to assist the bourgeoisie in their efforts to check the revolt of the youth and to channel them into the confines of «specific demands», of reformism and of bourgeois legalism. The activity of the World Federation of Democratic Youth and the International Students' Union, which have been placed completely under the control of the Soviet revisionists and which have been transformed into tools of their opportunist, counter-revolutionary and social-imperialist policy, bear witness to all this quite clearly.

The treason of the modern revisionists which aroused great ideological confusion in the youth and students' movement, also served as a basis and hot-bed for the activation and diffusion of many pseudo-revolutionary «leftist» trends and

tendencies. Such is the Trotskyite trend which preaches the splitting of the revolutionary movement, and strives to counterpose the students and intellectuals to the working class, demagogically proclaiming them as allegedly being the shock force and the genuine leaders of the revolutionary movement. Through their slogans of «anti-Stalinism» the Trotskyites struggle to discredit the ideas of socialism and the proletarian dictatorship in the eyes of the working people. No less counter-revolutionary are the theories of the petty-bourgeois ideologists on the «working class's divestment of its revolutionary qualities and its integration into the capitalist system», «students' power», etc. All these theories have nothing revolutionary about them, on the contrary, they serve the interests of the bourgeoisie, for instance, the cult of spontaneity is encouraged by the ruling classes, with the purpose of having the revolutionary drive of the younger generation burn out in spontaneous actions. All these trends cause great harm, because they further increase the ideological confusion aroused by the revisionist treachery, split and divide the forces of the youth and students, divert them from genuine organization and revolutionary struggle, detach them from the working class and its revolutionary leadership, engage these forces in actions which do not endanger the rule of the

bourgeoisie, lead them to defeatism and disillusionment, break down and paralyse their youthful drive and energy.

Alongside the means of ideological influence, the ruling classes in order to maintain their tottering rule, do not hesitate to resort to naked fascist violence against the youth and students as they did in Madrid, Mexico, Berlin and many other cities where the blood of the students in revolt flowed through the streets. This violence is understandable and can be explained. The anger and armed violence of the bourgeoisie against the revolutionary movement of the youth and students, just as the rage of the Soviet revisionists who label the revolutionary students as «hooligans», «left extremists», «adventurists», «vandals» etc., and call on them to abide by the laws of the bourgeois order, does not show their strength, but, on the contrary, proves their fear and weakness. The bourgeoisie and the modern revisionists know well that the upsurge of the revolution spells death to them, and that is why they resort to propaganda and armed violence to suppress the revolutionary movement whatever the form it takes and whatever the stage of its development. But we are unswervingly confident that their efforts will fail, because revolution cannot be stopped, because social development, even when it appears to stop

or go astray, always forges ahead, because in the struggle against the new, the old is condemned to die.

In this fierce struggle of the forces of the revolution against the forces of the counter-revolution, the youth need understanding and assistance, so as to be able to expose and abandon the pseudo-revolutionary theories and methods, to find and embark on the road of genuine proletarian revolution and Marxist-Leninist ideology.

It is very good to see that at present the revolutionary movement of the younger generation is being more and more convinced that victory can be achieved only through a blow-for-blow struggle, and not through passive dissent or through such manner of protest as that of the hippies with their primitive secluded life and manner of dress, etc. For this reason we hail the noticeable tendency of the youth and students' movement to organize, to map out a clear-cut political program, to lay down a revolutionary line, a revolutionary strategy and tactics and, what is more important, to get acquainted with and uphold the theory of triumphant revolution, Marxism-Leninism, which is the fundamental condition for achieving success in the struggle against any enemy. Likewise, the experience of our time once more most convincingly confirms that the revolutionary movement of the

youth and students can achieve its ideals only in unity with the working class. It cannot be denied that this movement shows lofty revolutionary qualities. The students and youth have shown an unflinching militant spirit, courage and determination in their struggle. Nevertheless, as Comrade Enver Hoxha emphasizes, the youth can never take on and accomplish the tasks and perform the role history has charged the working class with. The great Lenin teaches us that the students, too, can play the role of initiators in the decisive battle of the revolution, but adds that «... however, in order to achieve victory in this struggle, the masses of the proletariat must be aroused». History has demonstrated that whenever the students considered that they could carry out the decisive process of the revolution by themselves, it has led them to adventurism and defeat, whereas the experience of the struggle of our people and other countries confirms the fact that only when the youth and students are integrated into the struggle of the working class and place themselves under the leadership of its party is their struggle crowned with success.

Our youth has been and will always be at one with the revolutionary movement of the youth and students, being firmly convinced that it will surely realize its ideals. Likewise we assure our

numerous comrades and friends throughout the world that the younger generation of socialist Albania, holding aloft the banner of the party and illuminated by the life-giving teachings of the beloved leader of our people and youth, Comrade Enver Hoxha, aligned side by side with the progressive youth of the whole world, will always fight with determination and courage against all the sinister forces of world reaction, for the worldwide triumph of the great cause of the people and youth: independence, freedom, democracy and socialism.

Comrades,

The congresses of the youth are events of great importance in the life of the ALYU. Led by the illuminating teachings of the party, they are convened at different stages of our development to voice the opinions of the youth over the major problems of the times and to show the younger generation how they should fight in the front-ranks of the struggle for the triumph of our socialist revolution. Our 6th Congress, which is holding its proceedings nearly a year after the 6th Party Congress, led and inspired by its historic ideas and decisions, will surely be a new starting point for

the ALYU in its struggle for the further revolutionization of the whole life of the country, in socialist construction and in the activity for the education and tempering of the younger generation

Our younger generation, which has inherited the valuable traditions of our glorious youth tempered in the bloody battles of the National-liberation War and in the work to make the socialist homeland flourish, sees its happiness in work and struggle for the implementation of the tasks and teachings of the party and Comrade Enver Hoxha. The party is to our youth like a mother and the sun that guides and illuminates the road to advance further and further along the path of the revolution and progress to realize their aspirations. Here lies the source of the ardent preparedness of our younger generation to march unhesitatingly wherever the party calls them.

The 5th five-year plan will make our country stronger and more beautiful. In struggle for its fulfilment and overfulfilment our youth will certainly contribute all their energies, talents, determination, fiery patriotism and abounding love for the socialist homeland. They will become a motive force on all the fronts of socialist construction and further develop the tradition of mass actions, building new construction projects for the people.

From the lofty tribune of this Congress, expressing the feelings of hundreds of thousands of young men and women of the whole country, the ALYU solemnly pledges to the party and people that the younger generation will always remain loyal to the party and, united around the party and under its leadership, will always stand on the front-ranks of future victorious battles.

LONG LIVE OUR GLORIOUS PARTY OF
LABOR AND ITS CENTRAL COMMITTEE
WITH COMRADE ENVER HOXHA AT THE
HEAD!

LONG LIVE OUR HEROIC YOUTH!
LONG LIVE MARXISM-LENINISM!

RESOLUTION OF THE 6th CONGRESS OF THE ALYU IN SUPPORT OF THE LIBERATION STRUGGLE OF THE VIETNAMESE YOUTH AND PEOPLE

The 6th Congress of the ALYU, expressing the revolutionary solidarity of the Albanian youth in the glorious struggle waged by the invincible Vietnamese people against the US imperialist barbarous aggression, addresses its most ardent greetings to the Vietnamese youth and to the entire heroic Vietnamese people.

The Albanian youth wholeheartedly hails the brilliant victories achieved by the valiant fighters of North and South Vietnam in their legendary struggle for the salvation of the country against the US imperialist aggressors, against their stooges and collaborators. The heroic struggle of the valiant Vietnamese people for freedom, the heroism and self-abnegation of the young men and

women of Vietnam, who shed their blood and sacrifice their lives, contributing to the defeat of the US imperialist aggressors, have become a source of inspiration and a brilliant example for all the progressive and anti-imperialist youth all over the world, in the struggle against imperialism and their lackeys.

The Vietnamese people and youth, fighting side by side with their brothers of Laos and Cambodia, are turning Indochina into a battlefield in which US imperialism has suffered its heaviest and most ignominious defeats. Encircled by the fire of the people's war, faced with the complete failure of its barbarous aggression and of its «Vietnamization» policy, US imperialism is writhing in a desperate situation. The Nixon Government has still further escalated the imperialist aggression, it is conducting a savage war of genocide and biocide. But these barbarous acts of US imperialism do not show its strength, on the contrary, they show its weakness. It is by now evident that neither criminal acts, force of arms, intrigues, nor the help of its revisionist friends to sabotage the heroic struggle of the Vietnamese people, can save US imperialism from its total defeat.

The Vietnamese people and youth, remaining loyal to the recommendations of their great and unforgettable leader Ho Chi Minh who taught them

not to desist from their determined struggle until the last US soldier is driven out from the Vietnamese soil, will most certainly triumph over the US aggressors and their stooges. They will smash the plots and plans of the imperialists and their allies to smother them and will achieve final victory: the liberation of the South, the defense of the North and the re-unification of their Homeland.

The 6th Congress of the ALYU voices its firm belief in the victory of the Vietnamese people. The Albanian youth will always be at one with the fraternal Vietnamese youth, they will always be at one with the just struggle of the Vietnamese people and they will give it all their support. The US imperialists will suffer defeat! Vietnam will win!

THE 6th CONGRESS OF THE ALYU

RESOLUTION OF THE 6th CONGRESS OF THE ALYU IN SUPPORT OF THE HEROIC STRUGGLE OF THE PALESTINIAN YOUTH

The 6th Congress of the ALYU, expressing the loftiest internationalist sentiments of the Albanian youth, addresses its ardent revolutionary greetings to the heroic Palestinian youth and to all the Arab peoples fighting for the sacred cause of the liberation of their ancestral territories occupied by the Israeli Zionist aggressors.

The Palestinian youth and people with bravery and great sacrifices are facing the incessant efforts of the Israeli Zionists aimed at annihilating their liberation movement, as well as the plans and plots, either overt or covert, hatched up and mapped out by US imperialism and Soviet social-imperialism in support of Israel and to the interests of the strengthening of their positions in the Middle East area. The movement for the na-



tional liberation of the Palestinian people is today in the van of the struggle of the entire Arab nation against the Zionist aggressors. The Palestinian youth and people, through their struggle filled with self-sacrifice, show quite clearly that a people fighting for their national liberation, for their homes, are invincible and that they can resist numerous and cruel enemies.

There is no power on earth that could break the freedom-loving will of the Palestinian youth and people, despite the means resorted to and the plots hatched up by the enemy. The heroic struggle of the Palestinian people is also a source of inspiration for other Arab peoples in their struggle against the common imperialist-Zionist enemy.

The 6th Congress of the ALYU, re-affirming the solidarity and support of the Albanian youth to the heroic struggle of the Palestinian youth and people, express their firm conviction that, side by side with the other Arab peoples, they will triumph over their enemies, Zionist imperialist and revisionist, and that their just cause, the liberation of the territories occupied by the Israeli aggressors, shall surely triumph.

**RESOLUTION OF THE 6th CONGRESS OF THE
ALYU IN SUPPORT OF THE LIBERATION
STRUGGLE OF THE WORLD YOUTH AND
PEOPLES**

The 6th Congress of the ALYU, interpreting the internationalist sentiments of the Albanian youth, hails the progressive and revolutionary young men and young women of all countries who fight against foreign occupation, imperialist aggression, and colonial oppression.

The liberation struggle of the peoples and youth of many countries of Asia, Africa and Latin America is part of the general struggle of the peoples of the world against imperialism, colonialism and reaction. It is a powerful and unrestrainable tide of our time. The young people of these countries courageously and heroically resist the colonial and neo-colonial yoke of the imperialist powers and resolutely struggle against the plots and machinations of US imperialism and Soviet social-

-imperialism, against all those forces that aim at their oppression and exploitation.

Through their active participation in the liberation struggle the youth and students of the colonial and dependent countries demonstrate their conviction that the only road for the achievement of freedom, of their political and economic independence is that of the resolute struggle without compromise against all enemies.

The younger generation of the Peoples' Republic of Albania, following with deep sympathy the anti-imperialist revolutionary struggle of the peoples of many countries of Asia, Africa and Latin America, expressing their sentiments of militant solidarity with the youth and students of these continents, pledge their fiery support and, at the same time, voice their unshakable confidence in the unavoidable triumph of their just cause.

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