

# Comrade Liu Shao-chi's Speech

## At the Banquet in Honour of the Albanian Party And Government Delegation

**The Soviet modern revisionists have already degenerated into renegades from Marxism-Leninism and accomplices of U.S. imperialism. While opposing U.S. imperialism, Marxist-Leninists and all revolutionary people must oppose Soviet modern revisionism. Only by resolutely opposing Soviet modern revisionism can the struggle against U.S. imperialism be victorious.**

**Dear Comrade Mehmet Shehu,**

**Dear Comrade Hysni Kapo,**

**Dear Comrades of the Albanian Party  
and Government Delegation,**

**Comrades and Friends,**

On the eve of May 1st, International Labour Day, we feel very happy and elated to be able to hold this banquet in honour of the Albanian Party and Government Delegation headed by Comrade Mehmet Shehu. Comrades Shehu and Kapo are close comrades-in-arms of Comrade Hoxha and are well known to the Chinese people. Travelling thousands of miles for a special visit to China, they have brought us the revolutionary friendship of proletarian internationalism from the Albanian Communists and people. This constitutes a tremendous encouragement and support to us. Please allow me, on behalf of the Chinese Communist Party and the Chinese Government and people, to express heartfelt gratitude and a warm welcome to you and send, through you, our cordial greetings and high tribute to the Albanian Party of Labour, the Government of the People's Republic of Albania and the Albanian people.

Despite encirclement by imperialism and modern revisionism, the heroic Albanian people have, through persistent struggle and diligent labour, smashed all enemy schemes, surmounted one difficulty after another and won tremendous successes in their socialist revolution and socialist construction. Albania has already turned from a poor and backward country into a socialist country with modern industry and collective agriculture. The Albanian Party of Labour and the Albanian Government recently adopted a series of important measures on the political, economic, military and other fronts and launched a nationwide mass campaign for revolutionization.

All this has fully testified to the Albanian people's revolutionary spirit of hard work and self-reliance in building socialism and their strong will to carry through the socialist revolution resolutely to the end. The campaign for revolutionization in Albania is one more graphic example of the creative integration by the

Albanian Party of Labour of the universal truth of Marxism-Leninism with the concrete practice of Albania. We are convinced that it will carry Albania's socialist revolution and socialist construction to a new high.

Holding high the banner of opposing U.S. imperialism, the Albanian Party of Labour and the Albanian Government and people firmly oppose the U.S. imperialist policies of aggression and war and firmly support the struggle of the Vietnamese people against U.S. aggression and for national salvation, the national-democratic movements of the people in Asia, Africa and Latin America and the revolutionary struggles of the people of the whole world. The international prestige of the People's Republic of Albania is rising ever higher and its influence far exceeds its boundaries. Socialist Albania has become an important and staunch force defending world peace and promoting human progress.

Holding high the glorious banner of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism, the Albanian Party of Labour and the Albanian Government and people consistently stand in the forefront of the struggle against modern revisionism headed by the new leadership of the C.P.S.U. The Albanian comrades fear neither isolation nor risks, but firmly draw a clear line of demarcation between themselves and the modern revisionists politically, ideologically and organizationally. Neither the tough nor the soft tactics of the modern revisionists can in the least shake their firm stand in defence of Marxism-Leninism against modern revisionism. However painstakingly the modern revisionists disguise themselves, giving the appearance of favouring "revolution," "anti-imperialism" and "unity," the Albanian comrades have always sharply exposed their ugly features and reactionary essence. By its firm struggle against modern revisionism, the Albanian Party of Labour has made great contributions in defending the purity of Marxism-Leninism and safeguarding and strengthening the unity of the socialist camp and the international communist movement, and has thus greatly inspired Marxist-Leninists and revolutionary people all over the world.

Albania's great successes and achievements in all fields are due to correct leadership by the Albanian Party of Labour headed by Comrade Enver Hoxha, the wise leader of the Albanian people. The facts of the last 20 years and more have demonstrated that the Albanian people are a great people who uphold principle and fear neither brute force nor difficulties. The People's Republic of Albania is a revolutionary country which steadfastly follows the road of socialism. The Albanian Party of Labour is a correct Party which holds high the banner of Marxism-Leninism. We feel honoured and proud to have such a people, such a country and such a Party as our close comrades-in-arms.

Comrades and friends! The revolutionary people of the world with the Marxist-Leninist forces as their nucleus are waging a repeated, intense battle against U.S. imperialism and its lackeys. The focus of this great battle is the Vietnamese people's struggle against U.S. aggression and for national salvation. The heroic Vietnamese people have given full play to the enormous power of people's war and won brilliant victories. By their struggle against U.S. aggression and for national salvation, the Vietnamese people have brought about a most favourable revolutionary situation in Vietnam, beaten U.S. imperialism black and blue and once again exposed its nature as a "paper tiger," outwardly strong but inwardly weak, thus giving a great impetus to the revolutionary struggle of the people of the world against U.S. imperialism.

In order to save itself from complete defeat in Vietnam, U.S. imperialism is actively resorting to the counter-revolutionary dual tactics, using the blackmail of war expansion to promote its "peace talks" plot and the smokescreen of "peace talks" to cover up its crimes of war expansion. U.S. imperialism is steadily escalating the war and is even trying to spread it to the whole of Indo-China and to China. But this will only bring more disastrous defeats to U.S. imperialism and hasten its doom. Together with the Albanian people and other revolutionary peoples of the world, the Chinese people will, in all circumstances, give all-out support and assistance to the fraternal Vietnamese people in resolutely fighting on until U.S. imperialism is completely driven out of Vietnam and thorough victory is won.

On the Vietnam question, the stand taken by the Soviet modern revisionists is diametrically opposed to the principled stand of the Marxist-Leninists. Putting up the signboard of "aid Vietnam against U.S. aggression," the Soviet modern revisionists are actually peddling the "peace talks" fraud of U.S. imperialism in coordination with its counter-revolutionary dual tactics and attempting to stamp out the revolutionary flames of the Vietnamese people and sacrifice their fundamental interests. They are also pushing ahead with their appeasement policy in Europe in an attempt to freeze the status quo of U.S. imperialist control there and helping U.S. imperialism shift the centre of gravity of its global strategy to the East, so that it can con-

centrate its strength against the peoples of Vietnam, of Indo-China as a whole and of China.

In the circumstances in which U.S. imperialism is committing rabid aggression against Vietnam, Marxist-Leninists and all revolutionary people of the world are duty bound to render firm support and assistance to the Vietnamese people in carrying on their struggle against U.S. aggression and for national salvation till final victory and must not take any "united action" with the modern revisionists on the Vietnam question and help them deceive the people and sell out the Vietnamese people's revolutionary cause.

The Soviet modern revisionists have gone farther and farther along the path of capitulation to imperialism. They have already degenerated into renegades from Marxism-Leninism and accomplices of U.S. imperialism. In order to realize their dream of "world domination through U.S.-Soviet collaboration," they are working hard in collusion with U.S. imperialism to undermine the revolutionary struggles of all peoples and sabotage the unity of the revolutionary ranks. While opposing U.S. imperialism, therefore, Marxist-Leninists and all revolutionary people must oppose Soviet modern revisionism. Only by resolutely opposing Soviet modern revisionism can the struggle against U.S. imperialism be victorious.

Over 90 per cent of the world's population are against imperialism and for revolution. This is the historical tide of our epoch, which neither the imperialists and reactionaries nor the modern revisionists in league with them can ever arrest. Whoever stands against the people is bound to be overthrown by them. Whoever goes against the historical tide is bound to be submerged by it. Imperialism headed by the United States is now beset with difficulties and modern revisionism headed by the new leadership of the C.P.S.U. is having an increasingly hard time. The people's revolution in various countries is growing in depth, and a new and still greater and heavier anti-U.S. revolutionary storm will soon arise throughout the world. We are convinced that socialism will triumph, that imperialism will perish and that Marxism-Leninism will defeat modern revisionism. No force can possibly change this general law of historical development.

The Chinese and Albanian Parties, our two countries and two peoples have always supported, helped and learnt from each other in the cause of socialist revolution and socialist construction and in the struggle against imperialism, reaction and modern revisionism and have forged a great friendship and a militant unity. This friendship and this unity are based on Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism and are long-tested and unbreakable.

In our common cause and common struggle, the Chinese people have always received sincere and strong support from the Albanian people. On behalf of the Chinese Communist Party and the Chinese Government and people, I express heartfelt gratitude to the

Albanian Party of Labour, the Government of the People's Republic of Albania and the Albanian people.

In recent years, the fraternal all-round co-operation between our two Parties, two countries and two peoples has witnessed rapid development. We are convinced that our two peoples will for ever be united and fight together, whatever changes may take place in the world and whatever storms may arise on the way ahead. Let us hold still higher the banner of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism and the banner of opposing U.S. imperialism and Soviet modern revisionism, unite still more closely with the people of all socialist countries and the whole world and exert our efforts and advance shoulder to shoulder for new, great victories in the cause of world peace, national liberation, people's democracy and socialism.

Now, I propose a toast

to the great friendship and militant unity between the Chinese and Albanian Parties, our two countries and two peoples.

to new and greater victories for the Albanian people in their socialist revolution and socialist construction,

to the glorious Albanian Party of Labour,

to ever-victorious Marxism-Leninism,

to the great unity of the peoples of the socialist camp and the whole world,

to world peace,

to the health of Comrade Enver Hoxha, the beloved leader of the Albanian people and close friend of the Chinese people,

to the health of Comrades Mehmet Shehu and Hysni Kapo, outstanding leaders of the Albanian Party and state, and the other comrades of the Albanian Party and Government Delegation,

to the health of the diplomatic envoys and their wives, and

to the health of all our comrades and friends present here!

# Comrade Mehmet Shehu's Speech

At the Banquet Given by Comrades Liu Shao-chi and Chou En-lai  
In Honour of the Albanian Party and Government Delegation

- The modern revisionists have now become the lackeys of the international bourgeoisie and imperialism.
- Today, it is the primary historical task of all true Marxist-Leninists never to separate the struggle against modern revisionism from the struggle against imperialism.

Dear Comrade Liu Shao-chi,

Dear Comrade Chou En-lai,

Esteemed Friends,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

We are greatly moved and gladdened by the most warm-hearted and friendly words spoken by Comrade Liu Shao-chi at this magnificent reception about the Albanian people, the Albanian Party of Labour, Comrade Enver Hoxha and the Government of the People's Republic of Albania. These words are a true expression of the pure and fervent friendship between our two peoples, two Parties and two Governments, a friendship which is unbreakable, brotherly and internationalist.

Dear comrades and friends! Allow me, on behalf of the Albanian people, the Albanian Party of Labour, the Government of the People's Republic of Albania and Comrade Enver Hoxha himself, the leader of our people and our Party, to convey our unbreakable, eter-

nal, brotherly and heartfelt friendship and the warmest tribute and best wishes to the 700 million great Chinese people, your glorious and heroic Party, your Government and Comrade Mao Tse-tung, the greatest and dearest friend of the Albanian people. At the same time, in the name of our delegation, I wish to express sincere gratitude for this reception, which is so cordial and so full of sentiments of friendship.

The friendship between Albania and China is not an abstract formula. It is the result and the noblest expression of the consistent implementation of the principles of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism guiding relations between socialist countries and between Marxist-Leninist Parties. It is the result of the common revolutionary struggle waged by our two peoples under the leadership of Marxist-Leninist Parties against imperialist occupationists, feudal lords, capitalists and reactionaries, for national and social liberation and for socialist revolution and socialist construction in their respective countries. It is the