

CPB(ML) DELEGATION TO ALBANIA



Top: Enver Hoxha proposes a toast. Reg Birch far right.
 Bottom: Reg Birch, Chairman CPB(ML) exchanges greetings with Mehmet Shehu.

REPORT BY REG BIRCH

ON THE 25th of November, 1969, the Chairman of the Communist Party of Britain (Marxist-Leninist) together with one other delegate member of the Central Committee arrived in Tirana, capital of Albania, for the occasion of the 25th Anniversary of the liberation and the victory of the People's Revolution.

From the outset the warm welcome given to all delegates from fraternal parties made it clear in what deep fraternal friendship this great socialist country and the Party of Labour hold all Marxist-Leninists throughout the world.

We were met by members of the Central Committee, the President of the National Assembly and other outstanding workers and leaders of Albania. Their great friendship and fraternal regard stems from their strength and confidence in the enormous advances made toward socialism and the deep understanding of Marxism-Leninism pervading all the people, due to the leadership of the Party and the direct guidance of Comrade Enver Hoxha.

In direct conversation with Comrade Enver Hoxha he thanked our Party for the work we do for international solidarity in our efforts as Marxists-Leninists to develop revolutionary struggle in our own country.

He especially praised our paper THE WORKER for its international stand and also for the "thoughtful and helpful analysis and commentary on the struggle of the working class in Britain." He informed us that the various news items and articles of special interest to Albania would be and always were translated for the information of Party workers and peasants throughout the country.

We were honoured to be present on the 28th November at the Assembly where he delivered a great speech on behalf of the Party, the Government and all Albanian people. In this speech he stressed the tremendous advances made in the 25 years of their free socialist existence, from the defeat of the Italian Fascists and then the defeat of the Nazis to their great peaceful advance as an independent and sovereign state - a socialist state.

Figures and statistics of the great work done in the fields of agriculture, industrial development, electrification and education do not convey the real strength of this socialist country. It has to be seen to be understood. Its international and historical position can be summed up in the statement: The second socialist country in the world today and the first to take up the fight against revisionism.

In dealing with the Soviet revisionist clique Comrade Enver Hoxha said? "We the Albanian Marxist-Leninists will never reconcile ourselves with modern revisionism, with Moscow traitors but shall fight until they are utterly destroyed." And again in dealing with the predatory imperialist nature of the Soviet revisionists in Czechoslovakia he said that the Red Army soldiers, who had crossed Europe and fought in Asia to destroy fascism and bring freedom to the peoples, should "aim the weapons given to them to enslave others against the usurper clique."

"There is and there will be," he said, "friendship and unity between us and the fraternal Soviet peoples, between us and the real Bolsheviks of the line of Lenin and Stalin."

We left Albania greatly strengthened by this fraternal contact, the opportunity to see for ourselves the magnificent results of a quarter of a century's struggles to build socialism. As we departed Comrade Enver Hoxha thanked us for our work in proletarian internationalism and wished us all success in our task of building our Marxist-Leninist Party in our own country and advancing the day of revolution in Britain.

Privileged to have participated in the celebration of this socialist victory and refreshed by direct experience of the great fraternal tie we have with socialist Albania we resolve to work all the more intensively to achieve a socialist Britain.