"The period since the founding of the Party of Labor of Albania (PLA) as the first vanguard party in the age long history of the Albanian people during this period deep revolutionary changes have been brought about in the political, economic, social and cultural life of the country. These achievements are measures of vital importance have been attained, putting an end to oppression and exploitation in ensuring a rapid and uninterrupted development of the country toward socialism. These achievements have been attained by the Albanian people, first and foremost, by the PLA which, acting according to the correct line pursued by the Party of Labor of Albania with the formation of the Party, the working class, the laboring masses brought forth from 1944. In the field of battle against the fascist invaders and traitors to the country, a resolve and effort of the PLA leadership absolutely determined to defend the interests of the people, carried through the their struggle against the liberation and social emancipation.

The PLA has always been guided solely by Marxism Leninism. It has always held aloft the militant banner of the international isms of Marx, Engels, Lenin and Stalin. Loyalty to Marxism Leninism is the source of its inextinguishable fighting will and readiness, its courage and determina tion to surmount all difficulties and obstacles. The PLA defends with unshakable confidence toward its objectives and Marxist Leninist ideas and interests.

The PLA has succeeded in carrying out the major tasks lying before it, because it has firmly relied on the people. It inherited from the people marvelous patriotic and revolutionary traditions. In their struggle against the foreign yoke and social oppression, the Albanian people have force fully demonstrated their love of their country, their deep hatred of bondage and oppression, their ardent aspirations and unceasing will for progress, and their resolve to defend the sacredness of their national independence and territorial integrity. The PLA has carried out a noble and glorious task to defend the people, preserved their identity as a nation to a higher level and made patriotic and revolutionary traditions a driving force in the liberation of the country. It has been a part of the construction of socialism from the introduction to The History of the Party of Labor of Albania.

The PLA pursues a principle and independent policy.

Excerpts from the Speech by Yves Naze, Head of the Department of Political Education, at the 44th Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations Organization

"Today, all of us are witnesses to the efforts being made by the superpowers for the extension of their military alliances, the strengthening of their aggressive character and the militarization of their activity and relations in ever broader areas of the world. A feverish race is going on between NATO and the Warsaw Treaty blocs, not only to increase their military potential, but also to include other countries in these blocs and exacerbate international tension. The nuclear weapons, patrolling the most distant seas and the skies, and the terrorists sowing fear and destruction on all the countries of the world. The imperialist nations are carrying out plans about which countries should be attacked first and which later, where they should intervene to day and where tomorrow. "The big imperialist powers are striving to subdue not only their own working people, but also the whole laboring and oppressed masses of the world. The burden of the crusade, which has been going on for a very long time with the most drastic consequences, is that these powers, which, stubbornly maintaining the colonial and neo-colonial systems in their international economic relations, are more and more export oriented, and are increasing the prices of the commodities they export and are intensifying their plunder. They are to blame for the deep-going revolutionary changes in the international monetary systems, the anomalies which are apparent in the exchange of markets, and the deepening of the gap in per capita incomes between the developed and underdeveloped countries.

"Certainly, the present day reality in international relations is not characterized by the policy and activity of the superpowers and the forces of imperialism. One of its main, most important and very encouraging features is the increased development of anti-imperialist peoples to oppose the policy of aggression and war, of plunder and exploitation, spreading the principle of self determination and national liberation. In many countries the movement of the broad masses of the peoples have been rising up against the imperialist powers. Under the leadership of the Party the PLA has led the Albanian people step by step toward the complete elimination of exploitation of man by man, faithfully applying the science of Marxism Leninism to the solution of the problem of the development of every people and nation. The stand of the PLA has been reasserted by imperialist warmongers and aggressors. Their policies have been exposed as a great danger to the revolutionary movements and to the world proletariat. The depth of experience with which the PLA can share with the other Marxist Leninist parties of the world is of great value to them all, particularly the younger, less experienced partners.

This past year has seen the PLA and socialist Albania continue along the revolutionary path charted in the last 38 years, on both the domestic and international levels. The prolongation and development of the revolutionary struggle for socialism, for an international socialist order. This year, on the 43rd anniversary of the victory of October Revolution, J V Stalin, the convening of the 5th Congress of the Democratic Front of Albania, the immense strides taken in agriculture and industry, the ongoing process of socialist construction. The PLA and socialist Albania will serve only to deepen the strong bonds between the Party and the Albanian people, encouraging new leaders to spring forth in numbers to lead the Albanian revolution constantly forward.

In our country, support and recognition of the great resolve which the PLA has taken over the years continues to be steadily built. A representative worker from Kentucky, UK, in his recent visit to our country, wrote recently, "Albania illustrates what strict adherence to Marxism Leninism will accomplish — a paradise on earth for the common people, the exploited and the poor."

"Albania is confident of its future, of its role and position in elaborating and making a contribution to the world revolution. The PLA and socialist Albania are confident and unafraid."

For 38 long years, the PLA has led the Albanian people to face, overcome, and defeat all the internal and external difficulties. We are confident that all these people, and many other peoples, will join us in celebrating the 38th anniversary of the founding of the PLA and the 35th anniversary of the liberation of Albania and establishment of people's state power.

In the life and death struggle against imperialism and social ialism, between the bourgeoisie and the proletariat, we are faced with the urgent need to forge ahead to complete the construction of socialism and communism herein called "confident and unafraid." Long Live Marxism Leninism! Long Live the Party of Labor of Albania! Revolution Will Surely Triumph!"