



ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING ON ALBANIA

THE 33rd anniversary of the liberation of Albania was celebrated in Britain on 25th November at an enthusiastic meeting of the New Albania Society in the Conway Hall. The speaker described her visit to the 7th Congress of the Albanian Labour Youth Union, which is responsible for all youth work and the development of correct Marxist-Leninist theory among the young.

In Albania there is great awareness of the need to be on guard against liberalism - letting things slip without comment - and revisionism which deliberately undermines self-sufficiency and independence. No one can dictate to Albania or wield power through sanctions. Albanians do not rely on fraternal parties, whose role is one of support through revolu-

tion in their own land. It was emphasised that the Albanians and the British are kindred people and that the greatest service we can render them is not to slumber, but to take up our own revolutionary task and thus help this small brave people should the imperialists unleash their war. As one member of the audience put it, "We smash the bastards here. If you don't do that you're not a Communist."

The ideological clarity of the Party of Labour of Albania was a constant theme of the meeting. For instance, their unwavering adherence to the Marxist theory of class contradiction in relation to the "three worlds", the two "superpowers", the Common Market and Comecon, Nato and the Warsaw Treaty. And the

correct analysis of the effect in Britain of joining the EEC - our loss of sovereignty, and the perfect opportunity for British capitalism to export its capital and seal the decay of British industry.

Without glossing over the problems yet to be tackled in Albania, many aspects of life under socialism were touched on by different speakers - her stable economy, her industrial and agricultural advance, the strength of her youth and her military preparedness - all contrasted with the dismal prospect of Britain's future without revolution and Marxism. The speaker summed it up: our choice is clear - for the destruction of Britain, or for peace and socialism.

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