

Statement issued by the Albanian Telegraphic Agency says Chinese Government is false friend of Socialism

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The Albanian Telegraphic Agency is authorised to announce that on the 7th of July, 1978, through a Note handed over to the Embassy of the People's Socialist Republic of Albania in Peking, the Government of the People's Republic of China announced its decision to immediately sever all aids and payments of civil and military credit to Albania, to leave a number of very important projects incomplete and to withdraw all Chinese specialists working in Albania.

With this unilateral and arbitrary action, the Chinese Government takes a conscious and pre-meditated step to aggravate relations between the two countries, to damage the economy of socialist Albania and its defence potential. Its hostile action fills with profound indignation and anger all the Albanian people. This action will also be condemned by the fraternal Chinese people.

The people of the People's Socialist Republic of Albania have nurtured pure feelings of love and respect for the Chinese people. They have courageously defended the People's Republic of China in the most difficult moments which it was experiencing, and they have sincerely fought for a true and internationalist friendship between the two countries. But, by violating with big state arrogance, the agreements concluded officially between the two sides, kicking off every principle of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism, the Chinese Government and its leaders, consciously act to break and destroy this friendship. The severing of all aids and the withdrawal of the specialists from Albania also reveal the character of the granting of these aids.

To justify its anti-Albanian act and to hide the real reasons

which led it to undertake such a perfidious action, which will most certainly be condemned by the entire world public opinion, in its note, the Chinese Government presents invented arguments and accuses the Albanians of ingratitude. The Albanian Telegraphic Agency is informed that the Government of the People's Socialist Republic of Albania will reply at the proper time to the Chinese note and will acquaint world public opinion with documented facts so that the peoples can judge and become convinced that right lies on the side of Al-

bania.

The breaking off of the economic, civil and military aids by China for Albania and the withdrawal of the Chinese specialists from Albania emanate from the adoption by the People's Republic of China of a big power course, in its deviation from the scientific theory of Marxism-Leninism, in its rapprochement and collaboration with imperialist and reactionary forces in the world, in the renunciation of aid and support for the revolutionary and liberation forces in the international arena. The leadership of China

makes economic collaboration with our country conditional upon Albania's acceptance of and submission to this anti-Marxist policy. The Party of Labour of Albania and the Albanian Government have made efforts to solve the disagreements which existed between our two Parties on the Marxist-Leninist road, but the Communist Party of China and its leaders have refused such a road.

Actions like this, such as the severance of aid and the withdrawal of specialists and so on, which the Albanian people have experienced before with the Khrushchite revisionists, cannot have any success in Albania. The pressure, blackmail, of no matter what shade, to bring our Party and people to their knees, have not had and will never have any success. They have been transformed into defeat for their authors. The pressure and blockades cannot suffocate the voice of socialist Albania, will never force the Albanian people to renounce their correct Marxist-Leninist stand, and will never lead them away from the struggle against imperialism and the revisionists of all shades.

Under the tested leadership of the Party of Labour of Albania with comrade Enver Hoxha at the head, the Albanian people, now accustomed to chauvinist and imperialist methods, which innumerable enemies have used against it, will face up to and overcome with success all obstacles, will win new victories constructing the complete socialist society with their own forces.

The Albanian people, under the leadership of their Party of Labour, will continue to fight on this course and they are convinced that they will always enjoy the support of all the freedom-loving peoples and of revolutionaries of the world.



Enver Hoxha and Chou En-lai in 1960 when Albania and China stood shoulder to shoulder against imperialism and revisionism.