always held the view that the Cyprus question is to be solved and must be solved by the Cypriot people themselves. We hail and positive step which serves the establishment of harmony and understanding between the communities and hope that the conditions for a just solution, in conformity with the interests of the entire people of Cyprus and peace and stability in the surrounding areas, will be gradually prepared along these lines.

Likewise, we reaffirm our support for the right of the Korean people to solve the question of the unification of their Homeland by themselves, independently and without any interference from outside.

THE ARMAMENTS RACE AND SALT II

The continuation of the armaments race and other preparations for war on the part of the imperialist superpowers seriously worries the freedom-loving peoples and countries. The clamour of the imperialist powers at present about disarmament cannot conceal the dangers which stem from the unbridled armaments race. It has already been proved that disarmament does not exist and it will not be achieved through discussions, resolutions, or agreements concluded between the protagonists of armament. The Soviet-American agreement, which was concluded as a result of the SALT-2 talks in Vienna, can never be considered a step towards disarmament, as the U.S. imperialists and the Soviet social-imperialists try to present it. The SALT-2 agreement does not deal at all with the question of how the two superpowers wull disarm themselves or how the armaments race between them will be restrained. It does nothing else but define how, in what proportions, with what and when, they will arm themselves still more. About what disarmament can one speak when armaments are being increased and perfected, when the arms trade is being extended, when the armaments industry and research work in this field are gobbling up colossal values, and when hundreds of thousands of the most capable human minds have been put in the service of armaments and war, at a time when hunger, disease, etc., are wreaking havoc? The people are against the armaments race and imperialist wars. But they cannot accept that to save themselves from these wars they must relinquish their freedom and sovereign rights and submit, as the U.S. imperialists and the Soviet social-imperialists demand. The peoples cannot be in agreement either, with the open warmongering preachings of the Chinese social-imperialists, who want to divert the peoples from the opposition they are putting up to the preparations for the unleashing of a world war, under the pretext that it is inevitable. The fight against armaments and the armaments race, against war preparations and the danger of the outbreak of war is not a vain and hopeless struggle.

The leader of the Albanian people, comrade Enver Hoxha has said: "When the superpowers fail to achieve their predatory interests through economic, ideological and diplomatic means, when the contradictions become exacerbated to the most acute level, when the agreements and 'reforms' prove unable to resolve these contradictions, then the war between them begins. Therefore, the peoples, whose blood will be shed in this war, must strive with might and main not to be caught unawares, to sabotage the predatory inter-imperialist war so that it does not assume world-wide proportions, and if they are unable to achieve this, to turn it into a liberation war and win".

ALBANIA'S 35 YEARS OF PROGRESS

Mr. President,

This year the Albanian people celebrate the 35th anniversary of the liberation of their Homeland and of the triumph of the people's revolution. Over these 35 years of their free and independent life they have realized deep-going transformations in all the fields of life. Socialist Albania has set up a multi-branch industry, has created a powerful energy base, and today has a collectivized agriculture which is being modernised from day to day. Now our country produces its own iron and steel, various factories and equipment, and is beginning the development of the machine-building industry. In Albania there is stability and continuous economic progress. Albania is in position to maintain high rates of economic and cultural development and improve the standard of living of the people even without any foreign economic aid. The internal accumulation guarantees the extended socialist reproduction. The vitality of our economy has been expressed with special force over the past year in successful overcoming the anti-Albanian activity of the Chinese social-imperialists, in the completion and commissioning of the projects which they intentionally sabotaged or left half-completed.

INDEPENDENT FOREIGN POLICY AND SELF-RELIANCE

The People's Socialist Republic of Albania pursues a principled, independent foreign policy. Consistently adhering to the policy of good neighborliness and the recognised democratic principles which govern the relations among the sovereign countries, Albania stands for the development of normal relations and the extension of trade, cultural and other exchanges with those countries which respect these principles. It stands for sincere international collaboration with the freedom-loving, democratic and progressive countries. Our country has refuted and refutes all the chauvinist concepts of the imperialists and social-imperialists, who want to put all international relations on the basis of inequality, arbitrariness and dictate.

Albania is confident of its future. The Albanian people, under the leadership of the Party of Labour of Albania with comrade Enver Hoxha at the head, are working with enthusiasm and great determination to further develop and strengthen their Homeland relying entirely on their own forces. As always, they vigilantly safeguard their victories. They do not hold out a begging hand to anybody. The People's Socialist Republic of Albania will give the proper reply to any attempt of the imperialists, social-imperialists and anyone else to divert it from its independent political and ideological course.

EARTHQUAKE DAMAGE COMPLETELY REPAIRED

The Albanian people highly value the feelings of solidarity and respect which the freedom-loving peoples and countries and progressive mankind in the world nurture for them. We take this opportunity to express our thanks and profound gratitude to all those who expressed their friendship and solidarity with the Albanian people over the great damage they suffered as a result of the powerful earthquake which hit several regions of Albania on April 15th this year. The aftermath of this earthquake was completely liquidated before October 1st, 1979, as was specified in the decision of the Council of Ministers of the People's Socialist Republic of Albania. Thus, in less than 6 months, relying entirely on our own forces, 17,128 houses and economic and socio-cultural buildings were rebuilt or repaired, with all the expenditure defrayed by the state and at no cost to the inhabitants.

In conclusion, Mr. President, I want to reaffirm the readiness of the Albanian delegation to unite its efforts with those of the other democratic and progressive countries, with the aim that the proceedings of this session should serve the cause of freedom abnd independence of the peoples and genuine peace and security in the world. □

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