thirsty regime of the Shah of Iran. The uprising of the Iranian people was a powerful explosion of their hatred against the despotic tyranny of the feudal-bourgeois class with the Shah at the head and against foreign domination. It constitutes a powerful blow to all the imperialist powers and world capitalism—first and foremost, to American imperialism—which up till now, have plundered the Iranian oil and mercilessly exploited the working masses of Iran. This is also confirmed by the great disarray caused in the capitalist-imperialist world by the events in Iran and the measures taken in that country for the establishment of national sovereignty over its oil and other sectors of the economy.

Imperialism and the international bourgeoisie are terrified that the Iranian example might spread, especially in the Middle East area, leading to outburst of the peopke's revolt against foreign domination and plunder, and the establishment of national control over the oil and its use to the advantage of their liberation and progress.

THE MIDDLE EAST

The various imperialists have invested considerable sums in the oil-producing countries of the Middle East in order to exploit the natural assets of these countries, from which the foreign monopolies draw colossal profits. In no way do they want these riches to be placed in the hands of those to whom they belong—the peoples of those countries. The capitalist monopolies and the imperialist powers, which stand behind them, are striving to preserve the existing situation at any cost, to preserve their intensive exploitation and merciless plunder of the Arab oil.

To this end they are using all their means to defend those political forces and social structures which collaborate with them and assist them in suppressing and exploiting the masses. They are dispatching large quantities of weapons and advisors, forming alliances and manoeuvring in various ways to suppress the legitimate demands of the peoples of this region, to prevent them from winning their freedom and full independence and exercising their genuine national soveriegnty in every sector and on all questions.

It is not for nothing that U.S. imperialism has set up Israel and keeps it alive, it is not in vain that it has armed it to the teeth. Israel is the most blood-thirsty tool of U.S. imperialsim, its gendarme in defence of the monopolies which plunder the Arab oil, the dagger ready in its hand to strike the Arab peoples who are fighting for their rights. Therefore, the struggle against Israel, the liberation of the occupied Aran territories, the liberation of the oil from the foreign monopolies, the restoration of the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people, is a major problem common to all the Arab peoples. Naturally, they have also other specific problems and preoccupations, but it is this great problem, which binds them together in a common cause, which makes their unity an indispensible demand. The solution of this problem through their join struggle also contributes and leads to the solution of their specific problems.

It is precisely against this common cause of the Arab peoples that the blows of U.S. imperialism, world capitalism and Soviet social-imperialism—which is also striving to profit from the situation in order to capture dominating positions in the Middle East—are aimed today.

It is the intensification of imperialist interference and the aggressive activity of American imperialism, the manoeuvres of Soviet social-imperialism, the intrigues of Chinese social-imperialism, the growing arrogance of the Israeli zionists, which have made the situation in the Middle East even more grave and tense.

CAMP DAVID AGREEMENT

The American-Egyptian-Israeli talks at Camp David brought about further complications and have made the solution of the problems still more difficult. The Arab peoples and progressive opinion have considered the situation created in this region after the separate Egyptian-Israeli Treaty as a heavy blow to the just cause of the Palestinian people and the vital interests of the other Arab peoples, as assistance to U.S. imperialism and its zionist tool to interfere in and dominate the Middle East.

The People's Socialist Republic of Albania has supported and will always support the just cause of the Arab peoples. We hold the view that there can be no peace and stability in the Middle East without a just and lasting solution to the problems of that region, first and foremost to the Palestinian problem. If these problems are to be solved, Israel must be forced to withdraw from all the Arab territories it has occupied through violence and aggression, must be forced to put an end to its aggressive, annexationist policy against the Arab peoples and countries, and the way must be barred to the interference and plots of the United States of America and the Soviet Union in that region. For the establishment of peace and stability in the Middle East, it is essential that all the national rights of the Palestinian people must be restored.

We are convinced that the fraternal Arab peoples, who are progressive peoples, with an ancient and long traditions of struggle for freedom and independence, will be able to cope with the new difficulties created by the intrigues and plots of their imperialist-zionist enemies and, by establishing a militant unity among themselves, will succeed in realising their lofty national aspirations.

THE REVOLUTION IN NICARAGUA

The overthrow of the Somoza regime in Nicaragua is another example which proves once again that when the peoples become conscious and are determined to fight to the end for their rights, the struggle of the masses of the people becomes a powerful wave which topples even the most ferocious regimes supported by imperialism.

The events in Nicaragua show that the situation in the majority of the countries of Latin America is revolutionary and that the revolution for the overthrow of the bourgeois-landowner order and the elimination of the dependence on imperialism is ever more emphatically on the order of the day. The peoples of that continent are becoming ever more conscious of the need to intensify the popular struggle against internal and external oppression and exploitation, for freedom, democracy and social progress. They can no longer reconcile themselves to Latin America's remaining a domain of the United States of America, from which the big U.S. monopolies draw colossal superprofits.

OPPRESSION OF LATIN AMERICA

U.S. imperialism, which dominates and exerts strict control over the most vital sectors of the economies of the majority of Latin American countries, employs all its military, political, economic, propaganda and other means to preserve its domination on that continent at any cost, and to prop up the dictatorial regimes which are in its service.

Recent years have seen an intensification of efforts by the Soviet social-imperialists to penetrate into Latin America in various forms and to seize dominating positions in that continent. With their deceitful demagogy and diabolical activity, they are playing a disruptive, undermining role in the liberation movement in Latin America.

The poverty of the masses of the people, the weak and one-sided development of economy, the inflation and unemployment, the colossal debts to U.S. capital, are direct consequences of the double oppression and colonialist and neocolonialist plunder of the Latin American countries by U.S. imperialism. These grace conditions, these situations, have led to the implanting of the idea of the revolution, as the reliable road to achieve national and social liberation, in the consciousness of the workers, peasants, progressive intellectuals and the masses of the youth of these countries. The great people's revolt in Nicaragua proved this clearly.

IMPERIALIST PENETRATION INTO AFRICA

The greed of the imperialist superpowers and the former colonial powers is more and more being directed towards Africa. As a consequence, numerous external and internal factors, which create political insecurity, which hinder and weaken the struggle against imperialism, colonialism and neocolonialism and which sometimes lead to conflicts, setting one African state against the other are operating in this continent today. The stirring up of local wars by the superpowers and the other imperialist powers, in which they intervene with armaments, supplies, advisers or even by bringing in mercenaries from abroad, is becoming a wide-spread phenomenon in Africa. The facts have proved that wherever the United Staes of America, the Soviet Union and the other imperialist powers have offered their "mediation" or to play the role of protector and peace-maker between states, these conflicts have become more acute, the hot-beds of tension have increased and the imperialistpower have seized the opportunity to strengthen their presence in this or that country.

But there is no force which can halt and extinguish the awakening of the peoples of Africa, their struggle for freedom and independence, their efforts to establish their complete sovereignty over their assets, to preserve their own culture and traditions. U.S. imperialism, Soviet social-imperialism, Chinese social-imperialism and the other big capitalist powers can make every effort and use every trick, can spread various empty theories, about the so-called "non-aligned", "three worlds", etc., can provide hand-outs and credits, but they cannot halt the realisation of the aspirations of the African peoples to march free and independent on the road of development and progress.

RESISTANCE OF AFRICAN PEOPLES

The freedom and the emancipation of the African peoples is a great demand of the time, an irresistable historical process. The peoples of the African continent, the proletariat and the new revolutionary intelligentsia, who are becoming ever more conscious of the oppression by foreigners and by the internal enemies, can no longer believe in the false preachings of old colonialists and neocolonialists, in their "beneficence" and alleged "concern" about the development and progress of Africa, in the alliance and the diabolic aid which the Soviet social-imperialists, Chinese social-imperialists and others offer them. The correct road to achieve the liberation, development and progress of Africa is the resistance and the determined struggle against the dictate and the political, economic and military interference by international imperialism, against the reactionary theories and the deceitful propaganda of foreign powers, against the plots and intrigues they employ to maintain their domination and plunder, and against racial discrimination and oppression.

The Albanian people have been and will always be sincere friends of the African peoples and resolute supporters of their liberation and anti-imperialist struggles. They strongly support the just struggles of the peoples of Azania, Namibia and Zimbabwe to put an end to the savage racial discrimination and apartheid and to win their freedom and independence. The farce of the "internal settlement" through "elections" of the problem of Zimbabwe or Namibia is a smokescreen for the racist regimes and the imperialist powers which stand behind them, in order to preserve and perpetuate their colonial domination.

NATIONAL LIBERATION WARS ARE JUST

Imperialism and social-imperialism, the overt and disguised enemies of the freedom and independence of the peoples, cannot halt the advance of history. The deep-going revolutionary transformations within individual countries and on an international scale in general, are an objective demand of the time, are a question taken up for solution and not some distant prospect. Millions of people have joined the struggle for such transformations today and this struggle will certainly advance, irrespective of the obstacles and difficulties.

Imperialism, social-imperialism, world capitalism are striving with every means to maintain and expand their domination and exploitation of the peoples. The peoples are fighting to throw off the foreign yoke, to gain their freedom and live in independence. History proves that no matter how difficult and protracted the struggle, the final victory belongs to the peoples.

In his book "Imperialism and the Revolution", the leader of the Albanian people, comrade Enver Hoxha, writes: "The imperialist or social-imperialist powers are striving to the same extent to prevent the African, Asian, or Latin American peoples from developing their revolutionary struggle, stage by stage, against the oppression and savage exploitation by their leaderships and the imperialists, who are ruling in agreement with them and sucking their blood. The dury of revolutionaries, progressive and patriots in the countries with a low level of socio-economic development and dependent on the imperialist and social-imperialist powers is to make the peoples conscious of this oppression and exploitation, to educate, mobilize and organize them and hurl them into the liberation struggle, always bearing in mind that it is the broad masses, the peoples, that carry out the revolution".

National-liberation wars are just, therefore they enjoy the support of all the revolutionary, democratic and progressive forces in the world. They are also indispensible, because it is only through them that freedom and national independence can be won, that genuine democratic rights can be established, that social justice can be attained.

Socialist Albania, the Albanian people, are on the side of the oppressed, on the side of those who rise against foreign domination and internal reaction. They support the revolutionary efforts of the peoples, which serve to bring progressive and qualitative transformations in their life and that of the whole of mankind. Likewise, the Albanian people have been, and will always be, in support of and in solidarity with all those who fight against racial discrimination, against fascism, for democracy and progress.

CHINESE AGGRESSION IN SOUTH-EAST ASIA

Another problem which has preoccupied world public opinion is the grave situation created in South-East Asia. The heroic Vietnamese people had to shed blood once again to defend their Homeland from the barbarous aggression of the Chinese social-imperialists, who acted towards them as the old colonialists and the U.S. imperialists had acted in the past.

The Chinese aggression against the Vietnamese people broke out and all the recent events in Indochina took place on the background of the fierce rivalry of the imperialist superpowers, the United States, the Soviet Union and China, which, in order to realize their hegemonic and expansionist aims in that region, employed both the methods of direct intervention and the recognized imperialist practices of inciting Indochinese against Indochinese. The sufferings of the peoples of Indochina today are the continuation of the sufferings they have experienced for years and decades on end because of the aggression and interference by U.S. imperialism, which has spread death and destruction in Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia. Again it was the U.S. imperialists who have their blessing to and encouraged the aggression of the Chinese social-imperialists against the Vietnamese people. The crocodile tears the U.S. imperialists shed when they express their regret over the fate of the peoples of Indochina, or when they want to come out as the champions of principles, cannot conceal these facts. Likewise the hypocrisy employed by the Soviet social-imperialists when they speak about friendship for the peoples of Indochina, is quite unable to conceal their hegemonic aims on South-East Asia and their efforts to lure the countries of this region into their sphere of influence.

ALBANIA SUPPORTS INDOCHINESE PEOPLES

The recent events confirm once again that imperialism and social-imperialism are enemies of the peoples of Indochina, that reliance on the "friendship" of one superpower in the hope of being defended from the threats and hostility of the other, always has dangerous consequences.

Just as they gave powerful support to the struggle of the Indochinese peoples against the U.S. imperialist aggressors and their stooges, the Albanian people also support the just struggle of the heroic Vietnamese people against the barbarous aggression of the Chinese social-imperialists and condemn this aggression. We have supported and will support the right of the Vietnamese people, the Cambodian people and the Laotian people to live free and independent, to preserve the independence, national sovereignty and territorial integrity of their own countries, We support the right of each of these peoples and of every other people in the world, to solve their internal problems by themselves, free from any foreign interference.

With its aggression against the Vietnamese people and with its hegemonic activity in South-East Asia, China came out openly with the policy of an imperialist superpower. At a time when the new Chinese policy of an imperialist doctrine of "teaching a lesson" is being added to the notorious enslaving doctrines of U.S. imperialism and the ill-famed doctrine of "limited sovereignty" of Soviet social-imperialism, the dangers threatening the freedom-loving peoples and countries of the world, become still greater and more serious.

SUPERPOWER CONFRONTATION IN EUROPE

During the past year, nothing has occurred in Europe to prove that the dangers threatening the peoples and the states of this region have been eliminated either. The United States of Ameican and the Soviet Union have a great deal to say about the need to preserve the status quo in Europe. But this kind of status quo by no means implies tranquility and security for the European countries. The two superpowers need this status quo to maintain their spheres of influence, to dictate their will and to maintain the permanent threat and fear in Europe, in face of the Soviet-American military potential and the possibility of the confrontation between the two superpowers and the aggressive military blocs, NATO and the Warsaw Treaty.

The armaments race and the war preparations in Europe are mounting in ever greater proportions and rates. The United States and the Soviet Union exert constant pressure on the member-states of the aggressive alliances which they control, to force them to increase their military budgets, to integrate themselves to the maximum in the American and Soviet war strategies, and to involve them in aggressive activities on all continents. The U.S. imperialists have again pulled out from their files the plan for the creation of a special military force, in the framework of NATO, which is to be used by them as an international mobile gendarmerie in any corner of the world, wherever their interests might be affected.

The military manoeuvres of an aggressive character, conducted by the United States and the Soviet Union, NATO and the Warsaw Treaty, the provocative movements of the U.S. and the Soviet navies in the Mediterranean and other seas around Europe, are not evidence of any detente and the strengthening of understanding and trust in Europe as they claim. They are evidence of the constant contradictions and the clash of interests among the superpowers and imperialist powers, and feverish preparations for war.

But, naturally, these contradictions are not on that scale as to justify the claims of the Chinese social-imperialists that war in Europe is imminent and that a world war will inevitably commence on that continent. It is understandable that the Chinese social-imperialists greatly desire a war in Europe and are striving to incite it is in the hope that the two other imperialist superpowers will destroy each other and, the, the Chinese social-imperialists would remain the sole rulers in the world.

Hence the intrigues and conspiratorial activity of the three imperialist superpowers are interconnected in Europe today. Under these conditions, the resolute rebuff to this dangerous activity by the peoples of Europe assumes special importance.

WAR INTRIGUES IN THE BALKANS

The U.S. imperialists and the Soviet social-imperialists have long been acting in many ways to disturb the waters in the Balkans. In the recent years, to their intrigues have been added those of the Chinese social-imperialists. The Balkan peoples certainly have fresh memories of the misfortunes which the intervention of the imperialist powers has caused them in the past and they have sufficient experience to judge what they must do to prevent others from making the Balkans a powder keg.

The People's Socialist Republic of Albania has been and will be a factor for peace and stability in the Balkans. It has worked and will work to maintain and develop good neighborly relations with the bordering states and will oppose the efforts of the imperialist powers to cause tension and stir up quarrels in the Balkans.

THE UNIFICATION OF CYPRUS AND KOREA

The Government of the People's Socialist Republic of Albania has