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Nationalization of Housing

2. "All houses and apartments were nationalized in 1949. At that time even the furniture of 'reactionaires' was nationalized. There are no private rental agencies.
3. "At that time the Housing Office (Seksionit Strahimit), which is under the Executive Committee of the People's Board of the City of Tirana (Komitet Ekzekutiv Kshillit Popullor Qytetit-Tirane), made a special census of all apartments [houses too??] existing not only in Tirana but throughout the whole of Albania. Therefore, the Housing Office is in possession of a special registry of all apartments, their size and their tenants.
4. "The Housing Office in Tirana was transferred in May 1951 from the building of the Komiteti Ekz. Qytet-Tirane at Shehi Skanderberg to a building on the Bulevard Shqupria e Re. This move was made because of the crowds of applicants.

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In the regions Housing Offices exist only in the capitals, attached to the regional Executive Committees of the People's Board. In the small rural towns and villages there are no Housing Offices.

Procedure to Obtain Permanent Housing

5. The normal procedure to obtain living space is as follows:

- (a) File an application called a Lutje at the Housing Office. The Lutje is hand written on a normal sheet of paper. A 50-Lek stamp must be attached. The Lutje is registered at the Housing Office.

Sample:

V.F.

KOMITETI EKZ. K.P. QYTETIT
(Seksionit Strehimit)
Tirane

L.P.

Inenshkruemi X..... se bashku me familjen time te perbame prej kaq personash....Nepunes prane Ministris Botores kam nderin te parashetroj kerkesen time sa ma poshte vijon:

Kam prej tre mujesh qu ndodhem me banim ne hotel per arsye se skam banesen e nevojshme familjarisht, kjo me detyron tju baj kete lutje juve Zyres dompetente per te me gjete strehimin familjar gjetja e strehimit me ban te mos la punen mbasi po te vazhdoj keshtu mbasi smundem me i perballue hotelit detyrohem te largohem.

Ilutem zyres kompetente qu te mari kerkesen time ne konsideracion.

Mbetem me shpresen tuej mbi kerkesen ni fjale.

ME RESPEKT (.....)

ADRESA....

(Epersonit qu ban lutjen)

Tirane....195..

after

[Translation]

V.F.-Death to Fascism

L.P.-Freedom to Peoples

To the Housing Office of the
Executive Committee of the City People's Board
Tirana

I, the undersigned, X...., with my family, composed of .. number of members, by profession a State employee, am obliged to file the following application:

I have lived with my family in a hotel for three months because we have no place to live. Therefore I do hereby apply to the competent office to obtain lodging for myself and my family. If this lodging is not made available to myself and family I shall be compelled to leave the city and my job, since I do not possess the funds to continue paying high hotel fees.

I beg the competent office to consider my application. Remaining in hope,

Respectfully yours
X....

Tirane,....195..

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LISTA-FAMILIARE

L.P.

Adresa....

Date....

Nr. Re. EMNI MBTEMNI LIDHJA DT. LINDJA VEND. LINDJA SEKSI
PROFESIONI VRETJE

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Per Kshillim Lagjes 1 Maj
Kryetari
()
Vula Rajonit

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FAMILY LIST

Address....

Date....

no.	Name & Surname	Relationship to head of family	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Sex	Profession	Remarks
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- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

For the K.L. 1 May [raione
in Tirana]
Kryetar
(signature)

stamp of the Kom. Ekz. K.P. of
the Raione-People's
Board of the Raione.

Housing Priorities

- 6. "Priorities exist in the allocation of living space-in favor of important Party members (ministerial officials) and Stakhanovites. No priority is granted to State employees or workers in the State 'field of labor' who have been transferred from one place to another for job reasons.
- 7. "The Priority for important Party members extends to a special distribution of furniture at low prices. Under the Finance Section of the Kom. Ekz. K.P. Qytetit-Tirane (Executive Committee of the People's Board for the City of Tirana) there is an office called Pasurija e Shtetit. This office is in charge of all furniture confiscated from reactionaries and all furniture nationalized in 1949. The allotment of such furniture is made directly by the Kryeministria (Council of Ministers). It goes only to Soviets, to State Ministers, Directors of Sections, S.S.H. Chiefs and other persons privileged under the Communist regime. [redacted] the procedure for obtaining such furniture. [redacted] that a clothes wardrobe assigned through this office--it had been confiscated

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from a reactionaire--cost 500 Lek. Payment was accepted in small instalments over as much as two years.

8. "When a person vacates a house or apartment and changes residence, he must return the keys to the Kryetar of the K.L. in which he has been living. The Kryetar must adjust the Lista Familiare of the vacated place of residence.

Furnished Rooms

9. "There are no private agencies for room rentals. There are no furnished rooms for rent in the whole of Albania. First, traditionally there have been no furnished rooms for rent in the country. Secondly, all housing matters proceed through the Housing Office, and that body does not rent furnished rooms.

Space Quotas

10. "The allocation of living space proceeds on fixed space quotas:
- (a) Single persons, male or female: 3 x 2 or 4 x 4 meters.
 - (b) Couple: 4 x 4 meters plus use of kitchen, if available.
 - (c) Couple with one or two children, male or female, aged up to 17: 4 x 4 meters plus kitchen space.
 - (d) Couple with more than two children: Same as above plus an additional room 4 x 4 meters, if available.
 - (e) Tubercular persons: 4 x 4 meters.

Rents

11. "The rents for unfurnished rooms obtained through the Housing Office are:
- 500 Lek monthly for 4 x 4 meter room (even if occupied by two persons)
 - 600 Lek monthly for 4 x 4 meter room plus use of kitchen
- The Housing Office determines rent levels.

12. "Rent is paid through the Bank.

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