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- The organization responsible for the construction of strategic communications, airfields and fortifications on the Greek-Albanian frontier and for the repair of roads and bridges is the Albanian branch of "Brash", the Federation of Albanian Anti-Fascist Youth, the "Rruga e Rinis" organization. This organization is divided into brigades of volunteer workers. Of these brigades three have already received the Soviet title of "Stakhanovite". These are the "Enver", "Alqi Kondi" and "Tutulani" brigades. The first is named after Enver Hoxha, the second after the head of the Rruga e Rinis organization and the third after an Albanian Communist shot [redacted] during the war.
- The "Tutulani" Brigade repaired in 1946 the Morine - Kukoci - Scutari road to the Yugoslav center of Priaren, which is of great importance in coordinating Albanian-Yugoslav action. Four garages have been set up on this road as filling and repair stations for motor vehicles. This brigade was also responsible for the construction of the new airfield at Scutari and is now engaged in the erection of buildings there for the Albanian Air Force.
- The construction of fortifications on the Greek-Albanian frontier has from the first been carried out by the "Enver" Brigade under the direction of Soviet specialists using the "Brash" organization as cover.
- The "Alqi Kondi" Brigade was employed in 1946 on the construction of the Maliqit and Jubes canals. It was also sent to Yugoslavia to help in the construction of the Breko - Banovici railroad. This last was done as a gesture of Albanian-Yugoslav solidarity. This brigade was also recently engaged in the construction of fortifications in the Kalo - Aslanit area.
- The latest reports indicate that "Rruga e Rinis" numbers 5,000 volunteers under the supreme control of Soviet Engineer Colonel S. N. Sviridov. Sviridov has received orders from Moscow to complete in record time the strategic road connecting Kukoca with Peshkopija. Construction is already in hand, and all "Rruga e Rinis" brigades have been, or will shortly be, diverted to this work which is militarily of the greatest importance. The length of the road is 65 kms. "Rruga e Rinis" includes a fair number of German ex-prisoners who are under the protection of the Albanian Government and who receive the same pay and rights as civilian workers.
- Three districts, all in the region of Scutari, Drishti to the east, Berdici to the west and Bushati to the south of Scutari, are to be opened up to development in the spring of 1947. Organization of Albanian war industries is to commence in the Bushati district.

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