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1. On 23 August 1950, 70 Albanian refugees gathered in a restaurant in Rome. Only 30 of them belonged to Balli Kombetar. The rest were followers of various other Albanian parties and attended the meeting as observers.

speech was given by Ali Klishora:
2. ~~Ali Klishora made the following speech:~~

"This meeting is a convention of the Balli Kombetar and is a continuation of the convention of Berat. We do not recognize the Balli Kombetar as a section of the International Agrarian Party. Those who compose this are responsible for changing the organization of Balli Kombetar into a political party and re-naming it the International Agrarian Party. At the meeting in Naples (which took place long ago), attended by a few persons, the decision was made to rename the Balli Kombetar as International Agrarian Party; and Hashan Dosti was named President of the party and ~~was~~ President of Free Albania. These gentlemen made dictatorial decisions, without respecting the Constitution which is very democratic."

Many speakers approved Klishora's speech.
3. ~~His speech of Ali Klishora was answered by many speakers who approved many points of his speech and condemned Hashan Dosti, because he had not to reply to the many written requests of many members of the party to call a convention.~~

4. ~~During the convention it was decided by all the members that:~~

- a. The organization should ~~again~~ resume the name Balli Kombetar Organization, not party,
- b. Part of the members of the Council of the Organization should remain in Rome, and the rest in America, with the exception of a very few who should remain in Greece.

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6. The following were elected as the Executive Committee:

Honorary President: ~~Muradin-Bey Vlora~~
President: Ali Kleisoura *Kliesura*
Vice-President: ~~K...~~
Secretary: *Halim* ~~...~~
Councilors: *Dazim Enra* ~~...~~ *Jajim Enra*
~~...~~
~~...~~
~~...~~
~~...~~
~~...~~
Vizagjako (who may not have accepted)

The members in America have the right to make their own selection of the remaining members of the Council. The members in Greece will elect two more members of the Council. Every group of members of the Organization which numbers more than twenty persons has the right to send a representative to the Council.

6. The following points were stressed by Ali Kleisoura *Kliesura*:

- a. This convention was not held for the purpose of fighting against agrarian reform of the Agrarian Party.
- b. Agrarian reform and the changing of the Organization into a party will be decided upon at a future convention in Free Albania (Berati).
- c. The Organization of Balli Kombetar aims to liberate Albania from the red tyranny and to gather all moral forces against this enemy.
- d. There must be an agreement among all the nationalist parties, groups, and ~~...~~, and Balli Kombetar must cooperate with them. (There were hoofs of derision against Hassan Dosti, Abas Dreni, and ~~...~~.)

7. Ali Kleisoura also spoke about the "Union of the ~~...~~", about the party of ~~...~~, and the Independent party of ~~...~~. He criticized Hassan ~~...~~ and ~~...~~ because they ~~...~~ attack the others, ~~...~~ as they themselves were the "black tunics" ~~...~~ during the Italian Occupation.

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8. Ali Kleisura charged that at the convention of the International Agrarian Party in America, Haxhin Doxhi declared publicly and in the presence of foreigners that Balli Kombetar and others are agents of Tito. "He ought not to have said this", continued Kleisura, "because Balli Kombetar is a member of the Committee of Free Albania, and participates in the Committee. If Doxhi was sure that Kyrkos is an agent of Tito, then he ought not to have accepted his offer of cooperation; but Kyrkos should have been executed for damaging national interests. What Doxhi said is untrue; his only purpose was to compromise Kyrkos in the international public opinion."

9. Ali Kleisura added that the establishment of the Albanian state was due to the rivalry among the Great Powers. He said that the war as a political refugee he cooperated with Yugoslavia when the question of Kosovo was raised, he was the first to raise a cry against Yugoslavia. "We have to cooperate with the weak against the strong. Then Italy was strong. Today, however, it is Yugoslavia and Tito. Therefore today we must cooperate politically with the weak, Italy and Greece. In Greece there is a large number of Orthodox, anti-Communist Albanians. Therefore I want you to show me the way to cooperate with them, because this has great national importance". No one replied and he continued, "Knowing that, because the members of Balli Kombetar committed many wrongs against the Orthodox in Albania, the latter will not immediately agree to cooperate with us, I am considering proposing to Kyrkos in Athens that he establish a new party of Orthodox Albanians and send representatives to our organization for the purpose of cooperation. For this purpose I shall shortly go to Athens." *SS-46427** *With this objective* *shortly*

10. Two persons spoke in favor of Kyrkos, and others began to criticize him. Therefore Ali Kleisura was compelled to stop the discussion of this topic.

11. Then Ali Kleisura asked permission from the convention to send funds from wherever he could, without taking any obligation, adversely affecting Albanian interests and the integrity of the country. He said that it was impossible to carry on the struggle without money, and that consequently they must not charge him with having sold out, because others, too, are compelled to accept money to carry on the struggle.

12. Ali Kleisura also condemned the sending of clandestine groups into Albania: "Those who have been killed are heroes, but those who send them are murderers, because they have sent them to serve the interests of third parties, without getting any promise about maintaining the territorial integrity of Albania."

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13. Finally he said, "Under the mask of the Albanian Agrarian Party, or rather the "international" are concealed persons who use Communist methods. They are organizing today to take over the government of the country dictatorially and surely to provoke a new civil war; they ~~These persons are agents of Communist terrorists.~~ ^{activities of some} people of the Committee of Free Albania recently have weakened the organization of the Committee".

14. In closing he said, "We recognize the Committee of Free Albania as a National Council, with the exception of two persons ^{for} ~~whose~~ ^{whose} activities and their presence are injuring our national interests and must be removed from the committee, ~~(referring to Hassan Durruti and Zef Pali)~~. Balli Kombetar ~~has~~ ^{is} based on the Atlantic Charter for the national independence of Albania".

15. ^{a representative of the Kosovo party states} Dr. Nuradin Skenderi said, "Klatsura has done well in revealing to us these persons, because it is feared that ~~if~~ ^{if} the government into their own hands they will say that the union ~~of~~ ^{of} Kosovo is Utopian, as did the Hoxha Government while it was collaborating with Tito".

^{the representative of the Veriacci party} 16. ~~The~~ representative of the Independent party (Veriacci) said ~~that~~ the call of Klatsura for the union of all the nationalist parties was very necessary and timely. Balli Kombetar was passing through a critical period, and he hoped ~~that~~ ^{that} the union of all Albanians would be achieved and the aims ~~set~~ ^{set} by the convention realized.

17. At the end of the two day meeting the Secretary Halim Beqaja left by air for the United States. ~~It is conjectured that he received financial aid from Veriacci and from Italy to the amount of three or four million lire.~~

18. ¹⁰ ~~Within a few days~~ ¹² ~~ten or twelve~~ representatives of the Committee of Free Albania are leaving for Greece and Turkey at the expense of the Americans. ~~Their purpose is to organize the parties and to recruit volunteers for training.~~ Among these representatives are the following: ~~Gari Begos, Hassan Durruti, Zef Pali, Aslan Sedli, Saib Krdesiu, and Ibrahim~~ ~~have already received visas.~~ Apparently ~~they~~ ^{they} ~~will~~ ^{will} ~~be~~ ^{be} ~~able~~ ^{able} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~raise~~ ^{raise} ~~a~~ ^a ~~certain~~ ^{certain} ~~number~~ ^{number} ~~of~~ ^{of} ~~volunteers~~ ^{volunteers} ~~from~~ ^{from} ~~countries~~ ^{countries} ~~other~~ ^{other} ~~than~~ ^{than} ~~Greece,~~ ^{Greece,} ~~because~~ ^{because} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~number~~ ^{number} ~~of~~ ^{of} ~~Albanians~~ ^{Albanians} ~~remaining~~ ^{remaining} ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ ~~Greece~~ ^{Greece} ~~is~~ ^{is} ~~very~~ ^{very} ~~small.~~

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