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DIST: 30 MAY 84
COUNTRY: ALBANIA

SUBJ: APPEARANCE OF ALBANIAN LEADER HOXHA AT MAY DAY
CELEBRATIONS

DOI: 1 MAY 1984

SOURCE: A GENERALLY RELIABLE SOURCE WITH ACCESS TO THE INFORMATION.

TEXT: 1. ACCORDING TO A WEST EUROPEAN DIPLOMAT IN TIRANA, ON 1 MAY 1984 ALBANIAN LEADER ENVER ((HOXHA)) ATTENDED THE MAY DAY CELEBRATIONS IN TIRANA. HOXHA APPEARED TO BE IN GOOD HEALTH BUT REMAINED SEATED -- THIS CHANGING PROTOCOL -- DURING MOST OF THE PARADE. HE SEEMED TO HAVE CONSIDERABLE DIFFICULTY IN MOVING HIS ARMS AND LEGS. THE PRESENCE OF ALL OF THE HIGHEST LEADERS ON THE PRESIDENTIAL PLATFORM WITH HOXHA CONFIRMED THE STRUCTURE OF THE ALBANIAN LEADERSHIP.

2. THE MAY DAY CELEBRATIONS INCLUDED A PARADE OF WORKERS AND FARMERS, FOLKLORE GROUPS, GIANT POSTERS OF THE REGIME'S HIGHEST OFFICIALS, AND FOUR MILITARY DIVISIONS CONSISTING MOSTLY OF WOMEN. AS IN THE PAST YEARS, EAST EUROPEAN AND CUBAN DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVES LEFT THE PLATFORM WHEN POSTERS APPEARED EXTOLLING THE FIGHT AGAINST SOCIAL IMPERIALISM AND REVISIONISM. THE YUGOSLAV REPRESENTATIVES REMAINED EVEN THOUGH YUGOSLAV REVISIONISM WAS INCLUDED IN THE CONDEMNATION, BUT NOT SINGLED OUT. THE ONLY FOUR FOREIGN TRADE UNION REPRESENTATIVES WERE FROM PALESTINE, DENMARK, COLOMBIA, AND PORTUGAL.

3. THE MAY DAY CELEBRATION FOCUSED ON YOUTH PARTICIPATION. THE YOUNGEST PARTICIPANTS MARCHED LAST AND STOPPED UNDER THE PRESIDENTIAL PLATFORM CHANTING "PARTY-ENVER" TO SIGNIFY THE DELIVERY OF HOXHA'S MESSAGE TO THE YOUNGER GENERATIONS. THE OFFICIAL ADDRESS WAS GIVEN BY THE SECRETARY OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE. THE THEME WAS: "ALBANIAN SPIRIT OF SACRIFICE FOR THE NEW LIFE AND VIGILANT PROTECTION OF FREEDOM, INDEPENDENCE, AND PEACE."

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