

A Red Salute to Nexhmije Hoxha!

Nexhmije Hoxha, the Communist leader of Albania, died on 26th February 2020, a few days after she turned 99 years of age.

The Central Committee of CPI(ML) salutes to the most prominent woman in the history of Albania and a leading communist of the world.

Born in 1921 Nexhmije Xhug- lini became a member of the Shko- dra Communist Group at the age of 19 and became a founding member of the

Communist Party of Albania in November 1941. During the Italian fascist rule of Albania she was a participant of the youth demonstrations against the occupation. She was put on trial for this activity and sentenced to thirteen years of imprisonment, but escaped to join the anti-Fascist movement. She was a founding member of the Anti-Fascist National Liberation Front in 1942 which became known as the Peza Conference. Nationalists alongside the Communists participated in this conference which had the objective of armed struggle against the Italian fascist occupation.

The armed liberation of Tirana took place in November 1944. Shortly after that she was married to Enver Hoxha on New Year's Eve in what in her Memoirs she was to describe as a 'partisan wedding'.

After the liberation of Albania and the establishment of people's democracy, Nexhmije Hoxha undertook a number of responsibilities. She was Director at the Ministry of Culture, Director of Propaganda, Education and Culture at the apparatus of the Party Central Committee, Chairperson of the League of Communist Women, member of the Secretariat of the Central Committee of the Party of Albania, an elected member of the National Assembly, Chairperson of the National Front, and Director of the Institute of Marxist-Leninist Studies at the Central Committee of the Party of Labour of Albania.

The end of the Soviet Union and the states of central and east Europe, the further strengthening of commodity-money relations in People's China, the break- up of the Yugoslav Federation by NATO, the fall of Albania, the sole socialist state, and the armed socialist uprising of 1997 in opposition to the restoration of capitalism in the country, created complex conditions for the communists.

Nexhmije Hoxha was arrested and imprisoned on false charges for a long period as she stood firm in defending the socialist heritage. In 1997 she was released from 5 years of imprisonment which had been absurdly imposed by President Sali Berisha and his Party, the so called Democratic Party, that came in power by overthrowing and destroying with an unprecedented hatred everything which was built during the socialist system under the leadership of the Party of the Labour of Albania and Enver Hox- ha. After her release from jail, in interviews, speeches, articles and her book 'My Life with Enver Hoxha' she kept aloft the banner of socialism.

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