

that aid has no strings attached to it. We shall receive that aid provided further that it is intended to help us to help ourselves. Here comes to mind the words of a Mosotho of old: "Mphe-phe e ea lapisa, motho o khonon ke sa ntlo ea hae." The English equivalent of this is: "If wishes were horses beggars would ride."

We cannot afford to rely only on foreign aid. What we have to do is to look for ways and means to stand on our own feet, even if this would imply incurring great sacrifices and self-denial of certain amenities of life. We must remember that beneficial as aid is, the fact remains - and it is an indisputable fact - that beggars cannot be choosers; not only that, but aid has the psychological effect of depriving the recipient of freedom of thought, thus prejudicing his independent action.

For reasons enumerated above and because of the unfortunate position in which we find ourselves, having to develop our economy from next to nothing, it follows that we have to lay solid foundations and sort out our priorities with care lest we go wrong. The first in the order of my Government's priorities is to ensure that there is stability in the country. No sound economy can be built on the shaky foundations of social insecurity. I am happy to say that we have no cause to doubt the security and stability of this country. What remains for your Government to do is to strengthen it even more and this is being effected by the enlargement of our Police Mobile Unit and the raising of the standard of its efficiency.

I am appealing to those few of you who have not as yet realised the importance of united action, to assist your Government in its set purpose of carrying out its dynamic development programme, to do so now. In order to realise the priorities we have set for ourselves, we are now embarking on a complete overhaul of the whole Government Policy to be implemented in all Ministries and Departments. The new approach will lay stronger emphasis on Capital Development in contrast to what obtained in the old colonial era, when up to 42% of national revenue was spent on salaries of Civil Servants. We are determined to freeze most of the unnecessary services in the various Ministries and the savings therefrom will be transferred to augment the little that was set aside for

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