

well spent. In-service training will be designed to enable Basotho officials to take over from expatriates as soon as possible. To this end I have issued instructions that in the next year's estimates provision shall be made for a large sum to put into effect these intentions. The policy stated here will affect all Government departments and Ministries - Health, Works, Education, etc.

The next objective of this Government is the fair distribution of national wealth; for example, salaries and land allocation. The present set-up is the legacy of the colonial régime. What will follow is that those with greater rights must pay more in taxes. The problem facing us is to find means of raising revenue without necessarily subjecting the poor to heavier tax. One way of achieving this is to turn our attention to nine areas in Lesotho called Government Reserves. There you have already set aside as Government controlled areas these nine areas, and there the bulk of trade and commerce is concentrated with all the well-to-do traders in this country making huge profits which accumulate in much wealth that is eventually taken out of this country. The individual trader does not pay rent because he, too, has no security of tenure of the site on which his business is established. Does it really make sense to let this state of affairs remain as it is in a country so poor? What would prevent you Basotho - the owners of the land of Lesotho - from authorising your Government to make a law that gives legal effect to what you have already permitted, without in any way cutting across the basic principle that the land of Lesotho is the property of the nation? The law will make provision that only in respect of land in the reserves will traders be allowed security of tenure on their trading sites; the intention being that they should pay rent and that they should be compelled to plough back their profits in Lesotho, thus contributing towards raising our economy, contrary to what obtains now when they pay no rent, theirs being only to suck wealth out of this country and carry it with them to their respective homes.

During the past four or five years of political campaigning in Lesotho no one could stand on a platform to advocate co-existence with the Republic of South Africa. I was the only one to pluck up the courage to do so and in consequence was attacked ruthlessly by my opponents. I

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