

your principles in order to buy friends. I shall never sacrifice your interests to please anybody, even in this country - no matter ^{what} his status in our society.

In conclusion, I must draw your attention to certain newspaper articles that have recently appeared in the press. I was disappointed by an article which appeared in the issue of "The Friend" of the 25th November, 1967, in the name of Chief Seephephe Matete, who is at present Vice President in the Senate, and in accordance with the procedure of all parliaments in the world, is debarred from active participation in party politics; he has unfortunately decided to be involved. This is sufficient reason, according to parliamentary practice and procedure, for Chief Seephephe to resign from the post, which requires that the incumbent shall be non-partisan. What he should have done before publishing his statement in "The Friend" of Bloemfontein would have been to resign his post. Standing Order No. 43 (4) of the Senate reads thus:-

"The King's name may not be used to influence the Senate."

Subsection (7) of the same regulation says: "The King's conduct, that of the Judges of the High Court and all other persons performing judicial functions, may not be touched." It may be a good thing to advise him to respect the Standing Orders and the Constitution. This course taken by leaders of splinter parties is not only unfortunate but dangerous. These leaders would be well advised to leave out the King's name in their political addresses. What I mean is that after giving them this warning Government will not tolerate such actions. I hope they will listen to this advice and try to heed it, otherwise Government will be obliged to take firm action. As you all know, the King is, under the Constitution, above politics - he is the symbol of our nation. He has an important and respectable rôle to play in our society and dragging him into politics is equivalent to betrayal of the Constitution. We have an important lesson to learn from the history of kingship on the continent of Africa and would be well advised to follow the facts of that history. We should not find ourselves saying "history repeats itself" because it repeats itself when we refuse to learn from it. We cannot allow Chief S. S. Matete to do disservice to the Monarchy and the Constitution. We would be failing in our duty if we did not

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