

kind of cooperation between people, between organizations, between governments and between nations of the world can bring us peace and prosperity.

I cannot repeat it often enough: my Government welcomes assistance from any freedom and peace-loving nation provided that aid has no strings attached, and the donor country is willing to cooperate with us and willing also not only to respect our own institutions and our own way of life, but to help us strengthen them as well.

I wish to make it clear that our choice of foreign aid is based on the principle that we are helped in order to help ourselves - not that we want to be helped indefinitely. We believe in the philosophy that "God helps him who helps himself." In the circumstances therefore it will now become clear that domestic politics and international politics have never in the past and will never in the future in any way influence my Government's choice of foreign aid. We accept aid which will help us earn prosperity and peace for ourselves and will enable us to live in peace and cooperation with our neighbours.

I desire to express my disagreement with the remarks made by the Leader of the Opposition, Mr. Ntsu Mokhehle, at his recent meeting in Maseru, and also with what appeared in some of the Republic of South Africa newspapers of last month. As I have repeatedly said in the past, and I am now repeating again, I am no more interested in the political attack and counter-attack which perhaps Mr. Mokhehle would like to drag me into. Perhaps it might be a good thing if in passing I could clear myself of these accusations against me, when Mr. Mokhehle said it was ironical for me to have received American aid