

To those who would desire to invest capital in Lesotho to raise its economy and the standard of living of our people my assurance is, they need not fear any form of political instability or internal insecurity in this country. Our land tenure system has caused misgivings on the part of prospective investors. This needs no longer be the case for the Basotho are prepared to enter into mutually satisfactory terms, such as reasonable taxes to attract capital into Lesotho.

My New Year's message to the people of Lesotho and to the outside world should embody this special observation that the process of nation building in our country has been proceeding steadily though not easily. The accession to sovereign independence is an event of great significance and a cause for rejoicing, chiefly now that the stability of my Government is assured.

As we enter the New Year let us do so with this primary objective in view, namely to build a hate-free, jealous-free United Nation in which white and black, peasant and professional, tradesman and technician, in fact, people of all walks of life work in concert and harmony for the welfare of our multi-racial state. In doing so we shall be true to the legacy we inherited from the founder of our nation, the great Moshoeshe, who said "once a person is here he is a Mosotho and Lesotho is his homeland."

As we close the 1966 page in the history of our economic struggle let us now turn to 1967 as new page in which stress will be on economic viability. We cannot be a free nation unless our economy is viable.

Speaking with certainty, I do not hesitate to say that the nation is in a position to perceive the dangers of self-seekers who divide it from its government for the purpose of obstructing its aims and objects. Fortunately, however, the swing in support of government is clearly manifest among the Basotho; also in Parliament it is evident that there is surely going to be a break away from opposition benches in support of government. This became quite obvious when even the most prominent front benchers of the Basutoland Congress Party refused to attend the Annual Party Conference held in Maseru over the Christmas week-end. The logical conclusion to which these facts lead is that the nation both inside and outside Parliament is united behind their duly elected government. We are/....