

GOVERNMENT OF LESOTHO  
DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION  
P.O. Box 353, Maseru, Lesotho.

Telephone: 2475.

Telegrams: "Basinfor"

-----  
PRESS RELEASE

14/67.

JOINT STATEMENT BY CHIEF LEABUA JONATHAN,  
PRIME MINISTER OF LESOTHO, AND MR. J.B. VOSTER,  
PRIME MINISTER OF SOUTH AFRICA, AFTER THEIR MEETING  
IN CAPE TOWN ON JANUARY 10, 1967.

The object of our meeting was to get acquainted and to establish personal contact, as is fitting between two close neighbours.

There have been significant changes since the first meeting of this kind in Pretoria on the 2nd September, 1966. The late Dr. Verwoerd fell victim to the assassin only four days later - an event which was lamented in both our countries and in other territories in Southern Africa and beyond. And on the 4th October, 1966, Lesotho achieved sovereign independence, an occasion when the Government and peoples of South Africa rejoiced with the Government and people of Lesotho.

We met in a spirit of goodwill, and our discussion, which was both friendly and frank, ranged over a wide field of bilateral problems and international affairs of common concern.

On fundamental issues we found ourselves in complete accord, more specifically on the fact that differences in political philosophy are no bar to fruitful co-operation. We both firmly believe in peaceful co-existence on the basis of equality, mutual respect and non-interference in another's domestic affairs.

We agreed that our two countries should remain constantly vigilant against the dangers of international communism.

Our examination of the problems affecting economic development of Lesotho revealed the close interdependence of our two countries and the need for continued close co-operation to promote still further our common weal. The Prime Minister of Lesotho put certain specific proposals for economic aid and technical assistance to the South African Government and the Prime Minister of South Africa has agreed to have these examined by his colleagues as soon as possible.

Deeply/....