

"I am positive that one of the reasons prompting Mr. Mokhehle to resort to this underhand method of raising political followers is to collect subscriptions from farm labourers, location dwellers, mine workers and factory employees in the Republic of South Africa to meet his heavy financial commitments.

"It is no wonder my party, at the last elections, lost most of the constituencies bordering on the Republic of South Africa, namely Batha-Buthe, Leribe, Teyateyaneng, Mafeteng and Mohale's Hoek. I am convinced that if it were not for these underhand dealings, constituencies such as Matsoaing, Likhethane, Monkhoaneng and Taung would not have been lost to my party.

"I can assure the leader of the B.C.P. and his agents that the trickery of obtaining non Basotho votes in the Lesotho elections will in future be watched with the unflinching focus of a hawk's eye. Illegal dealings with the Basotho inhabitants of the Republic of South Africa are often coupled with stock theft incidents in the border areas. I shall be ruthless to those who continue to take part in these activities.

"I would also like to warn mine workers and factory workers who have gone to South Africa that they have gone there to work and not to participate in politics. If they concern themselves with the politics of the Republic of South Africa, my government will not be responsible. It is only for those Basotho who are genuinely at work and who behave themselves that we are negotiating for diplomatic representation... in the Republic and not for the trouble makers!"

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