

their followers are not to accept any service provided by Government. Where is the logic and consistency between the public pronouncements and the actions of these honourable Opposition leaders? If they honestly oppose the Government and all the benefits we may bestow upon the nation, why do they and their families continue to avail themselves of all these benefits. These are questions for Mr. Mokhehle and his lieutenants to answer. The people of Maseru and Lesotho demand answers and explanations for these inconsistencies and the contradictory behaviour of Opposition leaders.

I recall that prior to the 1965 General Elections Mr. Mokhehle captured the minds of all the residents of Maseru - civil servants, as well as retail workers, because of his promises, which appealed to all segments of society. Which of these promises has he carried out, especially to you, the residents of Maseru and the workers of Maseru? In this regard you know best whose promises remain unfulfilled.

Here I would like to say a few words about a category of worker, whose rights are too often neglected and overlooked - that is the domestic servant. The domestic servant is expected to work very long hours for very low pay and at present has no legal leave entitlement. It is the aim of Government to remedy the poor conditions of domestic servants by introducing legislation in Parliament to safeguard them from exploitation. Such legislation will seek to guarantee the domestic worker a basic minimum wage and the right to an annual leave period with full pay. Many domestic servants are today living below the breadline.

In this regard I would appeal not only to the employers of domestic servants, but to all employers in the private sector, to make a thorough examination of the employment conditions of their employees. Government urges all employers in the private sector to take steps to improve the salaries of their employees and make sure that every employee gets annual vacation leave on full pay. Employers are also encouraged to give their employees training in order to fit them for better and more responsible positions. Government feels a deep concern ^{for} the many workers in private employment who are being paid below the bread line, and will most certainly intervene if employers do not take heed of this warning.

I am very pleased to be able to express here and now my satisfaction with the responsibility, understanding and realism which the civil servants have exhibited in the execution of their duties. That their loyalty and responsibility are due to whatever Government of Lesotho is in power is clearly understood and has largely been accepted by all. The principle of political neutrality among civil servants in the execution of their functions is slowly but surely gaining ground. This principle is fundamental to the integrity of any public service. The previous deplorable practice - which
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