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Let me repeat the statement I made on the 18th/^{even} August, this year at Roma, when I say that ^{even} patience has its limits. Neither vile and radical statements nor threats to overthrow the Government will speed up the by-elections and the General Elections. All acts of intimidation, incitement and irresponsible conduct, which terrorise peaceful persons and subject them to perpetual fear, should discontinue. This is no empty threat, but a stern warning - an ultimatum to those who have ears but stuff them with cotton wool. It is a warning which, if disregarded will surely have unpleasant repercussions. We have ceased to be a baby Government nursing and feeding rattlesnakes from a bottle.

I used to wonder - but now no longer wonder - why democratic and quasi-democratic governments and states are suppressing opposition parties. Lesotho will not be an exception to the rule. Reluctant as I am, I shall be compelled to take strong measures, if only to save our people from possible but avoidable doom. The Opposition, in their own interests, had better mend their ways. They are hindering the progress which - except the few thoughtless - everyone acclaims. We cannot wink at this nor can we allow our country to be used as base for subversive activities unless we want to be a battlefield as Czechoslovakia is today.

And now, to the refugees and all those who have besought our protection here, I want to say this: Government, to put into effect its policy and practice, has generously offered airlifts; but have they taken advantage of this to enable them to go and live in countries where they think they can live in peace. No! They have not. Must I then be burdened with a load of foster children, when I have my own domestic problems? That is asking too much of any Prime Minister with a sound head on his shoulders. We have extended the hand of mercy to the refugees - but there is a limit. Therefore, I give all refugees until the 30th of September of this year to be out of the country. Anyone who knowingly or unknowingly fails to comply will compel me to take the drastic step of forcing him or her to live in a restricted area of my own choice. Those people have flagrantly abused our hospitality. They have killed the cow that has fed them milk and honey. In Sesotho, "ba sentse lehaha".

As I have said, I have my own house to put in order. You are an unnecessary burden. I wouldn't be saying these harsh words, were it not for your undesirable actions. I am fully aware of your activities, even the purpose of the so-called "community schools" in the country. All they propagate is communistic literature which is very unhealthy for us in this Kingdom of Lesotho; a political ingredient that poisons and destroys the unwary recipient. It is killing the