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Communists are by nature and training aggressive and warlike. Those who become their satellites end by committing suicide. The Czechs are now in their miserable plight - and we sympathise with them - because, wittingly or unwittingly, they sucked milk from their foster mother like lambs. We, on the otherhand, wish to declare publicly our stand in this unfortunate circumstance; we have realised that NEUTRALITY DOES NOT PAY ANY DIVIDENDS, and we therefore want to make it known that we are ⁱⁿ the camp of freedom-loving nations and countries where goodwill and love towards all mankind prevails. That is our stand, however small and insignificant we seem to be ⁱⁿ the eyes of the Opposition.

Do not let the wool be pulled over your eyes. We hear much today of the so-called "freedom fighters". It has become a very familiar term throughout Africa; but they are, in fact, terrorists, and it is a sad and unfortunate thing that some countries in Africa have even been so misled as to provide special arrest in their own states for the training of these terrorists. This is certainly a sure way of dividing African unity. Although we are such a small country and a very poor one, we will do all in our power to obtain assistance from other countries against any onslaught of terrorists, because these terrorists are communist-inspired and we have to join with other countries in resisting them.

To some of the reactionary and unco-operative Chiefs and their subjects who demand work, power and rights, I would like to point out that all of these things emanate from the people themselves. If, because of their unquenchable thirst for more power and more rights, they employ methods of subversion and incitement to sabotage, I would remind them that they would be putting the clock back a hundred years. No, no, Ladies and Gentlemen, all you Basotho, we cannot afford to ignore the "march of time" - we cannot afford to be out of step with the marching world. Chiefs must realise that in these days they are the employees of Government. That I am born of a Royal family should not make them think that I am blindfolded by royalty. As paid servants of Government, they are there to implement the policy laid down by the constitutionally elected Government. Reactionaries and saboteurs will not be tolerated. Because of such reactionaries and saboteurs, who would not change with the times, many countries have done away with the Chieftainship.

It pleases me and my Ministers to be able to say that the majority of our twenty-two P rincipal Chiefs, sub-Chiefs and Headmen, in their various capacities and occupations, comply with Government policy willingly and without reservation. I speak, not only as Prime Minister, but as ^{one} born and bred of a royal family. Survival of the Chieftainship depends on how this institution adapts itself to changing conditions. Chieftainship is no longer such by tradition, but by, and at the mercy.....