

at the mercy of the Government in power at any given time - never forgetting that the Government itself derives its power from the people.

I repeat and shall continue to repeat that there is no room for reactionary and subversive elements in our Government or any of our institutions.

And now I would like to strike a note that perhaps may resound in listening and hearing ears. Some states are becoming disheartened by the apparent inactivity of the Organization for African Unity. They feel that its efforts are lukewarm and lacking <sup>in</sup> vitality. Let us hope that we are wrong in likening it to the now defunct League of Nations which failed to bring order out of the chaos and turmoil of the never-to-be-forgotten days of Hitler, Mussolini and all those who now lie in their cold and unhappy graves.

We sincerely hope that the OAU will not find itself heading for the crossroads that once faced the League of Nations. If prominent leaders on this continent ceased voicing ideological recriminations and bent their energies instead to healing the wounds of Africa, it is my belief that the OAU would be revitalised and might well become the powerful and unifying force for peace that it was meant to be.

I call on all accredited members of the Organization for African Unity to beware lest they find themselves trapped by the wolves in sheep's clothing which are abroad in our continent today. May all states with goodwill be awake and vigilant to guard against these unholy disturbers of the peace.

We, on this side of the Caledon and the blue Drakensberg ranges, declare in no uncertain terms that we shall, now and always, maintain friendly relations with all those who love us. A wolf in our own house, whatever his colour or origin, is unacceptable.

In conclusion, and without bitterness I, Prime Minister of Lesotho, appeal to you, the people of my own land and place of birth, to work hard, close your ears to the voice of the deceiver, and place your trust in your Government.

I wish you all

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