

SPEECH BY THE HONOURABLE THE PRIME MINISTER AT  
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There is no doubt that the time has come when the people are able to show by their actions that they can no longer listen to and follow anyone who feeds them with lies and empty promises, which can never fill the stomachs of the hungry. There is no time left for political theories and political slogans. Our people insist on being shown quick results. In other words, the people who are starving are happy with Government's Self-Help Programme - a policy which we know is being criticised by the Opposition Parties, who have likened it to a form of slavery, but are yet unable to offer an alternative policy to help our starving people.

Not only are our people happy with Government's Self-Help Programme but they are also happy to find employment in our infant light industries, the establishment of which the Opposition Parties very strongly criticised; while again they are not able to offer any constructive alternative policy to open up employment avenues for our people in their own country.

In addition, our people continue to find employment in the Republic of South Africa because of my Government's policy of peaceful co-existence with the Republic of South Africa - a policy which, like all my other policies, is being criticised by the Opposition Parties, when here again they are unable to tell us what their alternative policy would be.

To sum it up, we could say that the Opposition Parties have nothing to offer to the people but lipservice and criticism of all that the Government is doing for you. I am sure we all agree that this is not enough.

I am pleased that I am today able to speak to you, the people of Toloane's. You will be interested to know that, on the kind invitation of your own Chief Ts'oene Ramosa Sekoale Toloane, I have come here to speak to you about what the Government is doing or is intending to do for you in the future. I am sure some of you have been told bad things about me, when others might have been told good things about me. But let me tell you that I have not come here to give answers or replies to allegations that might have been levelled against me, because it will not help either you or myself to waste your time and mine in trying to answer such allegations. You are not at all  
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