

and it behoves us, in the manner of all good gardeners who till and tend their gardens diligently in order to produce enough foodstuffs for themselves and their families, to do likewise and work hard to cultivate our precious garden of Lesotho, so that its soil will produce more food for us and for our children, more clothing and more jobs, while on the other hand we continue to improve its beauty and its grandeur.

In conclusion, I want to warn you against the dangers of listening to political theorists like the Leader of the Opposition, who rejoices in discouraging you from doing anything for yourselves but instead tries to persuade you to believe in his Utopian policies which can lead you nowhere except into a state of dire poverty. This type of political theorist is found in almost every emergent African state. It is their particular role to sow hatred amongst the people and amongst the nations. They will tell you to drive the white man into the sea in order that you may confiscate his business, his house and his property. They will never tell you to work hard in order that, like your white friends, you will be able to build your own businesses, your own houses and enrich your property by means of your own labours. In other words,, they despise and teach you to despise manual labour. They do not believe in God's dictum that "man must live by the sweat of his brow". They can expound all sorts of political theories - here at home on national affairs and in international forums like the United Nations on international affairs. They specialise in making inflammatory and derogatory statements calculated to stir up conflict among the nations and among peoples. They are great believers in violent and aggressive politics. To them everything hangs on politics. They despise peaceful co-existence among the nations of the world. They also despise trade among nations with whose political philosophies they may disagree. But let me tell you that it is only a fool who despises trade. This is why I always plead with you and shall continue to plead with you, until all of us can understand, that this is not the kind of politics that we can allow in our country. We must reject them with the contempt they deserve.

We are a very small country - a very small nation still in the growing. We cannot afford to waste our precious time on trivialities when we could be working ourselves hard and long to help build our nation and the economy of our country. This is first and foremost on our list of priorities. Political theories and slogans are to us a very poor last. They will reap us no good harvests but only the whirlwind!