

PRIME MINISTER'S SPEECH AT THE SECOND
ANNIVERSARY OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF
LESOTHO ON THE 4th, OCTOBER, 1968.

It gives me particular pride and pleasure to be able to address you on this, the second anniversary of the Independence of Lesotho. Naturally we will wish to celebrate this notable occasion in fitting manner, and we shall enjoy our festivities. But this is not merely a day for pleasure, it is also a day on which we pause to stand aside from our ordinary daily cares: to take stock of our situation: to fortify ourselves, and to dedicate ourselves once again to the future of our country.

I think that we can look back on the past year with real satisfaction. When we embarked on Independence we knew that the task of Nation-building would not be an easy one and that great difficulties would confront us. Nevertheless, there can be no doubt that the Government has been notably successful in discharging its major responsibilities. These I take to be the preservation for the Nation of our Constitution: the preservation of peace and stability: the establishment and preservation of friendly relations with our neighbours: the winning of new friends among the nations of the world: and finally the progressive development of our own resources and the improvement of the condition of our own people.

In our present circumstances, of course, it is particularly necessary for us to look to our friends abroad for help in creating a firm basis for future developments. In this field we have been remarkably successful. From the general point of view the good relations which we have been able to establish with our friends and neighbours have created conditions

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