

Buthe Buthe to Mokhotlong and thence to Sani, and from Cuthing to Qacha's Nek. This summer we hope to have a road from Mantsonyane to Thaba Tseka and later to continue that road across the Semena to Mokhotlong. We are already working on roads from Seaka to Phamong along the Senqu river, and from Phamong to Ketane. You will see from these few examples that we are already engaged in a progressive programme of road construction which will serve not only the lowlands but the mountain areas as well. It should improve the lot of many of those living in remote areas: facilitate economic development and open up our very beautiful country to the tourist.

One remarkable feature of the road programme is that a significant part of it is being conceived and executed as a self-help project under the auspices of the World Food Programme of the United Nations, the Catholic Relief Services and the United States Government, commonly referred to as the "Food-for-Work Campaign". This is a remarkable example of international co-operation and goodwill which is not confined solely to road building but has been expanded to tree planting, dam construction and other development projects.

As regards external communications, the re-inauguration of the passenger train service to Maseru gave clear proof of the friendly relations which exist between the Kingdom of Lesotho and the Republic of South Africa. Thousands of people who assembled at Maseru Station to celebrate this event provided a memorable and convincing expression of that friendship.

The Government is very keenly aware of the need to promote industrialisation, particularly in the field of light industries, in order to diversify our economy and provide new opportunities to our people for employment in their own country.

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