

removed and his communist ideologies have suffered a crushing defeat.

You know that I am a man of my word. What I say my actions confirm. One thing is sure and certain and is visibly demonstrated here at Kolonyama. I shall not be deterred by the Opposition from doing good for my country and its people. Criticism shall not stop me from accepting an offer of help from our neighbours in the Republic of South Africa. Let those who oppose my policies of bringing good to our nation prove in word and in deed that my actions are wrong and that theirs are right and will result in a higher overall benefit to the country.

Putting aside our friendly governmental relations with the Republic of South Africa, we the people of Kolonyama have created a special atmosphere of neighbourliness and co-operation with the farmers across the border. Let us help this atmosphere to spread throughout the whole country. The farmers across the border have openly demonstrated their friendship and voluntary help by sending their tractors to plough our fields. This voluntary project began as just a dream between Mr. N. J. Hoffmeyer, the owner of Caledonia Farm, and myself some time ago. Now it is no longer a dream but a reality. I am not at all ashamed of calling Mr. Hoffmeyer and his colleagues my true friends.

Some of you will recall that Mr. Hoffmeyer's father practised as a doctor for several years in Teyateyaneng. He was even named "Masupha" after the Principal Chief of the district of Berea. He managed to learn our language, which he speaks fluently, and this fact makes us happy indeed because, like other nations, we take pride in our language. Our association with the Hoffmeyer family is of historical significance. Many Basotho children are named after that great doctor, indicating that a man is famous for his deeds and services and not for his talks.

Peaceful co-existence and co-operation between the farmers of the Republic of South Africa and our own farmers must be fostered and encouraged. As our idiom states, "matlo ho cha mabapi". We know that this peaceful co-existence will result in mutual benefit on both sides of the border. If co-operation is fostered at the local level, our two governments will have no option but to follow suit.

It is commonly said among you that however much you disapprove of the Republic of South Africa's policies of apartheid and separate development, you at least know where you stand with the Republic of South Africa's farmers. On this issue we have agreed to disagree and not to interfere in each other's beliefs and domestic affairs. A fact of supreme importance is to examine the matter....

Sethabathaba Fund to meet the cost of higher education. I cannot see any reason why they should not once again apply themselves to the task rather than see this University stagnate - when it should, on the contrary, now be growing from strength to strength, to the extent where it can provide all the facilities necessary for this country's development. The performance of this University deserves such consideration. It has turned out men of standing in the African society of today. To mention but a few, I would name the first pre-independence Prime Minister of Uganda, Mr. Benedict Kiwanuka, who is today the Leader of the Opposition in that country's Parliament; Mr. John Tembo, the Minister of Finance in the Government of Malawi is the product of our University and so is Mr. Masinde Muliro, a Minister in the Republic of Kenya. These men represent praiseworthy achievements for which we must be proud of our University and particularly grateful to those friends of the University who have assisted so far in its establishment and development. The United Kingdom, over and above the grant-in-aid to Lesotho, makes a special contribution towards the maintenance of the University; the Americans and the Canadians have in a number of ways also extended a helping hand. Here I would like to express a special word of thanks to Canada, because the establishment of our University was the direct result of the work of missionaries of Canadian extraction.

Like all emerging countries in Africa, we are faced with many problems. We are no exception to the rule that education needs to be adapted to the changing requirements brought about by development. It will require hard work and great effort - but I am positive that the response of all sectors of the population to this appeal which I and my Government are launching will bear wholesome fruits. We shall then go on to build properly for the future on a clear-cut policy which will lead to success.