

the matter from all aspects. This will lead to the logical conclusion that as far as the South African are concerned, we deal with a people true to their convictions and who believe that a straightforward talk breaks no friendship and does not cloud the good relations among world nations. It is better to work with straightforward people, because there is no doubt about the scope of your activities.

Let me remind you that the English have left Lesotho and we now run our own country. This being the case, we have no one to blame but ourselves if our country remains as poor as the English left it. Do not expect miracles if every man, woman and child does not work day and night to combat hunger, ignorance and disease, which are the supreme obstacles to development. Government will only help where it is beyond the scope of the people to help themselves. It will be impossible for your Government to do everything for you. Self-help is the key to greater development.

You have all seen how hard the farmers across the border work. You can see their green wheatfields and their great annual harvest. You can also see fallow fields, as well as good pastures and the countryside clad with trees. The trees and the long grass combat soil erosion. All these activities are done by some of you who go across the border to look for jobs. Why can't you do them in your own country and in your own fields?

Our neighbours' agricultural activities complement their great mining and industrial production. To top it all, they pay high taxes in order to enable their government to provide more and better quality services and to continue to increase their country's economic development. Consequently the government continues to be rich because its people are rich. If the people are poor- so shall the Government be poor.

It gives me pleasure to say, however, that after an initial period of difficulty and some deliberate misinterpretation, our people finally understand their Government's exhortation to self-help.

Self-help programmes in Lesotho have been a great success. Credit Unions are rapidly expanding within the country. Men and women are working jointly on the construction of roads, the building of water pumps and the planting of trees. This is the essence of development and the creation of infrastructure. These actions speak louder than the hollow promises of the Opposition....

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.