

Opposition Leader.

My question to you, men and women of Kolonyama is: what are you doing to improve your standard of living? Beware that you are not left behind when the whole nation moves forward.

Are you joining the self-help programmes at Kolonyama? Are you doing anything to combat soil erosion? Why don't you plant trees along the valleys, the river banks and the mountain-sides?

Are you doing anything to form yourselves into farmers' co-operatives; into home industries and into other handicraft associations? People are knitting and weaving rugs with wool and mohair at Mazenod and Thabana-li-'mele. What are you yourselves doing? Let your actions speak louder than your words.

It would indeed be very unfortunate if you allowed yourselves to be deceived by the Leader of the Opposition and his supporters into believing that manual labour is in any way despicable. Rather go wholesale into it. Government is prepared to meet you halfway if you exert yourselves - each man, woman and child in their own areas. You should not expect manna to rain on you from Heaven above, while you fold your arms and waste your time on fruitless activities such as some of you seem to like so much. You will otherwise become a nation of beggars, thugs and thieves. I cannot, so long as I am Prime Minister allow that state of affairs. God has bestowed upon us intelligence enough to know how to serve Him, ourselves, our children and our neighbours. We have talents which we must use profitably - eyes to see, ears to hear, mouths to speak, hands to work and brains to think with and to plan - and, on top of these, a country which is productive enough to provide us with our economic requirements, if only we take full advantage of its natural resources.

There are in the world many countries equal to ours in size - some of them even smaller - but because their inhabitants work hard, tap their economic resources and natural productivity, they are able, through hard work, to produce as much as they need for themselves and their families. Take, for instance, such countries as Switzerland - your counterpart in the North. The world envies her. Look at her tourism trade, about which you talk so much and hope to emulate. But have you done anything to bring your hopes to fruition? I repeat: there is no longer any time to waste by talking and yet doing nothing else. Alexander Pope, one of the great English poets and philosophers had this to say: "Words are like leaves and where they most abound, there's little fruit to be found..."

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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.