

TRANSLATION



SUMMARY OF SPEECH BY THE HONOURABLE THE PRIME MINISTER, CHIEF LEAPUA JONATHAN, AT A NATIONAL PITSO AT QOQOLOSING, ON SUNDAY 9TH NOVEMBER, 1969

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I avail myself of this opportunity to invite you, the people of Qoqolosing constituency, to reflect on the events of the past five years. You elected Mr. Mabula of the Basutoland Congress Party to be a Member of Parliament. The question is: Was that a good choice or not in the 1965 General Elections? The answer is not far to seek, because your elected representative, Mr. Mabula, has not proved his worth. He resigned from the B.C.P. even before the five years had expired. Therefore, another question is: Are you going to re-elect him? If there are still some of you who intend to do so, it will certainly mean you have not learnt a good lesson. I would like you to consider your answers to these questions before you go to the next polls on the 27th January, 1970.

On the other hand, I would also like those of you who have been members of the Marema-Tlou Freedom Party to explain what good these Parties have done for you. They are a divided kingdom. Dr. Makotoko and Mr. Mohaleroe no longer sing the same song. It must thus be obvious that all those who think these Parties are going to win the next General Elections are indeed flogging a dead horse. They are losing their valuable votes. They would be wise to heed the saying: "A kingdom divided against itself cannot stand..." The M.F.P. indeed wields a broken sceptre. Those who still cling to the M.F.P. are surely without wisdom.

It is evident that there is only one Party alive - the Basotho National Party. In this constituency of Qoqolosing there are practical and concrete examples of what this Government Party has achieved. For example: the Self-Help Campaigners have constructed this road on which I have travelled from Hlotse to Pitseng. There is also a communal garden at Lenkoane's. Government intends, in addition, to survey projects for constructing a water source at 'Mamecano, provided the residents are prepared to co-operate with Government. All these projects are certainly going to succeed if you people of Qoqolosing support and co-operate with Government.