

I am very happy to see here today the members of the B.N.P. Youth League. As you know, they were responsible for providing the ten leaders who trained in Malawi and subsequently the five who were invited to Israel for advanced training in leadership. I must thank you for your eager and enthusiastic co-operation.

Last, but by no means least, the thanks of myself and my Government and my people go to the Government and people of Israel, who have aided us in so many ways to put our youth movement on its feet. As I have already mentioned, five of you were given intensive training in Israel and, in addition, the Israeli Government have sent us two highly trained experts, Mr. Reshef and Mr. Harel, to guide us along the right paths. They must be gratified to see some of the fruit borne by their noble efforts. Mr. Reshef and Mr. Harel have indeed endeared themselves to the hearts of the Basotho people and I should like them to know how much their work is appreciated.

During the recent visit of Mr. Falzur, the Israeli Chargé d'Affaires, he presented to us, on behalf of his Government, the smart uniforms which you are now wearing, together with a donation of R5,000 to further the aims of the Youth Service. The generosity of the Israeli Government and people will ever be remembered by us all.

What I have seen here today gives me great hope and optimism for the future of our country. Let our youth now go forward in pride and independence of spirit, in the confidence that we look to them to help us build a united, secure and prosperous nation.

KHOTSO! PULA! WALA!