

democracy the power lies with the Basotho. Honest and dishonest people will come to you only to obtain your vote. The final decision on who should govern you is yours. You will take this decision on 27th January, 1970.

We are alleged to be enemies of the people. We are alleged to have sold Lesotho to South Africa. We are alleged to be everything that is bad in the world. But we are not frightened. We have confidence in the nation. We bring before you evidence of what we have done and ask you whether we should continue doing the things we have done. We even promise to do more than we have done.

As part of the evidence my Government adopted measures to diversify and develop agricultural and livestock production in order to provide sufficient foodstuffs for the population whilst also paying particular attention to the export of the agricultural and livestock products. Irrigation schemes have been established at Thaba Phatsoa with successful results.

Livestock improvement centres have been established and for the first time in the history of Lesotho marketing of livestock and livestock products will be controlled. In this way farmers' incomes will be increased by about 60%. The poultry industry is now so strong that Government has had to regulate the importation of eggs.

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