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One of the notable sayings handed down to us from the tradition of our forefathers is that "unity is strength and two together are better than one". The truth of this saying was repeatedly demonstrated publicly by our Founder and King, Moshoeshe the Good, when he instructed his two sons, Letsie and Molapo, to bind sticks together, and each of them to attempt to break the bundle. This they failed to do, whereupon they were ordered to untie the bundle and break the sticks separately. This they were easily able to do,

This is the picture we should bear in mind when fulfilling our duties - even under a democratic form of government. Among all Africans in Africa, I can justly say that we are the most fortunate nation, because we did not divide ourselves into different tribes or classes; history shows that from the original foundation of our nation we united together; we used one language and built up a common tradition - this despite the many different clans which comprised our nation.

If we were able to succeed in avoiding the danger of being divided by tribes and classes, all the more should we now be able to succeed in avoiding the propaganda of dangerous politics calculated to divide us; indeed, I am grateful to see the Basotho people turning away in great numbers from the Basutoland Congress Party, whose intention it is to sow dissension and division amongst us. We cannot afford to divide ourselves. If we are to build a modern Basotho nation, we must encourage a 'Mosotho to help a 'Mosotho. Let us come together in order to surmount our social problems.

The first problem facing us is the shortage of domestic and industrial water. This is the reason why your Government constantly encourages you to unite yourselves at village level and make your contribution towards the Government so that the Government can meet you half-way and provide springs for your villages; this is why you should organize yourselves under the Self-Help Campaign.

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