

NOTES OF SPEECH BY THE HONOURABLE THE PRIME
MINISTER AT A PITSO, HELD IN MASERU, ON
SUNDAY, 15TH JUNE, 1969.

1. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of all wisdom.
2. The Church of God has given us an example of Unity, oneness and solidarity in its spirit of oecumenism.
3. Following on this example of Our Holy Mother the Church, I invite every B.C.P. man and woman to join hands with us in the struggle to consolidate national unity in the independent Lesotho.
4. I extend the hand of friendship to all the Chiefs, Headmen and Civil Servants and appeal for your help in defeating our national enemies - hunger, disease, ignorance and unemployment.
5. The nation is disgusted with petty quarrels and mud-slinging which divide the nation. These quarrels are engineered and fostered by self-seekers who call themselves national leaders. The nation hungers for oneness, unity and co-operation.
6. When we attained independence on the 4th October, 1966, Maseru was a desolate town. Today it is flourishing with buildings rising up everywhere. The industrial future of Maseru is assured.
7. Every village and hamlet in Lesotho has experienced development in one form or another. Roads and by-roads have been constructed, dams have been built, water supplies have been undertaken successfully, communal gardens have been started in many villages; clinics have been established, airstrips have been constructed. Many other things have been done by Basotho men and women under our Self-Help Projects. These are too many for me to enumerate here.
8. All these are the fruits of independence. We have an old Basotho proverb that says that Self-help is the best form of help.
9. Actions speak louder than words. In contrast to the Opposition's empty promises and words at the
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