

How miserable are those who are against Lesotho independence and this Government by the Basotho! Men and women of the Opposition camps do not have any love for their country and its people. They are a stumbling block to what aid this country requires. They intimidate the people so that in the end you may be led to think that this Government is useless and spineless. But, of course, the people are not blind. You have this Thabana-Li-Mele Craft Centre. The Opposition would like this to vanish.

The Government of Lesotho is not one of indolent men and women. They would like to see the Chiefs work for the nation because these Chiefs are paid from public funds. They should execute the laws which Parliament has enacted. Those Chiefs who do not respect the Constitution, the laws, the policy of Government, and do not advise the people accordingly, are running a risk. They are in danger of being brought to book for their malpractices. You Chiefs are advised to serve the nation; otherwise you will be in trouble of a very serious nature.

Public Servants who are attached to this centre of Thabana-Li-Mele should be known to the local people. Those public servants should be friendly to the local community; they should be loved by the local community - but they should be loved, known and respected for their significant services by carrying out the plans of this Government, of which I am the head. I appeal to you. The Public Servants should be the eye and the ear of the people with whom they work. I have no mercy on a civil servant who does not perform his duties. I have no mercy on a public servant who indulges in intoxicating drinks and neglects his duty. The public servants are ours. It is a very small part of the Nation and the nation will groom them.

We are still forging ahead. The elections are coming. We have fought. We have worked. We are progressing. But the enemies of the nation are counteracting. The Opposition is there. They are fighting hard because they want to be in power. Why do they recognise elections under this Government, while they fought against independence? Why don't they refuse elections, as they deserted the constitutional talks in England?

Hypocrisy is a bad thing. These men are dying for power even though they failed to prepare the road for independence. They failed, but nevertheless they want power.

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