

But to create this confidence is hard work, taking into account that we had to start with nothing. But, if I may say so, it is the sound policy of my Government of peaceful co-existence or "helpmekaar" with our neighbours and all friendly countries that inspired that confidence. And this is the road we intend to pursue and we shall not be put off by the yelping of our political Opposition.

It is almost unbelievable in this day and age to think that a country can be developed without foreign private investment and know-how. Unbelievable, yet that is what the Opposition is propagating for Lesotho.

No developing country has ever succeeded in advancing without foreign investment and know-how. Everybody realizes that, but the Opposition under-estimates the intelligence of the Basotho. Countries like Kenya, Malawi, Zambia, Uganda and Tanzania go out of their way to attract foreign investment. Even Russia had to co-operate with Italian motor car manufacturers and the chemical industry in Britain to help develop those industries in Russia.

If we look at the development that is taking place in Lesotho today, and one considers the attitude of our Opposition, one cannot help thinking of the truth in the saying: "While the dogs bark, the caravan moves on".

Mr. Serrurier, I want you to take this message back with you to Cape Town, that we, the Basotho, are grateful for what you are doing for this country. We thank you for your confidence.

The wording on the plaque to be unveiled today reads:

"This building and its facilities are  
dedicated to the service of the people  
of Lesotho by Mobil Oil Southern Africa"

And this wording reflects the attitude of Mobil Oil as we got to know them over the past year. They have a genuine interest in the technical training of our people. They recently also donated some expensive projection and sound equipment to the Government Training Centre, and they also assisted financially to have testing equipment for vehicles installed at Government workshops.

This is important to us. Investment means employment, but employment means nothing without training, and the Mobil Centre will be a major step to establish better training facilities here.

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