

friends with other countries of the world.

Again, in regard to our internal affairs, the Opposition forces seem to be determined in their struggle to divide the nation and to engender the spirit of hatred amongst our people; whereas we, the Government side, endeavour at all times to foster the spirit of love, harmony and co-operation among this nation, which is one in custom and one in language.

Furthermore, Lesotho is a Christian country and it is obvious that the Basotho cannot accept anything contrary to Christian doctrine; yet, in spite of this, it is common knowledge that the Opposition forces have in the past, and continue in the present time, to make statements which are in conflict with the teachings of the Church of God. These statements have been responsible for the destruction of Churches and the invasion by troublemakers of Missions.

Nevertheless, it is very encouraging to see so many of our Basotho people deserting the Opposition Parties and joining the ruling National Government Party. There is no doubt that if the whole nation could follow suit, this would be easiest way of destroying the Opposition forces which breed the menace of saboteurs and delinquents.

I repeat that Lesotho is a small and poor country. It is thus incumbent upon us to unite and co-operate with Government in order to expedite the realisation of the progressive schemes we envisage. And that can be done more speedily if we remove the stumblingblock of the Opposition forces.

Government has already laid solid foundations for our economic stability. All our Ministries and Departments are alive and active in building on these foundations: the Ministries of Interior, Education, Finance Health, Agriculture, Foreign Affairs and Works; the Departments of Justice, Planning and Development, Broadcasting and Information, Training, and so on. We are making notable strides in agriculture, communications, works, health, education, hospitals and clinics, cultural social affairs and in many other fields.

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