

hearts of all those who live in Lesotho.

I have come here to find out what projects you people intend to start in order to develop your area. Government will no longer tolerate idlers and loafers. Indolence and empty politics are our arch-enemies in this country. I intend to fight them with self-help projects - which are already in full swing throughout Lesotho - and I am confident that through these self-help campaigns and the co-operation I get from the majority of our people, indolence and idle politics will come to an end.

I have in the past said a great deal about mutual understanding and co-operation between Lesotho and the Republic of South Africa. Last year the border farmers of the Free State came to the rescue of their fellow farmers in Peka and Kolonyama. They ploughed for them and also supplied them with fertilizers. The Lesotho Chamber of Commerce supplied our farmers with seeds. The Free State farmers understand the principle of co-operation, which they call "helpmekaar". If you also establish this friendship with the Free State farmers, you will also be helped in the same way as the farmers of Peka and Kolonyama.

I know that some people accuse me of selling the country, when in fact I want only peaceful co-existence.

At this juncture I feel bound to address, once again, my appeal to you chiefs in regard to the unsatisfactory practices of land allocation and dispossession which are causing much dissatisfaction amongst your people. All over Lesotho people complain about the deprivation of their lands, while Chiefs continue to inherit land. Headmen complain bitterly about Chiefs who deprive them of the land rights by placing their own kith and kin over other recognised Headmen. Government has to find curative measures for this sickness and arbitrate in order to satisfy the nation and also these Headmen who are deprived of their rights. It is our duty to protect the rights of all people in Lesotho.

At the 1965 general elections you elected me as your Prime Minister because of my policy of peaceful co-existence with the Republic of South Africa. I was then...../3.