

Mokhehle and his I.C.F. are travelling with their load of meaningless politics whereby they criticise the Republic of South Africa and turn Lesotho into a field of confusion which merely drags her into poverty, bloodshed and misery.

Personally, I see no reason why - for the purposes of successful economic development - the countries South of the Zambezi such as Lesotho, the Republic of South Africa, Botswana, Swaziland, Malawi, and even Zambia, should not pool their strength and technical experts, exchange ideas and co-operate for mutual benefit in the economic development of all these countries. Above all, I would insist on stressing that the benefit we can derive from the successful advancement which the Republic of South Africa has already achieved, cannot be over-valued, for she is the most highly developed of all other countries in Africa.

Anyone who fails to appreciate the benefits that can be derived from such mutual assistance and co-operation must be very hard to convince - he must be stony-hearted. But of course even the most stony-hearted need not be a problem in Southern Africa, because we could always invite Dr. Chris Barnard to perform a heart-transplant operation and give him a human heart.

No sensible person can be indifferent to the obvious margin between the economically developed and the under-developed countries. It is not therefore an unfounded criticism that the developed countries do not always assist the less fortunate ones. But what is so often overlooked is that even when the wealthier countries try to assist the poorer ones, such assistance is sometimes accepted with a bad grace and even a spiteful attitude. Such assistance would indeed have been doubly successful had it been accompanied by technical aid from experts and specialists, but it frequently happens that the receiving countries do not welcome the experts and specialists because of their own internal politics. In short, let me say that there is no greater obstacle to assistance than that created by the political whirlwinds in the aid-receiving countries. Unless a remedy is found, I fear that because of the present political situation in Africa, she may find herself far behind the rest of the other continents in the world. To illustrate the force of this argument: In some parts of Africa there are customs which lead the Chiefs to obstruct development because their own way of thinking is old-fashioned. They

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