

I have just mentioned that where we do not have qualified Basotho we are bound to have expatriate experts. These experts cannot be recruited unless we have friendly relations with the governments and peoples of other countries. We have to be members of international organizations to obtain international experts. In short, we have to be acceptable to other countries and organizations in order to be able to receive help from them. The Government of Lesotho - which is a government of the Basotho National Party - has achieved acceptability to other countries and international organizations. We have achieved diplomatic relations with many countries in Africa, West Europe and the Far East. We have been accepted by international organizations such as the United Nations Organization, the Organization for African Unity, etc. Experts from all these countries and all these organizations arrive in Lesotho almost every week to help us strengthen our economy. Members of the Basotho National Party: In spite of the Opposition, we have achieved our aim! We have won! Victory!

Coming now to matters that affect the Mosotho farmer and the Mosotho in the street, I would wish to mention to you some of the measures which will make democratic independence meaningful to you. Let me turn to specific matters which are of prime importance to your Government. Our priority ranking is as follows:

Agriculture and Industry are our top priorities.

We have to develop selectively agricultural and livestock production so that Basotho may have enough foodstuffs not only for themselves but for the export market. Not only must we select appropriate crop and livestock products, we must also produce these intensively. In order that we may produce more crops, we shall have to utilise a greater proportion of our lands. We cannot afford to have lands lying idle for years.

Not only must we produce more crops and livestock, we must preserve our soil. Without our soil we have no country. Without our soil we have no pastures. Without pastures we have no animals, no milk, no meat, no wool and ultimately no life. Not only will our country disappear, our lives will also perish.

Our products, whether agricultural or livestock, have to be adequately marketed through an efficient marketing channel. We have to ensure that every Mosotho gets a good

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