

whole nation and the world was the nomination of Mr. Khaketla as a Privy Councillor when he had lost not only the election but his election deposit as well. This is what we see but what happens behind the scenes to support the M.F.P. with money from the civil list - only God knows!

This Government cannot easily forget the incident of the expulsion of five Senators - Messrs. Mokotso, Mothepu, C.D. Molapo, Letete and the late N. Qhobela - when the motion of independence was introduced in the Senate. These Senators were expelled because they could not agree with the powers that be. We cannot pardon this action. We refuse and we continue to refuse to add more powers to those who already have great powers which they often abuse or use to victimise those who do not seem to see eye to eye with them.

It would be preposterous if the Basotho nation, which is so enlightened and composed of intellectuals of all descriptions, could ever think of giving support to any political parties advocating more powers to reactionary chiefs. That would be going back to the 16th century and why should we wind our clock back by four centuries during this age of science and technology? We can't go back.

Although Ntsu Mokhehle often accuses me of employing the expatriate officers in the civil service, I venture to say that this is not the point at issue, because they are just a handful. He fails to tell the truth that the problem is created by his satellites whom we unfortunately found occupying the upper strata when we took office. These prove themselves to be dead wood when compared to the younger generation of graduates who have just qualified in different skills and professions.

My policy is to remove the dead wood and give a chance to this young blood to occupy posts for which they have been trained, rather than force them to start from the bottom of the ladder.

Regarding this technique of using the name of Motlotlehi on political platform, as the M.F.P. did at the 1965 elections, I dismiss it by saying that the nation gave its verdict in 1965 and it will still be the same in 1970. This shows that Mokhehle is political dead wood and the sooner the B.C.P. replace him the better.

There is yet one more important danger which I would like to point out to you in very strong terms, and that is the activities.....