

the activities of communists, which are more pronounced in Quthing than in all other districts of Lesotho. Every month hundreds of communist pamphlets and books flow into Quthing. I would like the Principal Chief of Quthing and all other Chiefs under him to suspend the sword of Damocles over the heads of these communists, who want to pollute the minds of the Basotho - more especially of the young generation.

To be able to fight this horrible monster, I must explain to you how communists try to capture the people to their side. The communists usually have a highly organised minority which knows where it is going and how it is going to get there. Such a group is not bound by any moral or ethical restraints. Communists infiltrate all organisations. You find them in schools, church and government organisations - even amongst ordinary workers. In every organisation there is a communist who gives a report when the group meets regularly to discuss how to apply the Party line. In a group of workers they work hard to popularise fellow-communists who are primed up to take the places of non-communists.

In schools communists seek to pollute the young minds so that they rebel against all forms of authority. Many of their recruits are innocent, well-intentioned people who fall victims to a wicked hoax. Don't forget that even "the way to hell is paved with good intentions". Try to understand the underlying motives when communists approach you with good intentions.

The intentions of communists can best be judged by what recently happened in Czechoslovakia when Russians occupied the country by force. Do we want Lesotho to become another Czechoslovakia? I want to warn you that communism spreads its net far and wide but its fruits are indeed bitter.

Communism is tyranny. The main strategy and tactics are decided at the top and are applied at each level of the pyramid. Their so-called "democratic centralism" is an illusion which simply lulls you to sleep.

I appeal to all of you to reject communism with all your might because it is not only unjust, but it perverts our social structure, which is quite different from that of Russia or any other communist country. We are used to private ownership and we are not the property of the state, as is the case in communist countries. Be on the look out for communists here in Quthing. Forewarned is forearmed.

In conclusion.....