

For the first time in our history we have seen a 'Mosotho trader being victimised. Because he was in disagreement with the leader of the B.C.P., Mr. Ntsu Mokhehle told his men and women of the B.C.P. to boycott the business of this trader, Thabo Leanya. Mokhehle instructed that there was to be no buying at Leanya's shop; and this was merely because Leanya was in disagreement with the leader and men and women of the B.C.P. When they went to Matsieng in 1961, they demanded that Bereng should vacate his position in favour of Ntsu Mokhehle, because Bereng had failed to rule.

I am saying this to show that if you had a government consisting of Ntsu Mokhehle and his B.C.P. friends, it would be unfortunate for you if you did not see eye to eye with him or you did not agree with him on any point. If you were a trader, your trade would be destroyed like that of Thabo Leanya. If you were a farmer or a livestock owner, you would in a similar manner be destroyed. If you were a Christian or of a different religion from that of the leader, your religion would be destroyed.

A leopard never changes its spots.

Here in Leribe you know very well that Mr. Mofeli was one of the prominent members of the B.C.P. but today, as you have heard from him, Mofeli himself, he is one of the strongest supporters of the Government; likewise, you know that 'Mamanka too was one of the most trusted in the B.C.P., as she was one of the secretaries in the head office of the B.C.P. in Maseru. It can justly be said that she was therefore one of those who handled B.C.P. confidential matters. She too now finds herself back home and, like a prodigal child, has asked to be forgiven.

We hear the great deal of noise made by the leaders of the B.C.P. and Ntsu Mokhehle at his Fitsos in complaining that employers are not paying their employees satisfactorily. We would all wish to see employers pay their employees better wages where this is possible. The thing that really surprises us is that although Mr. Ntsu Mokhehle is able to find fault with other employers, he fails to see his own faults. I would like to mention the wages he pays to his employees working in the Makatolle printing press. Compared with the wages which other employers in Maseru pay to their employees,

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