

result other nations are beginning to respect us because they now know that we can supply them with chicken meat and also with eggs, which are among the foodstuffs known as "nutrients". I am inviting you all in Lesotho to join this Poultry Farmers' Association and so enable this great national service to be performed on a bigger scale than at present.

The Basotho were famous for being the owners of cattle and hence we were called the "nation of the beast" - the beast that brings the nation together by interbreeding. But because of poor grazing our cattle stocks have diminished. Can we not increase our stocks of poultry and therefore become known as the "nation of poultry farming"?

But I must point out that all the developments and projects that I have mentioned, and those that I have not been able to mention, depend for their success on the soil. All our development springs from the soil. Under the Constitution the soil of Lesotho belongs to the nation. Also in accordance with the Constitution, it is held in trust by the King and from him the Chiefs and Headmen have been given the power to allocate the land on behalf of the nation.

It is to be observed, however, with great disappointment that the allocation and deprivation of land is no longer carried out in a manner satisfactory to the people. In fact it would be departing from the truth that there is any person who can say that the people are still satisfied with the allocation and deprivation of land by the Chiefs.

For this reason I felt compelled to advise the King to appoint a Commission to examine the matter of the allocation and deprivation of land by the Chiefs and to make recommendations so that the people who are interested in the soil and improving it and thus improving the economy of the country, can be assured that the land which has been allocated to them and which they have improved cannot be taken away from them by the Chiefs, as still happens in many areas.

It is my firm opinion that there is only one way in which this malpractice can be stopped, and this will be by the will of the people, the owners of our soil. You the people who are affected by the allocation and deprivation of the soil, your lands. For this reason, I would encourage all people

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