

participated in the last election will recall that the electorate voted by using symbols.

The same system will be used again during the forthcoming elections and electors must therefore acquaint themselves thoroughly with the symbols to be used by the various parties, so that they can be sure that when they record their votes they are clear in their minds as to who they are voting for and that there will be no possibility of error.

Every symbol and ballot envelope issued to electors on polling day will have on it a secret mark which will be known to no one before polling starts. The purpose of this mark is to ensure that only official symbols and ballot envelopes will be used and that no malpractices can take place.

What is of great importance to remember too, is that every vote which is recorded will be a secret vote. No one will be able to find out for which candidate any particular individual has voted and there can therefore be no recriminations in this respect after the elections.

A short while ago I promised you, the people of Lesotho, that everything will be done to protect electors from troublemakers. I now solemnly repeat this promise.

Any man or woman who wishes to exercise his right to vote is entitled to do so in an atmosphere of peace and tranquillity, without fear of interference or intimidation by anyone whomsoever, and I will take every precaution that is humanly possible to ensure that a national calm shall prevail before, during and after the forthcoming elections.

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