

laziness and rudeness to the public, but by humble preparedness and quick assistance to the public. In this connection, we shall establish a high-powered Civil Service Supervisory Committee whose job will be to visit all government Ministries and Departments, including civil servants in the field, and check whether government officials are performing their functions properly. Any civil servant guilty of inefficiency shall be ruthlessly dealt with.

Let me now consider the controversial position of Lesotho in relation to South Africa. South Africa has its own government which was elected by South Africans in accordance with the provisions of their own Constitution and laws. South African laws do not apply in Lesotho but apply in their own territory. Similarly, Lesotho has her own government which is elected to office by Basotho in accordance with the provisions of our own Constitution and laws. Our laws apply in Lesotho to every person living permanently or temporarily in Lesotho. To this extent Lesotho and the Basotho are independent. Similarly, it is not for Basotho to interfere in South African matters. Leave the problems of South Africa to the South Africans. This accords with the principle of the sovereignty of independent states.

The safety of Lesotho and the Basotho lies in peaceful co-existence with South Africa and other free world countries. Where countries do not live in peace with each other bloodshed results. We treasure the blood of our brother Basotho. We do not want to experience the battles that go on between the Israelis and the Arabs. In this political feud based on the non-recognition of the existence of the Israelis by the Arabs, the Arabs lost part of their territory in the June 1967 war. We do not want this to happen to Lesotho. The Russians fight with the Chinese over border disputes. The Indians fight with the Pakistanis over border disputes. Russia invaded Czechoslovakia. A significant feature is that no other country really intervenes with its own soldiers once a war has been started. Even Britain declined to send troops to Rhodesia when Ian Smith usurped power illegally. The United Nations Organisation has passed resolutions on South West Africa, Rhodesia, Vietnam and South Africa without any positive result.

Lesotho's safety lies purely and simply in the degree to which Lesotho can maintain friendship with South Africa now and also with the rest of the free world. In the coming elections the Basotho will be deciding whether or not to live in peace with South Africa. The safety of Lesotho lies with the Basotho National Party.