

countries as a political leader. Now that there is this furious struggle between Christianity and Communism, what then is our reaction and line of action ?

I say there is a furious struggle between Christianity and Communism because each camp wishes to destroy the other. But, here in Lesotho, as we are a Christian and God-loving people, we must be careful not to elect a political party that is anti-Christian and which might instil a spirit of atheism into our people. The Basutoland Congress Party and the Maramatlou Freedom Party have already shown us they want close co-operation with Communists. Christianity and Communism do not go together; they are not birds of the same feather. We must, for that reason, reject these parties, the B.C.P. and the Maramatlou Freedom Parties. It is not only the matching of the two parties that they have shown open defiance to the will and wishes of the Nation.

We are aware that you are not satisfied with allocation and deprivation of lands. I have appointed a Commission of Enquiry which will hear your complaints in this connection. Would you, for instance, wish Advisory Councils to have executive powers ? Do you want Chiefs pile on themselves so many lands ? I know you do not wish this sort of practice to continue; that is why I have appointed this commission. Mr. Mokhehle and his satellites are opposed to this Commission but they do not give any reason why. This is sabotage. In my efforts to work for the welfare of our people, Mr. Mokhehle creates obstacles.

It is not for the first time that he behaves in this manner. You will remember that in 1961 Mr. Mokhehle went to the United Nations where, as he declared, he was going to plead for the independence of the Basotho. I wonder why he went to seek for independence there when the British were the people that had, for years, been our rulers ! He does not concede votes for women for he says they are illiterate and ignorant. I sent an urgent telegram that same day to the Chairman of that Committee before whom Mr. Mokhehle was to appear. In that telegram, I expressed views that Mr. Mokhehle's mission was in order, but, for him to refuse women to vote, was unacceptable to me. All people are equal before the law. The Courts of Law make no discrimination; they are not interested in whether one is male or female; the force of law applies to all persons. My contention was that women could not be controlled and ruled by