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Again, the people would like to know what the position would be should the Opposition be elected, seeing that they have been banned from the Republic where thousands of our people work and are resident. Even were they in transit to seek aid from countries friendly to them, how would that aid reach Lesotho if the B.C.P. Leaders and their satellites condemn co-operation with the Republic of South Africa?

Members of the B.C.P. must answer these questions and others that I have not enumerated.

Last year we witnessed a practical show of friendliness when the Free State farmers of Clocolan came to the rescue of their fellow-farmers at Peka and Kolonyama by ploughing their lands with tractors. The B.C.P. Leaders prevailed upon their followers not to take advantage of this timely and generous gesture; they alleged that Leabua was "selling" them or their lands
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