

If the people can continue to forsake the Opposition Parties - even at the forthcoming general elections - as they are doing at present, this would help in the development of our country and also go a long way towards solving the problem of hunger and lack of employment in Lesotho. This would also go to help in the improvement and amendment of the Constitution on the thorny issue of land allocation and deprivation, and also other sections which you would like to have amended in order to comply with your wishes. Above all, it would go towards changing those sections of the Constitution which at present do not permit us to cope with the difficulty of subversion and communism in this country.

It is quite clear that the Opposition Parties and their leaders cannot do anything good for the Basotho nation. The proof is that the Leader of the Congress Party, Ntsu Mokhehle, is not trustworthy - he has an ever-vacillating policy. This explains why he does not want to commit himself by means of an Election Manifesto which will tie him down to what he says he can do for you if you elect him into power. Similarly, we ask the Congress Party to express their views in a Manifesto regarding the position of the Head of State. We do not want them to declare their policy verbally because they always give conflicting statements.

The Marematlou Freedom Party - apart from being absorbed by the B.C.P. - no longer exists; it exists only in name, but when one compares its Election Manifesto for the 1965 General Elections with its present Manifesto under its new leader - Mohalehroe and Khaketla - one gets a difference like that of comparing saline with water. Therefore it will be evident that it is only the Basotho National Party - the ruling Party - which still holds to its original obligation which it placed before the nation in 1965 and to which we still adhere to date, at the same time still continuing to implement this policy in the interests of the nation.

I do not wish again to traverse the ground already covered because you already know and have seen with your own eyes. These are monuments which will remain historical events - even unto the next generation. In this constituency of 'Masemouse a dam has been constructed. There is a road linking Matelile and 'Masemouse and passing to Semongkong - a dream which we never thought would come to reality one day.

In conclusion, may I remind the Basotho nation that during our term of office we were able to disillusion our people in regard to the lies and sinister propaganda they were being taught by the Opposition, who are continuously accusing us of selling Lesotho to the Republic. I know that I do not have to tell you that no portion of land....