

The achievements to which I have referred, serve to show that your Government understands your problems as well as your aspirations. More than that, your Government is sparing no effort in its resolve to create a Swaziland in which you and your children can enjoy life abundant; a Swaziland in which we can each get the means to earn a decent living, to clothe ourselves and our dependents, to educate our children and to provide for ourselves comfortable shelters. Furthermore, the developments which have been witnessed, demonstrate that when your Government legislates for increased taxes, it is in your interest to co-operate and to realise that contrary to what the enemies of our freedom propagate, taxation is meant to bring nearer the day on which none of us will go unemployed, without education, food, and medical facilities.

The past twelve months have shown beyond doubt that God's children, irrespective of race or colour, can live together in harmony and peace. It is my earnest hope and prayer that we shall, through difficulties, move together as one, thus continually affirming that humanity is the same. This means, of course, that any forms of exclusiveness, however subtle, must be stamped out.

Today, we should all resolve to do better than we did last year. We should aim at self-sufficiency in certain areas, bearing in mind that, basically, we owe it, to ourselves to make our country rich, so that we can each partake of the fruits of political independence. This does mean, of course, that those who expect miracles should become realists; and that those who still live in the past and expect Government to do everything for them, should realise that they are liabilities. Furthermore, it means that each citizen should, whatever his station in life, be instrumental in uplifting the country, and not expect to be carried by the nation to a better future.

Finally, I appeal to you farmers, industrialists, businessmen, teachers, nurses, civil servants and other good citizens to roll up your sleeves and have "all hands on deck, and all shoulders to the wheel"; for Swaziland requires, even at this moment, etc., etc., etc.