

of active co-operation from all sections of the population.

These people are realists and they make a clear distinction between politics and their commercial and economic interests. Japan, for example, does not hesitate to buy South African agricultural and manufactured products and in South Africa, as you know, Japanese cars, radios and cameras are sold on a large scale. Here in Lesotho, however, we have a number of extremists who, for political purposes, publically advocate the boycott of South African goods, while privately they themselves do not hesitate to use them. This is sheer hypocrisy.

In conclusion, let me say that I have already approached Britain asking her to do her utmost to discharge her moral obligations to assist in the development of Lesotho. The countries of Africa and the Far East are now fully aware of the nature of our problems. I am prepared to accept any help offered in good faith from whatever quarter it may come, in order to develop our national economy and raise the standard of living of our people. I am not frightened by malicious and unfounded reports of South Africa's intention towards us, and I hope that South Africa will not be deterred by the irresponsible comment of mischievous self-seekers from extending to us the hand of friendship. I say this because I shall shortly be on my way to meet the Prime Minister of South Africa, and in our discussions the welfare of our nation and the needs of its economy will be uppermost in my mind. I shall have no hesitation in accepting whatever aid our neighbour can give us in promoting the welfare and the real interests of Lesotho.