

It is high time that the benefits of agriculture should be demonstrated to this section of the population and brought near it. It is my aim and intention and that of my Government that electricity, pure water, and other similar welfare facilities should reach every Mosotho in the country. However, all these cannot be easily achieved. It is necessary that every Mosotho should make his contribution towards the success of these ideals. I am referring to both the helpers and those who are in need of help. Do not forget, my people, that you cannot benefit from assistance unless you are prepared to help yourselves.

Before passing this point about which I am appealing to you that you should do your best in agriculture, it is necessary that I too, just as my Minister responsible for Agriculture, should remind you what he has said to you - that in January of the new year which is commencing tomorrow, the Government of the Republic of S.A., without consulting us as members of the same Customs Union have taken a decision that flour and mealie-meal destined to Lesotho should be sold at a price different from that applied in the Republic. This means that the Basoth will now be required to pay higher prices than last year for purchasing these two commodities when being imported into the country. This leaves no option now that the Mosotho who fortunately has land to cultivate, should fully exploit this opportunity, it is now imperative that the soil should be properly utilised to sustain the people of this country. This action on the part of the Government of the Republic of South Africa should be a lesson and blessing in disguise, however painful.

I hope even the Basotho who work in the mines will realise today, that "somebody else's roof does not offer a restful sleep to a sojourner". My Government was serious when stating that the energies of Basotho should be expended in the development of their own country, and that they should not only be exploited by foreigners. We

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