

persisted as a Government that the wages of Basotho which were formerly deposited with Compount Managers should be invested in Lesotho and used for the benefit of Basotho; the idea being to set up avenues of employment in their own country so that when opportunities of employment came to an end in foreign countries, they should return home to be employed. Some of our Basotho do not realise yet that employers in the Republic, that is, the mine owners, are busy looking for machines to replace manual labour. Time is not far when they will be told to return home - as their services are redundant.

I appeal to you, therefore, people of our country employed in the mines and employed outside the mines, to remember the inevitable day you are bound to come back home. Send your savings for investment in the banks at home, to create job opportunities lest you should find no employment avenues the day you are compelled to return home.

I should now like to remind you of the statement I made regarding the education of our children. You will, of course, be aware also that the Interim National Assembly allocates the largest amount of the National Budget to Education. As I stated then, which I now repeat, it is important that the education of our children should be relevant to the needs of our people. It should be geared to solve the problems facing the country as well as meeting the aspirations of the people. It should also aim at building nationhood. We have our own traditions to incalcate. We need people with skills to contribute to our economic development. In the past the type of education which was provided was intended to produce people servile to the administering authority and by no means able to stand on their own feet. To-day our educational system is geared to meet the needs of the country while at the same time making room for individual aptitudes and capabilities.

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