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CONFERENCE SPEAKERS ADDRESS LESOTHO'S CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT AND RECENT VIOLENCE

INTERIM CHARGÉ D'AFFAIRES PROVIDES UPDATE

At the August FOL reunion, the interim chargé d'affaires, Ntate J.M. Letsie, spoke about Lesotho's new ambassador to the U.S. and about the current situation in Lesotho.

NEW AMBASSADOR EXPECTED

"He's a nice man" explained Ntate Letsie as he described Ntate Tseliso Thamae, the new ambassador from Lesotho who is expected to take his position in Washington, D.C. in September. Ntate Thamae has held positions with the Lesotho Mission to the U.N., the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and served as the High Commissioner to Canada.

SOUTH AFRICA

On the subject of South Africa and sanctions, Ntate Letsie explained that Lesotho is heavily dependent on South Africa and, though Lesotho has not attempted to influence the international community, he hopes that the issue of Lesotho's geographic position is taken into consideration and that the world realizes that what hurts South Africa hurts Lesotho.

INCIDENT SPARKS VIOLENCE

Ntate Letsie spoke at length about the incident which resulted in the death of a Mosotho woman in an Indian owned shop at the bus stop in Maseru. According to his information, a Mosotho woman was shopping with a baby on her back and was accused of stealing a M3.99 item which she said the baby had picked up without her knowledge. The woman apparently agreed to pay for the item but the employees refused to accept her explanation and dragged her from the shop. She was then beaten for several

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EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVE REFLECTS U.S. PERSPECTIVE

Mr. Steve Wagenseil, who describes his position as #2 at the American Embassy in Maseru, attended the FOL reunion events and spoke to the group about the current situation in Lesotho from the U.S. Embassy perspective, supplementing the information that was offered by Ntate Letsie.

MOVEMENT TOWARDS DEMOCRATIC RULE

According to Mr. Wagenseil, the Military Council in Lesotho is working to achieve a transition to civilian government by the middle of 1992. The U.S. purportedly supports the new leadership but agrees with its assessment that military governments are a "dying breed." He reported that the Constitutional Assembly, which was appointed by Maj. Gen. Lekhanya, sat for 53 weeks and used the 138 page, 1966 Constitution as a model for the now completed document which is over 200 pages long. The Constitutional Assembly is said to have been looked upon skeptically by the constituents. An American professor from Tulane University, Dr. Vernon Palmer, and a British counterpart, Dr. Paul Fitfoot, have submitted a 35 page report to the Government of Lesotho which details their findings on the new Constitution. The government is reportedly responsive to the findings and has agreed to reject a proposal which guarantees the Commander of the Armed Forces a seat in the Cabinet.

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PARTY ACTIVITY

In May, 1991, Military Order #4 which has banned political activity since 1986 was suspended and an abundance of party activity has been reported. Mr. Wagenseil mentioned the existence of a Popular Front For Democracy, which is centered at the National University of Lesotho at Roma, as well as a Labor Party and a Communist Party. He speculated that 5

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hours in the presence of her child. The woman died from her injuries and many citizens reacted by looting and vandalizing Indian and Asian owned businesses in several districts. According to police statistics, the violence resulted in 34 deaths, 425 arrests and 63 injuries which includes both citizens and police. A total of 16 shops were burned after being looted and 61 shops in the Maseru, Mafeteng, T.Y. and Leribe districts experienced some form of vandalism.

Ntate Letsie's impression is that there is some resentment towards expatriate owned businesses that provide a service that the Basotho are capable of providing for themselves. He believes that the reaction to the killing was exaggerated and that some people joined in who were not necessarily concerned with the issue at hand. According to Ntate Letsie, the people who engaged in the violence are being held and will be tried. A curfew was imposed in the lowland districts during the violence to restore order.

CURRENT POLITICAL SITUATION

On the current political situation, Ntate Letsie announced that the Lesotho government is aware that a military government is not acceptable in the eyes of the world and that there is a move towards democratic rule in Lesotho with a June 1992 target date. The recent coup was seen as a "house cleaning exercise within the military" and has not affected the government machinery or its policies. The Lesotho government has reportedly requested from the embassy and the U.N. mission in New York

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KING LETSIE III OF LESOTHO

BORN: July 17, 1963, Scott Hospital, Morija to Chief Bereng Seeiso (former King Moshoeshoe II) and Queen Mamohato. Named after Letsie I, eldest son of Moshoeshoe I.

PRIMARY EDUCATION: Iketsetseng Private School, Maseru to Standard V. Gilling Castle, Yorkshire, England until 1976.

SECONDARY EDUCATION: Ampleforth College until 1980.

UNIVERSITY EDUCATION: National University of Lesotho, 1980-1984, B.A., law.
University of Bristol, England, diploma in English Legal Studies, 1984-1986.
University of Cambridge, England, Development Studies, 1988-1989. Wye College, University of London, Agricultural Economics.

PRINCIPLE CHIEFTAINSHIP: Installed December 1989, Matsieng. Sat on Maseru City Council and National Constituent Assembly

SWORN IN: November 12, 1990

EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVE REFLECTS

or 6 parties would participate in the upcoming election. The U.S. Embassy's Human Rights Project sent out a team to review the preparations for the elections and assess the costs involved.

RECENT VIOLENCE

On the subject of the May 22, 1991 incident involving the death of a Mosotho woman at a Maseru shop, Mr. Wagenseil basically substantiated Mr. Letsie's story but speculated that the basis for the violence was clearly the deteriorating economic situation in Lesotho. The market for manpower in South Africa is steadily declining and, though the Highland's Water Project is expected to infuse money and jobs into the community, there is a lot of uncertainty about the economic future of the country.

CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT

Commenting on the recent change of government leadership, Mr. Wagenseil described the present mood as one where people seem unclear as to who is really in power. According to the information available to him, at the end of April 1991 a group of soldiers went on strike over the issue of salaries. The soldiers went to the home of Maj. Gen. Lekhanya and demanded the firing of the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Foreign Affairs. When Maj. Gen. Lekhanya refused their demand they reportedly fired him and he agreed to resign. The soldiers then chose the senior officer among them to become the head of government, the now H. E. Major General Elias Phisoane Ramaema. In early June there appeared to be an attempt to pull in the ranks and discipline some of the individuals who were responsible for the disruption of government. During

this time 20 senior officers were removed from their positions, leaving some questions as to whether there is stability in the government. All civil servants were given a 22% pay raise in April and another 20% in June. The salary increases were made possible by efforts to more efficiently collect taxes, exercise budgetary discipline and scale down the size of the civil service in order to reduce its payroll.

SOUTH AFRICA

When asked about the new administration's relations with South Africa, Mr. Wagenseil said that nobody really knows and there seems to be much to work out. Where in the past certain parties have had an alliance with the ANC, there is no one presently with that kind of relationship. Nelson Mandela had been invited to visit Lesotho last March but his trip was canceled to accommodate a meeting with M. Buthelezi. At this writing there is no indication that his visit has been rescheduled.



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names of individuals who would serve as a team to observe the electoral process.

In response to a question about political parties in Lesotho, Ntate Letsie explained that the BCP, the BNP and the NFP are the main parties at present but that new parties are being formed now that the order which had restricted political activities has been lifted. He said that some of the older parties are experiencing some internal conflicts.

On the question of the possibility of the return of the former King Moshoeshoe II, Ntate Letsie had little information. He reported that there is a movement which has been calling for his return to rule but the government has not commented on the issue. The former King's son, Letsie David Bereng Seeiso, is expected to be coronated in October 1991.

NEW CONSTITUTION

A national assembly made up of various political figures and traditional chiefs was established to address the issue of a new Constitution. They have presented a working paper based on the 1966 Constitution which is being considered presently. There has been some objection to the process by people who feel that the assembly was not elected by the people of Lesotho and that the new document should either be revised by the people or discarded. International assistance, including that of a U.S. law professor has been obtained to address the Constitution issue.



JUDGEMENT AND SENTENCING

DECISION REACHED IN LEKHALONG-LA-BAROA KILLINGS

Guilty verdicts were handed in for the former member of the Military Council, Sekhobe Letsie and army sergeant Ngoanantloana Lerotholi for the murders of Mr. Desmond Sixishe, his wife 'Manapo, Mr. Vincent Makhele, and his wife 'Maliapeng and for the attempted murders of two NUL employees, Mr. Tsolo Lelala and his wife 'Mantsane. Mr. Sixishe and Mr. Makhele were former ministers in the government of the late Chief Leabua Jonathan. Mr. Lerotholi was given two concurrent death sentences and 64 concurrent years imprisonment for the murders; Mr. Letsie was sentenced to 15 years imprisonment as an accessory after the commission of the murders, which occurred at Lekhalong-la-Baroa in the Maseru district in November 1985. The defense for Mr. Lerotholi claimed that his actions were an attempt to prevent the collapse of the military government and the communist invasion. It was also claimed that there was complicity on the part of the military government. Mr. Letsie is said to have deceived and misled the nation about the truth of the murders.

MEMBERS OF THE NEW LESOTHO MILITARY COUNCIL

- 1) H.E. Major General Elias Phisoane
RAMAEMA Chairman of the Military
Council and Council of Ministers
- 2) H.E. Brig. B.M. LEROTHOLI
- 3) H.E. Col J.M. JANE
- 4) H.E. Lt Col. M. MOKETE
- 5) H.E. Lt. Col. T. LEHOHLA
- 6) H.E. Lt. Col. M. MOTHIBELI

RECENT RELEASES

MISSIONARY EXCURSION by Thomas Arbousset. Edited and translated by David Ambrose and Albert Brutsch, Published by Morija Archives in association with Centre de Recherche d'échanges et de Documentation Universitaire, Kenya, 1991

The complete title is **MISSIONARY EXCURSION INTO THE BLUE MOUNTAINS** being an account of KING MOSHOESHOE'S EXPEDITION FROM THABA-BOSIU TO THE SOURCES OF THE MALIBAMATSO RIVER IN THE YEAR 1840. The manuscript was written in French by Arbousset and is an account of his journey with King Moshoeshoe at a time that predates rondavels, roads and the town of Maseru. Orders for the book should be sent to Morija Archives, P.O. Box 12, Morija 190, Lesotho, Southern Africa. The price in Lesotho is M39.50. From the US. send \$30.00 which includes postage for surface mail delivery.

CONTEMPORARY CONSTITUTIONAL HISTORY OF LESOTHO by Winston Maqutu, Mazenod Printing Works, P.O. Box 18, Mazenod, Lesotho.

This book is about Lesotho's constitutional history from 1870 to 1990 and advances the idea that democracy has never been given a chance to work in Lesotho. Write to Mazenod Printing Works for cost and shipping information.

BUT GIVE HIM AN ARMY TOO by Ts'epo Desmond Sixishe, Mokorotlo Publications, P.O. Box 690, Maseru, Lesotho.

Written by the late Desmond Sixishe, a member of Leabua Jonathan's government, this book defends Jonathan's seizure of power after the 1970 elections. Write to Mokorotlo Publications for cost and shipping information.

THE ANTI-POLITICS MACHINE by James Fergusson, David Philip Publishers, 208, Werdmuller Centre, Claremont, South Africa.

A case study of development in Lesotho from 1975-1984, this work addresses the issue of what development institutions do to a developing country like Lesotho. Write to David Philip Publishers for cost and shipping information.

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

The editor's baton has been passed once again and I have agreed to do my lap! My goals for the newsletter are the following: to provide information on Lesotho and its people, to inform the membership of the projects, status and accomplishments of Friends of Lesotho, to continue to expand the network of people who are interested in and involved with Lesotho and to produce an informative newsletter which will reach FOL members in a timely and regular fashion. I will attempt to satisfy what I believe was the original goal of three newsletters/year with an occasional "Lesotho In The News" supplemental package when there is a lot going on and a lot of information available.

I will be contacting people who have ever expressed an interest in working on the newsletter on their membership forms and I will be constantly looking for articles, letters, literary works and ideas for this newsletter. If you are interested in becoming a contributing writer on a regular basis or if you have something you would like to include in an upcoming issue, please let me know c/o Friends of Lesotho, 2801 Spencer Rd., Chevy Chase, MD. 20815. I can be reached at home at 703-379-3725 (Virginia). Along with actual news events from Lesotho, some of what would like to see included in the newsletter are:

- Lesotho-related travel, business, product information
- Cultural information: music, exhibitions, art, publications, book reviews, etc.
- Job opportunities
- News and information on Basotho in the U.S.
- Personals, lost-and-found for long lost friends and colleagues
- Letters to the editor, discussing issues of policy, culture, economy, related to Lesotho, Southern Africa and Friends of Lesotho activities.

After reading through newsletters from some of the other Friends Of groups, I thought it would be a good idea to find a name for our publication, possibly one in Sesotho which would be symbolic for those of us who have ties to Lesotho and depicts the spirit of our project. It would also be nice if some of our more artistic membership would submit ideas for a logo so that we can come up with a look and a format that can remain the same for a while. If you have suggestions or ideas for the name or logo, or if you are at all interested in working on the newsletter, please do contact me. The timeliness and effectiveness of this publication really depends on the input of the membership.

One last request: We are looking for someone who would be interested in doing the layout of newsletter. It can all be done by mail...I will mail a packet of pieces, photographs, etc. to be included and you will send it back laid out!! All the copying and mailing can be done here. I think it is very important to have as many hands as possible involved in this publication that belongs to all of us, so please contact me as soon as possible to let me know of your desire to participate! Kea leboha kaofela!

Lisa Labella Mitchell PCV 1979-1982 NTTC Field Staff, Mantsonyane

FIFTH ANNIVERSARY REUNION AND GENERAL MEETING

- Corey Bent

More than sixty members and friends gathered in Washington, DC this August for our 5th Anniversary Reunion and General Meeting. As usual, the summertime weather in the nation's capital was hot and humid.

The activities were planned to coincide with the Peace Corps' 30th Anniversary Conference and Celebrations in the hope that more of our members would be in town and join us.

Our weekend started early Friday morning, August 2nd. The Friends of Lesotho joined together with the Friends of Swaziland to participate in an innovative program created for the Peace Corps' 30th Anniversary Conference called Volunteer Day. We spent the day working together with children and adults at Unfoldment, Inc., a non-profit organization that counsels children of drug abusers and prisoners, and at Barry Farms Recreation Center in southeast DC.

We brought blankets, tapestries, necklaces, photographs, pictures, clothing, hats, shields, etc., from both Lesotho and Swaziland to use as cultural displays and show-and-tell. We played tapes of Sesotho and Seswazi music and taught the kids to sing Sesotho songs. The kids also heard African stories, drew pictures and wrote letters to send to children in Lesotho. It was a little tough at first to get them interested, but after a short time most of them wanted to learn as much as they could about Africa.

Before Volunteer Day, we spent a couple of days drawing a giant (6 foot by 12 foot) grid on a wall at Unfoldment, Inc., and outlined most of the countries of the world. On Volunteer Day, we had lots of fun helping the kids finish outlining and painting the countries. I'm sure they learned a lot about the world, and now they have a permanent reminder of just how big the world really is.

On Saturday, August 3rd, we started our day with a picnic lunch at Catholic University in northeast DC. People ate, talked, listened to Sesotho music, watched videotapes of Volunteer Day and Lesotho, and looked at many beautiful photos and pictures of Lesotho. It was almost like being back in Lesotho.

After singing the Lesotho National Anthem, we watched a

recent videotape of Lesotho made in July. We had asked a current Peace Corps Volunteer to go to different areas of Lesotho and make a video log of current projects. Our hope was to give FOL members a chance to see a variety of on-going projects, both old and new.

After seeing the video log, Pat Haladay presented the results of the Project Survey we had sent out to FOL members and led a discussion of how we can use the information. Our goal is to merge the Video Log with the Project Database to have some continuity and keep an history of both successful and not so successful projects in Lesotho.

We were fortunate to have Mr. Gerry Letsie, Counselor at the Embassy of the Kingdom of Lesotho, address the group. He provided an overview of the current situation in Lesotho, and gave us some background information on the new Ambassador.

Mr. Steven Wagenseil, Chargé d'Affaires interim at the American Embassy in Lesotho also addressed the group. He gave us both personal thoughts and official positions on the current events in Lesotho and fielded a number of questions from the group.

We ended the afternoon activities with a General Meeting of the FOL which was highlighted by the questioned, comments and suggestions of the membership as well as the participation by Jack Healey, ex-PC/L Director, Present Executive Director of Amnesty International.

An evening of great conversation, food, music, and dancing concluded the weekend activities and Mr. and Mrs. Letsie graciously opened their house for a reception for FOL members and guests. It was nice to meet many of the members of Lesotho's Delegation to the United Nations who traveled to Washington all the way from New York.

I hope that everyone who was able to make it to our 5th Anniversary Reunion and General Meeting had a good time. I feel that we were able to reaffirm our commitment to the people of Lesotho and get a good idea of the direction FOL should be heading in the next five years. I would like to thank everyone who helped organize and worked on the Reunion to make it a success.

DONATIONS NEEDED	<p>At the most recent meeting of Peace Corps Lesotho's Volunteer Liason Committee, volunteers demonstrated overwhelming support for the establishment of an area studies library. The library will include works of literature from Lesotho and other Southern African countries (RSA, Swaziland, Zimbabwe, Botswana and Namibia), as well as information on the cultures, history, and political movements of the area. We hope that the existence of this library will help volunteers to sensitize themselves to the cultures and issues of this corner of the globe.</p>
	<p>Since the Friends of Lesotho is an organization that has been very supportive of the Peace Corps effort in Lesotho, we are asking for your help in this project. We would be very grateful for any books or pamphlets related to the above topics that you would be willing to donate. Since such materials are extremely expensive in this region, any funding that you could provide would also be greatly appreciated. Burch A. Harper, VLC, Peace Corps, Lesotho, P.O. Box 554, Maseru 100, Lesotho.</p>
	<p>(Editor's note: The above was received in the form of a letter to FOL. After meeting with the steering committee, Scott Brumburgh referred the VLC to two other resources and agreed to include the request in the next newsletter for individuals and groups to consider. FOL also suggested that PC/Washington and the U.S.I.A., British Council and NUL libraries could probably provide the information and literature that volunteers are looking for.)</p>

PILOT PROJECT TO LINK BASOTHO STUDENTS AND FOL MEMBERS MAKES SOME INITIAL SPARKS BUT PRODUCES MIXED RESULTS

A one-year pilot project to use FOL members as willing contacts to help Basotho students attending U.S. colleges forge new friendships and make a successful adjustment in their initial year of study yielded some new friendships, but left doubtful whether the approach can achieve the goals of the program. The Lesotho Students in America Program (LSAP) began with a \$2,500.00 grant from the Sasakawa Foundation and the National Council of Returned PCV's in 1989. The grant provided financial and logistical assistance to students for contacting and making friendships with interested Americans beginning with an FOL member in their area. Six of the seven students invited to participate made a connection and met with their FOL counterparts. None of the students met community groups which might be interested in meeting and developing friendships with Basotho students as a result of the program.

Participating in the program were six students of the Lesotho Agricultural Production & Institutional Support Project funded by US/AID:

- MOKETE MABUSA and HLASOA MOLAPO, studying at Cal. Poly., San Luis Obispo, CA (FOL contacts were DENNIS and CHERYL CASPE of Santa Cruz).
- EMMANUEL MOSIUOA and PUSELETSO RANTHIMO, studying at New Mexico St. Univ. (FOL contacts were KEN and MAKOENA SIMON of Santa Fe)
- ELISHA MANYATSELA studying at Utah State Univ. (FOL contacts were LINDA and JOE TELFORD of Ogden)
- M'ATHOTOANE RAMASIKE studying at the Univ. of Arizona (FOL contacts were TOM AND DEE COX of Tucson)

The main reasons the program did not achieve its objectives were pointed out in evaluations conducted with the FOL contacts and students mid-way and at the end of the program:

- The program was funded well after the start of the school year — students were confused about the purpose of the program when contact was made with them during their second semester.
- The time it takes for people to develop new, comfortable relationships with each other was underestimated. It takes more than telephone calls and a half-day visit on a weekend to establish friendships and for taking on ore extensive activities together, such as travel to another city or meeting groups of American strangers interested in knowing African students.
- The program didn't provide the FOL contacts with enough of the right kind of support — information, guidance and funds to help them help the Basotho be clear and accepting of the program's development education objectives.

At the October, 1989 FOL Conference in Washington, D.C. the general membership voted to channel the interest in

FOL for supporting Basotho students in the U.S. to a scholarship program. Although a committee was subsequently formed no direction has yet emerged even though several requests for scholarship aid were received in 1989-1990. Additional efforts to promote FOL member hospitality with Basotho students in the country by providing travel funds to visits have also proved difficult to organize. A balance of nearly \$1,900.00 remains in the LSAP for an appropriate student support effort.

FOL thanks all the member contacts for their efforts — especially Cheryl Caspe in the field, and Bill Reed, co-director with Scott Brumburgh, who designed the orientation program.

FIVE SELF-DEVELOPMENT BUSINESSES UP AND RUNNING WITH TRICKLE UP/FOL AID

Trickle Up Program, Inc., the world-wide grass-roots organization to empower people to break out of the poverty cycle through development of their own small businesses, recently reported on the successful results of the five projects initiated with FOL's first grant of \$500 for 1989-1990. The five projects involved establishing farm produce distribution associations and clothing manufacturers. The businesses begun were:

- THABANG, a nine-member women's business which started a fruit distribution organization in Pokane, Quthing.
- ABIA DRESS MAKER, comprised of six members selling dresses in local markets around Mazenod.
- TSENOLA, a six-member women's knitting company in Maseru.
- BOITEKO WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION, a five-member organization selling dairy products in Maseru.
- HSOSENG BAOTHO, a five-women business selling fruits and vegetables in the Upper Thamae village market.

Trickle-Up reported that since 1979, 13 major organizations had supported 154 business starts. Most of the supporting organizations are Lesotho or international NGO's, with the Boiteko Women's Association credited with 22 of 32 businesses funded in 1989.

The FOL Board of Directors approved another grant of \$500.00 for 1990-1991.

One of the important resources Trickle-Up does not have is the manpower to follow-up six months after the business is certified profitable and receives its final grant. Don Spicer, a returned Lesotho PCV, has agreed to help evaluate trickle-up projects to see how the businesses are doing, which will help FOL determine future funding levels.

MOTENG TAPESTRIES AVAILABLE

—Jennifer Root

Mohair tapestries from Lesotho's Moteng Weavers were available at the NARPCV conference this past August. Seventeen were sold to former volunteers who had served in Lesotho from the years 1967-1988. The most frequently heard comment about the tapestries was that the quality of both the weaving and the mohair was much better than that of the tapestries which were available ten or more years ago.

Moteng uses only washed mohair, which makes the tapestries lighter in color. They also use finely-spun mohair so that the designs are more distinct and the tapestries less bulky. The tapestries are all hand woven by Basotho women and all of the mohair comes from the mountain goats of Lesotho. The only imported products used are dyes from Germany which insure that the tapestries no longer run when they get wet.

Moteng Weavers has been exporting tapestries to the U.S. for about six years. Contemporary designs such as Birds Falling, Butterflies and Dragonflies, Orange Tree, etc. have been more popular here than the more traditional village scenes.

Some of the tapestries that were available at the conference were gathered from dealers in several cities throughout the U.S., and others were brought from Lesotho in July by the owner of Moteng Weavers, specifically for the conference. They included a large assortment of village scenes and were sold at cost (\$12.00/sq.ft.) to former volunteers. This is less than half the average retail price usually charged in the U.S. There are still ten of these tapestries available, ranging in size from 1 1/2 - 18 sq.ft. For an additional charge of \$4.00/sq.ft. tapestries can be ordered in specific colors, sizes and designs. Four to six months are required for the delivery of new orders. For information about obtaining tapestries from Moteng Weavers, contact Jennifer Root, 4520 East Kiva Ct., Phoenix, AZ. 85044, 609-496-0041.

LITERARY NEWS

KALAHARI REVIEW DEBUTS IN DECEMBER

"The Kalahari Review," a new literary journal which features writing and artwork from Southern Africa, is anticipating the release of its first issue at the end of this year. The publication, which is published by the Kalahari Press, a private, non-profit organization, will feature works of fiction and non-fiction by writers from Botswana, Lesotho, Swaziland, Namibia, South Africa, Zambia, Malawi, Zimbabwe, Mozambique and Angola. Included in the journal will be short stories, poetry, personal accounts, artwork, profiles of people and places, and a section of "New Writing" by new writers of any age. It is hoped that the publication will promote cultural understanding of both Southern Africa and the universal issues that are shared by countries throughout the world. It is also hoped that the journal will serve as a supplement to literacy programs throughout Southern Africa.

"The Kalahari Review" is eager to receive contributions by Basotho writers, including Basotho children and students. Short stories and personal essays should be from one paragraph to 2,500 words in length, profiles from one paragraph to 1,000 words, and poetry no longer than three pages. Articles will be published in both English and the local language, so contributors are asked to submit a translation with their piece. All submissions will be reviewed by the staff and editorial board of the Kalahari Press. Although the Review is not in a position to pay for the manuscripts and artwork at this time, it is hoped that the success of the journal will generate enough grants, etc. provide payment in the future.

"The Kalahari Review" looks forward to an ongoing relationship with FOL; it is hoped that Basotho members will become contributors and that non-Basotho members will consider bringing writings back with them if they are visiting or working in Lesotho, or that they will provide addresses of schools where student submissions can be solicited. Any ideas you might have for generating this kind of literary work are welcomed (please, no scholarly, political or economic analyses!). Feel free to contact Patricia (Kit) Norland at her home, 202-667-9170. Submissions should be sent to: KALAHARI PRESS, 4000 Cathedral Ave., N.W. #138B, Washington, D.C. 20016, U.S.A.

In Memoriam

Carl Malmberg

PCV 1980-1982 St. Stephens High School, Mohaes Hoek

After leaving the Peace Corps and beginning an agricultural research job in Washington, Carl Malmberg was fatally injured February 28, 1984 when hit by a van while bicycling in College Park, Maryland. His estate, with contributions from friends, was used to establish two forms of Lesotho scholarships - a scholarship fund at St. Stephens High School to assist needy students, and an advanced study program at the University of Pittsburgh for Lesotho professionals. The first Carl Malmberg fellow was Malisema Ramaili, teacher at the demonstration Middle School, University of Lesotho, Roma. She returned to Lesotho in May, 1991.

In connection with a small book about Carl which his father is compiling and editing, anyone who knew Carl or corresponded with him is encouraged to write a short remembrance of him for inclusion in this book. Please send your notes to:

Paul Malmberg
130 Gordon St.
Pittsburgh, PA. 15218

Amy L. Forest
900 N. Arlington Mill Dr.
Arlington, VA. 22205

Any such contributions - including photographs and copies of letters, if any - will be most welcome.

The book will be based largely on Carl's journals, letters and photographs, plus remembrances by his acquaintances, and will be made available to anyone interested.

Pittsburgh, PA. August 2, 1991

Linda Bogard,

PCV 1977-1979 NTTC Professional Studies Dept., Maseru

Linda Bogard, a member of FOL died on April 10, 1991 after a long battle with cancer. She was 44. A friend, Nancy Lubin, 14014 Rue d'Antibes, Del Mar, CA. 92014, 619-481-7907 informed us of Linda's death and said that anyone should feel free to contact her for any other information.

RECENT MEMBERSHIP

The following is an incomplete list of FOL Members. A complete listing as well as address and phone numbers, will be distributed in the form of a 1992 Directory sometime after the first of the year.

Frank Keller

Peter Siegenthaler

Arthur Pinchev (formerly Arthur Rosenbaum)

Mike D'Adamo

Consuela Brown

Charles Cornillie

William Welch

Jim Evans

Ann Button

Ann Pehling

Sarah Vandervort



Congratulations

To Don Spicer (PCV 1976-1978, Pitseng) and 'Nthakoana Peko, on the birth of their baby girl, Sarah Mathasi Peko-Spicer, who was born on Sept. 7, 1991. Abigal Amoheang Spicer is undoubtedly a proud big sister.

To Bob Kerr (PCV 1981-1985, Holy Cross H.S.) and Myrna Oritz, on Bob's new job as APCD Programming/Training in Papua New Guinea.