

# FRIENDS OF LESOTHO

# newsletter



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## STUDYING ABROAD

by Letele Mosae

As one of the Basotho students studying overseas, I would like to contribute just three of the remarkable hardships we face.

### Culture Shock

The first is culture shock. Surely, having spent most of our student lives in Lesotho, it is a complicated process to adjust to a new pattern of life. For instance, we have to get accustomed to a new place and a new people, while at the same time sorting our way through a new educational system. What I found is that by the time I was adjusted to Canadian society, school had progressed

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## NEW LESOTHO PROGRAM IN PRACTICAL EDUCATION STARTED

by Brad and Beth Rae

"Lesotho Today" announced on June 24th the launching of a recently developed concept in education: LEFEP (Lesotho Foundation for Education with Production). It is noted that LEFEP was born, in great part, through His Majesty King Moshoeshoe II's encouragement.

### Goals

The Foundation formed as a result of concern for the hundreds of students who pass their junior certificate exams but cannot find places in high schools or technical institutions and also for the thousands of primary school leavers who cannot be admitted into post-primary institutions. The goals of the Foundation are:

- 1) To encourage schools to adopt a thematic approach that will lead to a "complete production project;"
- 2) To mobilize people to engage in joint ventures of small production;
- 3) To encourage school or community-oriented project education and rural development; and
- 4) To engage communities in "stay-put-through learning activities".

How could these ideas be developed?

Does this mean an effort to create a technical tracking curriculum as sometimes found in the U.S.? Will a student choose a direction and then

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NEWSLETTER TO PUBLISH QUARTERLY - GIVE A HAND!!

by Bob Kerr - editor

Friends of Lesotho is committing itself to publishing its newsletter quarterly. We think that regular publication helps make FOL a more viable and dependable organization. And we challenge all to whom Lesotho is a special place to contribute.

Each issue serves to:

1) Relay to the membership at large noteworthy country-to-country service projects underway. Tom Carroll, taking the lead in FOL's development and education activities, outlines in this issue our own current efforts.

2) Share developments in Lesotho and Southern Africa as outlined in the media. We are thus including several articles covering among other things, Basotho miners giving their support to strikes in South Africa, activities of various aid agencies, activities of the Lesotho government and foundations.

The Lesotho Embassy has given us a complementary subscription to "Lesotho Today." Unfortunately, it is received by surface mail and articles are therefore somewhat dated. At the same time they are immediately interesting, and Lesotho is in the media so rarely that it otherwise is easy to lose touch with direct reporting about the country.

3) Outline Basotho/American activities taking place in the states. There are literally hundreds of Basotho students in the United States and Canada, many of whom suffer from the same and even worse anxieties than those we experienced when first introduced into Basotho society. However, where most of us enjoyed elaborate training programs that allowed us to establish support networks, many Basotho students are simply given air tickets and sent.

In this regard, we benefit from Letele Mosae's article in which he shares some of the difficulties he encountered. FOL is in the process of organizing a support network for Basotho students.

ARTICLES, REPORTS CONTINUE IN DEBATE OVER EFFECTS OF SANCTIONS

by Doug Mayo

Prior to and since the imposition of economic sanctions against the Republic of South Africa, which Congress approved in the Comprehensive Anti-Apartheid Act a little over a year ago, there has been considerable debate over their effectiveness. Assistant Secretary of State Chester Crocker recently declared sanctions to be "yesterday's agenda, shown by today's events to be less helpful than they are injurious to the hopes of South Africans for tomorrow." A recent presidential report on the impact of sanctions stated that the effect of U.S. actions against South Africa have been "more negative than positive."

At the same time, several members of Congress and major anti-apartheid organizations have perceived sanctions to have been effective over the past year. In fact, a recent study by the Starnbarger Institute of Munich, West Germany, found that the "South African economy is highly vulnerable to targeted sanctions."

Slogans and Half-Truths

The debate over the effectiveness of sanctions stems partly from ideology and at least partly from a lack of agreement on objectives. Dr. William Minter, writing in the Winter 1986-1987 issue of Foreign Policy, pointed out that without an adequate definition of objectives we "can expect the new sanctions debate to be dominated by the slogans and half-truths that have filled the air so far." Dr. Minter proceeds to provide some standards for evaluating the sanctions that now form United States policy toward South Africa.

Sanctions Against Lesotho

That sanctions can be applied effectively cannot be denied. Dr. Minter cites as an example trade sanctions South Africa applied against Lesotho in January, 1986. Those sanctions are generally believed to have

LESOTHO RPCVS WHO HELPED MARKET  
BASOTHO HANDICRAFTS WILL ADVISE FOL  
by Jasmine Erskian

Malcolm and Jasmine Erskian, who worked in Lesotho handicrafts centers and promoted Basotho products during their Peace Corps tour in the late seventies, have indicated they will advise Friends of Lesotho in exploring possibilities of expanding the sale of Lesotho handicrafts crafts in the U.S.

The Erskians began their involvement with handicrafts at the Leribe Craft Center in 1977. Jasmine managed the workshop where young Basotho women were taught loom weaving, spinning, dyeing and the art of mixing organic and chemical dyes. After leaving the center, the Erskians went to the Mabathoana Services, where boys were taught to work with brass and mold it into electrical fixtures. Jasmine and Malcolm also developed outlets for these products.

Their final project was to work with a number of weaving organizations to promote mohair tapestries and other mohair crafts. These groups included Tullycraft, The Moteng Weavers, Thabana-li-'mele, Sherra and the Royal Lesotho Tapestry Weavers. A Lesotho tapestry is a prestigious feat of workmanship. Each one tells a story: village life, new born baby, wash day, happy family, wedding day and on and on, even representing folklore stories.

Eventually the Erskians helped market Basotho pottery, baskets, sheepskin products and jewelry all over the world. Jasmine estimates that over those years they marketed over \$500,000 in Lesotho handicrafts.

While not so much involved in marketing these days, the Erskians continue to talk to groups twice a month regarding their Peace Corps days and Lesotho handicrafts. Jasmine will be able to meet periodically with FOL members because their daughter Linda lives in Alexandria, VA, next door to Washington, D.C.

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*NOTE: Jasmine and Malcolm Erskian finished their Peace Corps assignments in 1980. They now reside in Van Nuys, California.*



Valley News photo by Garry A. Watson

### RPCV Wall Calendar

1988 CALENDAR by the Returned Peace Corps Volunteers of Wisconsin (Madison) with Lesotho as one of 12 countries featured. Color photos, important country dates, e.g., Moshoeshoe's Birthday. Send \$6.00 for one, \$5.75 each for 2-5, or \$5.50 each for 6 or more to:

Jim Good - RPCVW Calendar Coordinator  
608G Eagle Heights  
Madison, WN 53705  
608/233-7373

(Include \$1.50 for the first calendar and \$.50 for each additional calendar for postage and handling. This rate applies to each address to which a calendar is sent.)

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Notice to all Returned PCV/Lesotho 1984-87

KEVIN BRENNAN of Chapel Hill, NC, has taken on the task of sending out an annual update newsletter to the "Winter Omnibus '85" group who held their Close of Service Conference at that time. For your copy of the 4-sided, single-spaced newsletter write either to the FOL office or to Kevin at: 223 Valley Park Drive, #4, Chapel Hill, NC 27514. Our thanks to Kevin for including a flyer about Friends of Lesotho in his mailing.

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Last Fall FOL members assisted several PCV CANDIDATES IN SECONDARY SCHOOL EDUCATION in their decision about whether to go to Lesotho. The potential volunteers sought FOL out through Peace Corps recruiter officers because they wanted someone to talk with about the country and to get some inkling of what their work situations could be like before deciding to accept, or not accept, an invitation to the Atlanta CREST training last November for Lesotho. It is believed that all who were assisted decided to accept. The group was expected to complete its in-country training mid January, 1988.

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Sesotho Translator Needed

MICHAEL ROHAN, who recently returned from a trip to Lesotho, has need of a fluent Sesotho writer to help him do translations. The FOL directories lists have no Basotho listed in the Boston area where Michael lives, but you may know of someone who could help. Contact Michael at: 69 Oxford St., Somerville, MA 02143. Tel. 617/629-2455.

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Master List of Lesotho PCVs Obtained

The Peace Corps Office of Private Sector Relations and Development Education has released to Friends of Lesotho a master copy of all persons who ever served as Peace Corps volunteers in Lesotho since the first program was assembled in the Fall of 1967. Also included are individuals who participated in a PC/L training program but did not serve as a volunteer. Due to the Federal Privacy Act only the names and years of service (or training) are given. We cannot obtain addresses without written permission from the volunteer. Anyone wishing to track down a name/s on this list can do so by contacting the FOL office.

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LESOTHO STUDENTS STUDYING IN OTHER NATIONS (LESSON), a sub-committee of the Tuition Assistance Project (TAP) mentioned in the dev/ed article on page '9 has two Basotho students attending Staples High School in Westport, CN. FOL is looking for a member or other interested people to help coordinate a trip to Washington, D.C. for the students, or some other travel in the U.S. If interested, please contact the FOL office. For more information on LESSON and sponsoring a student in the U.S., write to them at: Box 554, Maseru 100, Lesotho, Southern Africa.

*Letter of Acknowledgement from His Majesty, King Moshoeshoe II, on the  
Founding of the Friends of Lesotho*

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THE PALACE  
MASERU  
LESOTHO



11 August, 1987

Dear Ntate Van Tonder,

Let me acknowledge with great appreciation your information concerning the establishment of this inspiring organization - Friends of Lesotho.

Frankly, the idea of starting such an organization has always crossed His Majesty's mind for as you know, you have friends of Israel, Ireland just to mention a few in the U.S.A. Now that the idea has been realized, His Majesty is basically satisfied.

Your Excellency, let me take this opportunity to thank you for/such an important organization and giving it your much needed support.

Convey therefore, Your Excellency, His Majesty's best wishes to the President of Friends for Lesotho and all his colleagues.

Yours sincerely,

  
KHABANE MABATLA  
PRINCIPAL PROTOCOL OFFICER

H.E. W.T. Van Tonder,  
The Ambassador,  
Embassy of the Kingdom of Lesotho,  
1430 K. Street, N.W.  
Suite 600,  
Washington, D.C. 20005.

so far that it was then hard to catch up with my studies. This made it very difficult to demonstrate the performance I was capable of during my first semester, and I had to push extra hard at the semester's end. Although many of the Canadian students did go to efforts to make us feel at home, there is still a cultural divide that remains unbridged.

#### Lack of Social Interaction with Other Basotho

The second is the lack of social interaction between Basotho students and the staff at the Lesotho embassy. The problem is that while students are involved in their studies and the embassy staff is involved in its work, the two sides don't meet on a regular basis. I think such interactions would help students reduce their feelings of loneliness and depression. I really think more needs to be done in this direction.

#### Living Allowance Insufficient

The third is the living allowance. Although we are all grateful for the opportunity to study abroad, after we buy the warm clothes necessary for Canadian winters, pay for our books and establish a budget for room and board, there is very little money left over to travel within Canada and the United States or to send gifts home to our loved ones. Since these extra expenses are an important part of a well rounded student's lifestyle, not being able to do these extra things only makes adjusting to life as a student abroad a little more difficult.

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 NOTE: Letele Mosae recently concluded his studies in development economics at Carlton University in Ottawa, Canada. He returned to his home in Mpharane, Mphahle's Hoek in January, 1988 after living a year and a half in Canada.

pursue vocational and practical self-reliance courses as opposed to further writing, science, literature and math courses? If that were the case, how would such choices be made? J.C. exam results perhaps? Maybe some Form D and E tech-track students could work and study in cooperative education programs similar to those in U.S. high schools. Examples might be:

- o Learning to manage a small shop/cafe or learning pipe fitting skills by helping the local public works person maintain a village water system.

- o A business approach to the existing Home Economics programs in Forms D and E might be useful to young Basotho women after completion of J.C. exams.

- o An emphasis on cottage industry organization - art, fabrics, sewing and pottery could be beneficial to those motivated toward basic entrepreneurship.

Ideas must be developed by the Basotho themselves.

These ideas were only surmised from the article in "Lesotho Today." With his reputation for strong support and encouragement towards practical education, the King is in a firm position to help motivate and direct the Founders of LEFEP towards ideas such as those listed here. But many other and more specific plans must be identified from the viewpoints of the Basotho who are in a position to further develop this project.

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 NOTE: Brad Rae and Beth Snyder were PCV's in Lesotho from 1981 to 1983. Brad taught woodworking at Moshoeshoe II High School. Beth originally worked with National Teacher Training College (NTTC) interns in Leribe before moving to Morija to establish a preschool and work with preschool teacher development. They were married in Maseru in December, 1982 and lived in Matsieng for the remainder of their time in the Peace Corps.

/REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT/

+ Fashioning FOL's Links to Lesotho  
+ Affiliation with National Council  
of RPCVs

by Scott Brumburgh

During 1987 FOL Organizing Committee members attended a number of meetings that are having an effect on the way this service organization will be run over the next few years. Here is the essence of what has happened so far.

o The LESOTHO AMBASSADOR TO THE U.S. invited the FOL Organizing Committee to his Bethesda, Md. residence to meet with the LESOTHO DELEGATION TO THE ANNUAL WORK BANK MEETING this past September. This opportunity to meet as a group with high government officials was a first. Ambassador Van Tonder had previously informed the delegation of our aims, making the session feasible for talking directly about our intended programs. We found the delegation insightful about the potential of our organization and instructive, too, about possible niches for our work, given the extent and nature of development/education assistance operating in the country.

The meeting unquestionably sharpened our thinking for how best to use our initial development assistance resources. (See TOM CARROLL's article on page 1.) It was agreed at the conclusion that FOL would remain in close communication with the Embassy for informing appropriate ministries of our activities in the country, but that FOL would not operate its programs jointly with the government. Rather, our approach will be to pursue direct cooperation with Basotho individuals, private Basotho organizations or Peace Corps/Lesotho and other PVOs or NGOs.

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FOL BEGINS DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS WITH  
PEACE CORPS/LESOTHO, OTHER GROUPS  
by Tom Carroll

As a result of a survey of members conducted by FOL in the first newsletter, and inquiries made with development organizations in Washington, D.C., the FOL organizing committee has selected three Lesotho development - education programs to support during 1988 - 89.

They were chosen as most suitable for us because of their manageable scale and direct impact potential. They include projects needing donation funds and direct labor to succeed. Since our survey revealed we have more than 40 members committed to our dev/ed program we believe we can make a very successful beginning in any one or all of these programs over the next year.

Small Project Assistance Program

Arthur Cole, Peace Corps Director/Lesotho, has advised us that there are a number of opportunities for us to work on small scale projects with Lesotho volunteers. This would include, for example, providing funds for small village gardening projects, development of small village cooperatives, self-help emergency projects, and small water projects.

Most of us know from experience that access to small sums of money can make tremendous differences to these types of projects. We would therefore like to establish an FOL Small Projects Assistance Program to support these types of efforts.

Our idea is that funds would be donated or raised by FOL members, and

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**FOL INCORPORATES, SEEKS TAX EXEMPT STATUS FOR CONTRIBUTIONS**  
by Ted Hochstadt

On January 8, 1988 Friends of Lesotho (FOL) was officially incorporated. As Friends of Lesotho, Inc. we are now an officially registered, non-profit corporation "engaging in various benevolent, charitable and educational activities intended to foster friendship between the peoples of the United States and Lesotho."

**Tax-exempt Status**

FOL Treasurer Ted Hochstadt has applied to the Internal Revenue Service for us to be recognized as a tax-exempt charitable organization so that donations for our projects will be tax deductible. Eventually we can also apply for grants from foundations. Furthermore, the balance of all money received by FOL from its operations after the payment of all debts and obligations will be used and distributed exclusively for benevolent, charitable, educational or social purposes.

**Election of Officers**

The general officers of FOL will be president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer. Officers are to be elected annually by a board of directors which will in turn be elected by the membership at large. The interim officers until an election can be conducted by mail are members of the FOL organizing committee:

- o President- Scott Brumburgh  
(PCV/Lesotho 1967-69)
- o Treasurer- Don Spicer  
(PCV/Lesotho 1976-78)
- o Secretary- Ted Hochstadt  
(PCV/Lesotho 1967-69)

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*NOTE: Don Spicer lives with his wife Nthakoana Peko and daughter Abigail in Silver Spring, Md. He taught at Pitseng High School as a PCV between 1976-78.*

**FOL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE SET;  
ANNUAL DUES STRUCTURE ESTABLISHED**  
by Don Spicer  
Membership Chairman/Treasurer

As of November 30, 1987, Friends of Lesotho (FOL) had 99 members. We expect to increase our membership substantially, perhaps by as much as 200 additional members, through two mass mailings in January. Information about FOL will be sent to more than 500 RPCVs, former AID and State Dept. staff and other people recommended to us because of their strong interest in Lesotho. The first mailing will be paid for and sent out by Peace Corps/Washington, the second one directly by FOL.

**Annual Dues**

In order to raise sufficient funds for FOL to carry out its new programs in earnest this year, annual dues of \$10 per adult member (bana under 18 years of age are free) have been established. We ask that members send in their dues each January. This will reduce our expenses and simplify our bookkeeping greatly. So all 1987 members, regardless of when you joined, should send their 1988 dues as soon as possible to:

Friends of Lesotho  
2801 Spencer Road  
Chevy Chase, MD 20815

Please use the form at the back of this newsletter and make your check payable to "Friends of Lesotho." Indicate on the check which members the dues are for. Remember, \$10 per adult.

**Budget**

As of November 30, 1987 our balance stood at \$1,045.91. This is roughly accounted for as follows:

o Total Receipts	
Dues, Donations, Interest-	\$1,369.00
o Expenditures	
Maintaining the store	
(admin.)	\$247.09
Reception for	
Lesotho Embassy	76.00
Total Expenditures-	323.09
o Balance 11-30-87	\$1,045.91



then be awarded to projects on the basis of short proposals developed by current volunteers. WE WILL MAKE GRANTS RANGING FROM \$200 TO \$400 THIS YEAR FOR THIS PROGRAM.

#### Book Exchange

A number of members have indicated they have access to books that would be valuable to Lesotho's schools and libraries. We contacted the International Book Project in Lexington, Kentucky, and the Bishop Tutu Refugee Fund in Hartford Connecticut, which are both experienced in shipping books to Lesotho as well as other Southern African countries. They informed us that shipping books in volume is both complicated and expensive.

In this light, we need a clearer picture from you of what the actual interest is. Therefore, PLEASE SEND US AN ACCURATE COUNT OF THE NUMBERS AND SIZES OF BOOKS YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEND. If we have a sufficient number of books, we will set up the logistics to make our first shipment this year.

#### Tuition Assistance Project

A group of Lesotho volunteers are operating an organization called the Tuition Assistance Project (TAP), which raises tuition fees and educational expenses for needy and meritorious students. A subgroup of TAP is also working to support the travel and educational expenses of selected Basotho students studying in the United States. WE WILL DONATE AND RAISE FUNDS FOR THIS ORGANIZATION.

In the long term, we hope to raise enough funding to support larger projects on the scale of even \$2,000 apiece. This would require real fund raising by FOL and its individual members, seeking contributions from community organizations, churches, foundations, or even the corporate world. If you are able to help in this kind of fund-raising, or have fund-raising ideas, please let us know. Our application for tax deductible status is pending; we will inform you once we have the green light.

Incorporation will greatly help the group further its development as a viable country-to-country service organization. Besides the benefits of tax exempt status (if our application is accepted), FOL will operate under a set of bylaws to be approved by the general membership. As the group grows and develops, amendments can be added to give the organization additional guidance.

Any member wishing a copy of the Articles of Incorporation may request them from the FOL office:

Friends of Lesotho  
2801 Spencer Road  
Chevy Chase, MD 20815  
301/589-4236

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*NOTE: Ted Hochstadt was a PCV financial advisor to the Mazanod Mutual Aid Association from 1967-1970. His is now an attorney for the U.S. Dept. of Energy in Washington, D.C.*

#### "PEACE CORPS IMPRESSIONS" (13 min.)

Directed by Darrel Hess, RPCV Korea, 1978-80, and Ken Logan, RPCV India, 1965-67.

A portrait of Peace Corps service through the words and photographs of returned volunteers.

This account of the Peace Corps was produced by RPCV's of Northern California and is recommended by them for Development Education projects, speakers bureaus, career fairs, and school presentations. It was presented in 1986 as a multi-media slide show at the 25th Anniversary of Peace Corps conferences in San Francisco, Los Angeles, and the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. All proceeds go toward Development Education projects by members of NorCal RPCV.

Interested buyers send \$30.00 for each VHS copy, which includes postage and handling to:

Peace Corps Impressions  
2024 Brookside Drive  
San Pablo, California 94806

(Beta or 3/4" formats must be ordered specially.)

Videotapes

"SONGS OF THE ADVENTURERS" (48 min.)

Produced and Directed by Gei Zantzinger and a finalist at both the American Film Festival and the Anthropos '87 Barbara Myerhoff Film Festival.

In the mines of South Africa, migrant workers from Lesotho compose powerful autobiographical poems about their lives in the mining industry and individual worth amid the dehumanizing experiences of labor migrancy.

Based upon the research of David Coplan, Ph.D., "Songs of the Adventurers" presents performances of song-poems, called difela, within the context of the current social and political situation. Short historical and analytical sections provide insights to the development of this relatively recent oral form.

Interested buyers should send \$230 for 1/2 inch VHS or Beta, \$275 for 3/4 inch U-Matic, or \$575 for 16mm print to:

Constant Spring Productions, Inc.  
P.O. Box 2, Devault, PA. 19432.

(Include shipping and handling charge of \$7.00 for each video and \$10.00 for each film copy.)

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I am pleased to share with you the high regard in which FOL is held by the Lesotho officials we have met, in spite of our organization's infancy. What they have said to us matters is both our commitment to begin and the tremendous potential we bring together for good works.

o On October 24, 1987 I represented FOL at the Chevy Chase, Md. 'SUMMIT' CONFERENCE OF 28 COUNTRY OF SERVICE GROUPS formed by RPCVs in recent years.

It was sponsored by the National Council of Returned Peace Corps Volunteers (NCRPCV) to increase our awareness of efforts to establish viable groups and to strengthen ties among groups and with the National Council. The NCRPCV is actively seeking formal affiliation with country of service groups for building a stronger national RPCV movement, for collaboration of talent and economics in providing services of a common nature, e.g., dev. ed., and to make even more services possible from creating a larger joint membership and financial pool.

Some service groups are now affiliated with NCRPCV, some are not. For the present, we are not members. There are a number of unresolved concerns as well as advantages to the notion of a

financial and voting affiliation with the National Council, I believe, so I plan to use a future column to lay it all out for the membership before we determine a way to make a decision later this year. In any event, the NCRPCV is undertaking extraordinary efforts through new Executive Director TIM CARROLL to raise funds and membership for fueling a truly national volunteer program and I do think we should be a part of that effort in some way. I welcome your thoughts.

o By the way, many of you will receive with this issue of the newsletter your copies of our three DIRECTORIES-- MEMBERS OF FOL; BASOTHO LIVING IN THE U.S. and CANADA; and our ever expanding LIST OF Lesotho PCVs and others who are NON-MEMBERS but known to have a strong link to the country. Thanks to DOUGLAS and KAREN GRABIA-OTTO for computerizing our directories and mailing labels, and to TOM CARROLL and DON SPICER for publication.

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*NOTE: Scott Brumburgh was a community development volunteer in Matelile Ward, Mafeteng District between 1967-69. He is now a management consultant and organization trainer.*

## SELECTED LESOTHO BIBLIOGRAPHY

Each newsletter issue contains a selected bibliography on a pre-determined theme. Some of these publications may be dated. Furthermore, the listing of a publication does not mean that either the publication was reviewed or that its views are those of Friends of Lesotho. This section is simply provided as a resource to anyone interested in pursuing informative research on topics relevant to Lesotho. For this issue the theme is Lesotho's political relationship with South Africa.

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Weisfelder, Richard. "Lesotho and South Africa: Diverse Linkages." AFRICA TODAY 18(2): 48-55, Spring, 1971.

Winai-Strom, Gabrielle. DEVELOPMENT AND DEPENDENCE IN LESOTHO: THE ENCLAVE OF SOUTH AFRICA. Uppsala: Scandinavian Institute of African Studies, 1978. (also see Bardill above)

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Please send FOL your donation for any of these projects using the form at the back of this newsletter. Contributions will be placed in separate accounts and your name will be listed as a contributor to the receiving organization when we have accumulated sufficient funds to make a grant.

FOL is, of course, interested in additional suggestions members may have for worthy development/education projects.

*NOTE: Tom Carroll is Deputy Director of the Fund for the Improvement of Post Secondary Education in Washington, D.C. He served as a community development volunteer in Mafeteng under the first Peace Corps group, 1967-69.*

### New Book Release

AFRICAN ENTERPRISE: NEW BUSINESS IN THE MOUNTAIN KINGDOM OF LESOTHO (\$3.00), has just been announced in the January list of publications from the Cooperative Housing Foundation. No details on the book's contents were available. For more information or to order write: Cooperative Housing Foundation 2501 M Street, N.W., Suite 450 Washington, D.C. 20037

contributed to a coup against the government of Leabua Jonathan, and resulted in a repositioning of Lesotho's policy toward South African political refugees. What is not as clear is whether economic sanctions will be effective against South Africa. Minter takes the position that the downfall of the apartheid system is in sight and sanctions will hasten the day.

Post-Apartheid South Africa

To date there has been little public discussion inside South Africa about the system of government that would replace the apartheid structure. Would it be a democratic parliamentarian system along the British model? Or would South Africa become a Marxist state, as has its neighbor, Mozambique? Or could South Africa become a one party state, as have many others on the African continent?

Lesotho - Geographic Hostage

Regardless of events in South Africa, however, Minter continues, Lesotho will likely continue to be a geographic hostage. If new institutions and ideals are to rule in South Africa, the Basotho, he believes, need to plan for the effect that changes in South Africa will have on the economy and policies of Lesotho. Now would be the time for Lesotho to examine her alternatives and, to the extent possible, determine her own destiny.

For in depth articles on Sanctions see: Dr. William Minter in the Winter 1986-87 issue of Foreign Policy; the October 19, 1987 issue of Africa News; or MISSION TO SOUTH AFRICA: THE COMMONWEALTH REPORT, Penguin Books, 1986.

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Lost RPCV

JENNIFER ROOT seeks a current mailing address for JOHN BECNELL, PCV/Lesotho 1977-79. If you have information write Jennifer at: 932 Chestnut, Birmingham, MI 48008. Tel. 313/642-4635 (H).  
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4) Share contributions written by members about current activities taking place in Lesotho. In this spirit Beth and Brad Rae, both education PCV's from 1981-1983, took time to investigate a new concept of education being implemented under the King's guidance. Doug Mayo, who served in the late 60's, investigated the debate on sanctions.

For the next issue, Betty Boorady, director of USAID in the early 80's, will outline new programs being undertaken by the Lesotho National Development Corporation.

We thank all contributors for their enlightening thoughts. We have, as well, organized the files and letters of other FOL members who have expressed interest in developing the newsletter, and they will all be contacted in short order.

Besides these, there are many other reasons why publishing regularly will help our group grow, and thus add to the spirit of goodwill between Lesotho and the United States; and there are many other wonderful ideas that many of you have as well that we want to include. So, if you enjoy the articles in this issue, take the time to send us your news.

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*NOTE: Doug Mayo was a PCV working in the teacher training program for curriculum upgrading from 1967-1969. He now lives with his wife and son in Minneapolis, MN.*