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## Constitutional Crisis Averted in Maseru

**T**he government of Prime Minister Mokhehle faced a second grave threat to its existence in late August/early September this year, as reported in the *New York Times* and *Washington Post*.

Previously, as mentioned in the last issue of FOL, two separate factions of the royal Lesotho Defense Force (RLDF), one representing the Basotho Congress Party (BCP) of the Prime Minister and the other representing the opposition Basotho National Party (BNP), had fought over political differences earlier this year.

A truce had been negotiated by the British Commonwealth shortly after the fighting had erupted but ominously, nothing had been done to resolve the political issues that had caused the initial outbreak. Unfortunately, that oversight proved fatal in August.

***"The United States warned the new government of 21 August it would suspend it \$9.6 economic assistance and its military training program with the RLDF in protest for overthrowing the legitimate government of Lesotho."***

King Letsie proclaimed on 17 August that he had dissolved the Parliament, dismissed the BCP government and that an interim government would be appointed to prepare for new elections. (As an aside, this proclamation was very similar to a petition presented to the King by BNP leader Sekhonyana of 15 August).

Many people protested in the streets of Maseru after the issuance of the proclamation, ending up in front of the Royal Palace to deliver a petition to the King calling for the restoration of the democratically elected government. The petition was not allowed to be delivered to the King and when an army van tried to force its way through the crowd gathered in front of the Palace panic ensued, shots were fired and by the

time the incident ended, five (5) people were dead and 16 wounded.

The events during the next several days in Maseru were confused. A spokesperson for King Letsie said the King was in complete control. The Foreign Minister of the "dissolved" BCP government said the BCP was still in charge and continuing with business as usual. Several foreign governments, including Zimbabwe, South Africa and the United States expressed concern about the King's actions.

Simultaneously, the BCP went to court to prevent the installation of the King's provisional government. The BCP motion was apparently granted by the Chief Justice on the morning of 19 August, but the King's "Council of State for National Reconciliation, Reconstruction and Unity" was sworn in by him early that same afternoon.

The Chairman of the Council was Mr. Phfoolo, former King Moshoeshe II's lawyer (it was mentioned in the last issue of FOL that Moshoeshe wanted his position back), and the Minister of Foreign Affairs was BNP leader Sekhonyana.

Unfortunately, later on the 19th one supporter of the BCP was killed and another seriously wounded by police in Quthing.


Several organizations, including the trade unions, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), the business community and five (5) political parties, including the BCP, called for a National Conference.

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## NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

 n October 14, 1994, Scott Brumburgh and I had the honor of meeting with Prime Minister Ntsu Mokhehle and Foreign Minister Molapo Qhobela. The Prime Minister had requested that a meeting be arranged based on the positive information he had been receiving about Friends of Lesotho from the Lesotho Embassy and through the receipt of our newsletter. He was in the United States to make a speech at the United Nations concerning the resolution of the most recent crisis in Lesotho.

While a detailed report on the current situation in Lesotho is reported elsewhere in the newsletter, it was encouraging to hear from the Prime Minister that things were again "under control". His desire to meet with us and take the time to report this fact to us in person is evidence of FOL's acceptance and reputation. It can only encourage us to continue to provide the kind of information and assistance we have been able to over the last eight years to both our members and the country of Lesotho.

However, in order to do this, a couple of concerns need to be addressed. First, we desperately need some new faces on our Board. A number of us have been on the Board since FOL began in 1986 and quite honestly, we need an infusion of energy that can only be provided by new faces, thoughts, and ideas. While I would most like to find someone willing to be president for awhile (right now this office sort of moves back and forth between Scott and I), I would love to hear from anyone desiring to serve in any capacity on the Board. It is not a requirement that board members be in Washington, DC - one of our current members is in Oregon. I ask that you all give this some thought. We want to keep the group going and all of us currently on the Board want to remain involved. I certainly remain interested in being treasurer and working on membership. But, we really do need some help.

A second issue involves money. So far, we have been able to donate to projects in Lesotho through the generosity of our members who often send extra contributions along with their dues. However, both the dues and the extra contributions we receive tend to fluctuate. As we now have a set agenda of commitments we make on an annual basis (scholarship fund, Trickle-Up, the museum, the volunteer liaison committee, etc.) it will be important in the coming year to look at each of these donations and decide whether we want to continue with all of them, add new ones, and to make specific appeals for funds from the membership to cover them. This applies most of all to the scholarship fund which many of you have mentioned you would be willing to support with extra contributions. Would you be responsive to separate fundraising appeals for specific projects? The Board's only real constraint is a self-imposed one to keep dues stable at \$10.00 per year. Please let us know what you think.



Don Spicer

## MEMBER NEWS

### *Change in Washington?*

Many changes are in store for agencies during the 104th Congress and the Peace Corps and foreign aid will not be excepted from these changes.

One radical change already mentioned by the incoming chairman of the foreign aid budget subcommittee, Sen. Mitch McConnell (R-KY), is to move the Peace Corps into the State Department so that it would no longer operate as an independent agency.

The consequences of such a change seem obvious. The independence and motivation of the agency and volunteers will be called into question. Some "volunteers" might actually try to gather information for the State Department or other agencies.

Additionally, Senator McConnell has indicated he would like to decrease overall foreign aid by 20 percent. However, he would like to increase aid to the Middle East and the Newly Independent States of the former Soviet Union.

This means that other countries would have to have dramatic cuts in their levels of foreign assistance. Since this is not physics, it is obvious countries in Africa would suffer the brunt of these cutbacks.

Please let Senator McConnell know what you think about these issues by writing to him at: Honorable Mitch McConnell, Foreign Operations Subcommittee, United States Senate, Washington, DC 20510.

### *Membership Reminder*

Dues are \$10.00 per person. The expiration date for your membership is shown in the upper right corner of the address label on your envelope. If that date is 12/94 or earlier, your membership has expired and you need to send in your dues. Please complete the membership form in this package and send it in with your check. We like to keep our membership database up-to-date and need your dues and extra contributions to keep going. Thanks for your continuing support.

# NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

## "How the Weather Was"

**W**ell, here it is, that most wonderful time of the year again, and much has happened both here and in Lesotho (described much more fully later) since the publication of the last newsletter.

Obviously, there has been a quantum shift in the political landscape of this country. I have not heard nor read anything official as of today's date, but rumor has it that foreign aid, especially to developing countries, will be severely "hit" in 1995. The additional contributions you may have thought about to FOL will obviously be appreciated, necessary and tax deductible.

Strange things have been going on - its December and we have not had any snow in Buffalo. The unusualness of this event compares with events in Lesotho. There was a coup - but then there was not.

Last month, el presidente Spicer mentioned that sometimes it appears Lesotho takes one step forward and then another one or two backward. Let's not leave out any of those

sideways steps either. This trip to democracy is a very long and tough road. We have had a number of years of practice. Early history of the U.S.A. is also sprinkled with a few side-steps as people adjusted (or not) to this democratic concept.

Nevertheless, the state of ship in Lesotho is righted again (as discussed in some later articles) and there seems to be a somewhat uneasy truce.

I would like to emphasize again, please let us know what you all have been doing, and if you have seen any articles on Lesotho in your local papers to forward them on, or if you have any comments or questions about the newsletter and/or FOL, please let us know.

Finally, I want to wish everyone a joyous holiday season and best wishes for the new year.



George Fanelli

## FOL Board of Directors

*Mea Culpa again - I forgot to include a roster of the FOL Board of Directors in our last issue, so here it is:*

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*FOL recently received an update from the Morija Museum regarding its current activities and acquisitions. We have presented this information in its entirety.*

## A NEW LOOK AT MORIJA MUSEUM

Enjoy the following new features at Morija Museum and spend a relaxing day with your family and friends:

- Tea-room with snacks & sandwiches, as well as hot & cold drinks (open daily 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Sundays from 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.);
- Braai pits with plenty of picnic space;
- Our recreational centre is also equipped with outdoor furniture and a comfortable rondavel when the weather is not cooperating!
- Self-Guided Walking Tours of the Morija Area. This new booklet, soon to be released, will enable you and your friends to enjoy leisurely as well as more challenging walks in Morija, including:  
Historical Morija Mission  
Mountain Lakes Trail  
Dinosaur Footprints  
Makhoarane Nature Trail
- Enjoy the beauty and peace of Morija! Come out and enjoy the weekend at Morija Museum!!!

*The following services are also provided by the Morija Museum & Archives to the public:*

1. Tours of the Museum Exhibits.  
Fees: Adults M 2.00; Children M 1.00; Teachers M 1.00; Students 50 cents  
Open: Monday to Saturday 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.;  
Sunday 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
2. Archival Assistance  
Family history and genealogy; History & Culture of the Basotho; History of the churches of Lesotho;
3. Preservation of Family Treasures.

## MANY SCHOOLS ENJOY MORIJA MUSEUM

A large number of primary and high schools from Lesotho, South Africa and Swaziland visits the Morija Museum annually. Why not bring your school too! Both students and teachers will have an Enjoyable Educational

Experience! Tours of the Printing Works, Book Depot, Mophato, and Scott Hospital can also be arranged. And don't forget to enjoy our new Recreational Centre!!!

## THE MMA TEAM SERVES YOU

Our one aim is to give the best service to you and your visitors. If you are not satisfied, please tell us. If you enjoyed the museum, the tea-room, or the walks in Morija, tell your friends!!!

- Mr. B.N. Motsetsela, a retired teacher, joined the MA team in April 1993. He leads tours of the museum and is much appreciated for his wide background and experience. We hope that he will also be involved in a community outreach program next year. He is assisted by Miss 'Maselone Rantasane.
- The newly-opened tea-room and outdoor facilities are run by Ms. Tlalane Mangoela. She also provides catering for smaller parties.
- Mrs. 'Mamorakane Moletsane, the designated Deputy Curator, has left her part-time involvement at the museum after the government failed to provide the MMA with an additional salary grant. She had been waiting for three years but no progress has been achieved. We are grateful for the service which she has rendered to schools and visitors during that period!
- Rev. Albert Brutsch continues to ably assist researchers at the archives where his wide and intimate knowledge of the various documents is highly appreciated. Although he works only part-time, his contribution is significant.
- Mr. Stephen Gill, the Curator, continues to juggle many responsibilities at the museum and archives. While often busy with the marketing of MMA publications, research and writing, and planning, he enjoys meeting visitors, assisting with queries, and hiking to the dinosaur footprints.

Your suggestion on how we can improve our services to you and the community are most welcome  
We look forward to serving you!

## ATTENTION STAMPS COLLECTORS

A wide range of stamps and first day covers from Lesotho (and assorted stamps from Africa) are now on sale at the MMA. These items make perfect gifts and souvenirs!

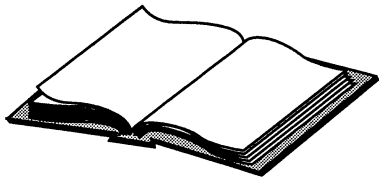


## ASSISTANCE REQUESTED

Our work of upgrading the MMA facilities in order to cater for visitors and tourists is not complete. The MMA has already invested over M 10,000 in renovations and landscaping. A number of businesses and individuals have also contributed, including the British High Commission. But more work remains to be done. We are asking our friends and supporters to make a once off contribution of M 50, M 100 or M 200 so that this dream can be completed in the near future.

## NEW ENVIRONMENTAL EXHIBITS

Morija Museum has received a grant of M 8,000 from the Irish Government through Rotary Club's Environmental Concerns Committee in order to provide new environmental exhibits. These exhibits should be installed during the next four months.



## AVAILABLE NOW FROM MORIJA MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES

*Good quality books. See our new low prices!*

### A SHORT HISTORY OF LESOTHO

by Stephen J. Gill

Over 80 illustrations and maps, 210 by 147 mm,  
xvi + 266 p (1993)  
Softcover ISBN 99911-793-6-4  
US \$16.00 or GBP 10.00

The most useful single work presently available on Lesotho. A Short History is divided into 6 chapters:  
A Review of the Settlement of Southern Africa  
A Sotho Worldview and Way of Life  
Growth and the Sotho Kingdom under Moshoeshe  
Early Colonial Period 1868-1913  
Later Colonial Period 1913-1960  
Towards Independence and Beyond: Wither Lesotho?

This survey synthesizes much of the best research of the past 30 years in a readable style with numerous appropriate illustrations. It provides the first comprehensive overview of the history of the Sotho from earliest times until the recent 1993 elections set within the larger

context of Southern Africa. Useful for high schools and universities as well as the general public.

### AN INTRODUCTION TO THE MUSIC OF THE BASOTHO

by Robin E. Wells

Over 60 musical examples, 222 by 152 mm; vii + 338  
pages (1994)  
Softcover ISBN 99911-793-7-2  
US \$20.00 or GBP 12.00

First comprehensive study of the various types of Sesotho music, including mohobelo and mokhibo, work songs, children's songs, and the use of various traditional musical instruments. The transformations brought about by churches and schools, Nguni healing rituals, migrant labour, and the use of imported instruments like the accordion are thoroughly examined. Includes numerous examples of musical styles in western notation with transcriptions in Sesotho and English translations.

This compelling study of cultural continuity and change in Southern Africa will be of interest not only to ethnomusicologists but also to historians, anthropologists, and sociologists.

### THE BASUTOS OR, TWENTY-THREE YEARS IN SOUTH AFRICA

by Eugene Casalis

Facsimile reprint of the 1861 edition with an introductory essay and index by Stephen J. Gill  
200 by 135 mm [45] + xix + 355 p + [17] (1992)  
29 illustrations; Hardback ISBN 99911-793-3-x  
US \$16.00 or GBP 10.00

Originally published in English in 1861, The Basutos has been read eagerly by each succeeding generation. Casalis' graceful style and perceptive observations will also be of interest to today's readers. This classic is divided into two main parts: Journeys of Exploration and Missionary Labours, and Customs of the Basotho.

Casalis was one of the original French Protestant missionaries who arrived in Lesotho in 1833. He was a close friend and advisor to King Moshoeshe I. As such, he was able to provide a wealth of information and insight into the life of the Basotho during the first half of the 19th century. Casalis' book is a must for all persons interested in Lesotho. It is also ideal for schools and libraries.

The facsimile reprint include a new Introductory Essay, which provides a description of Life and Times of Caasalis as well as An Evaluation of His Legacy. An expanded Index with a glossary will help the reader to locate other interesting information quickly.

## MASERU AN ILLUSTRATED HISTORY

by David Ambrose

250 by 175 mm; 256 p (1993)

Over 130 illustrations with 17 maps and plans

Hardback ISBN 99911-793-5-6

US \$25.00 GBP 16.00

Drawing upon newspaper accounts, photographs, oral history and official sources, David Ambrose has reconstructed the history of Lesotho's capitol city. Ambrose documents early accounts of indigenous Bushman habitation in the vicinity of Maseru, and then proceeds to tell of other settlements at Ha Tsosane, the Basotho-Boer Wars, and the official founding of Maseru by the British in 1869.

Through numerous old photographs, the reader is able to enter into the life of the small colonial capitol at various points during the past 125 years until finally, after Independence in 1966, Maseru bursts its seams. Aerial photographs from 1961 and 1988 attest to this startling transformation as Maseru grew from 15,000 inhabitants to its present population of almost 125,000.

This finely conceived book will be of interest, not only to historians but also to town and regional planners, sociologists, students of urbanization and to all who have visited Maseru, the "city of red sandstone".

## MISSIONARY EXCURSION INTO THE BLUE MOUNTAINS

by Thomas Arbousset

Edited and translated from the French with an introduction and notes by D. Ambrose and A. Brutsch

245 by 175 mm 219 p (1991)

14 illustrations, 12 maps and 2 sketch plans

Softcover ISBN 99911-793-2-1

US \$ 16.00 or GBP 10.00

On this memorable journey in 1840, the missionary Arbousset accompanied Moshoeshoe I from Thab-Bosiu, the then capitol of Lesotho which is located between Maseru and Roma, deep into the mountains to the northeast near Mon-aux-Sources, the watershed of Southern Africa. Moshoeshoe nostalgically recalls details from his early life, impresses upon Arbousset his enthusiasm for the missionaries' literacy work which will help to unite his disparate peoples, and participates in the lion hunt after some of the expedition's horses are killed.

The editors of this long unpublished manuscript have retraced the route taken by Arbousset and Moshoeshoe, which route is depicted on detailed maps. Copious notes and explanations are also provided.

Written as a travelogue, Arbousset's pleasing style will draw the reader into a world now long transformed by more recent developments.

## HISTORY OF THE BASUTO: ANCIENT AND MODERN

by D.F. Ellenberger and J.C. MacGregor

Facsimile reprint of the 1912 edition with an Introductory Essay, Comprehensive Index and large Pocket Map of Historical Place Names by Stephen J. Gill

220 by 150 mm [55] + xxii + 394p + [37 + map] (1992)

Hardback ISBN 99911-793-4-8

US \$25.00 or GBP 16.00

Originally published in 1912, History of the Basuto remains the standard reference work concerning the origin and early history of the Sotho peoples.

Ellenberger's classic work is divided into five sections:

- First Period: Ancient History of the Basuto
- Second Period: The Lifaqane Wars
- Appendix I: Notes on the Religion, Superstitions, Social, Civil and Political Life, Laws and Customs of the Ancient Basuto before the Beginning of the Second Period
- Appendix II: History of the Conqueror Sebetoane
- Genealogical Tables



*In order to bring this reference work up-to-date and make it more useful to the serious student of history, the following supplementary materials have been provided by the Morija Museum and Archives:*

## CATALOGUE OF THE MASITISE ARCHIVES

by D.F. Ellenberger

Edited by Beatrice Lasserre and David Ambrose

245 by 175 mm 72p (1987)

Softcover ISBN 99911-793-0-5

US \$5.00 or GBP 3.00

D.F. Ellenberger, in addition to his missionary labours and historical research, was an avid collector of books and printed materials on Lesotho. This catalogue, which reached its final form in 1907, details his outstanding collection, much of which is now housed at the Morija Museum and Archives. This book is a must for students of Lesotho history.

# NOTES FROM LESOTHO

## FORTHCOMING PUBLICATIONS TO BE RELEASED IN 1995:

### QUEST FOR PEACE: A HISTORY OF THE CHURCH IN LESOTHO

by Craig W. Hincks

This comprehensive work begins by exploring Sotho spirituality and the movement of missionaries into Southern Africa. This sets the stage for the arrival of French Protestant missionaries in 1833, followed by the Roman Catholics in 1862 and the Anglicans in 1875. Hincks goes on to depict a variety of spiritual movements which arose at the turn of the century, including Ethiopianism, Thapelo ea Sephiri, and Zionism. The story is then brought up-to-date with the tremendous

rivalry between Catholic and Protestant, the growing Africanisation of the clergy, and the modern ecumenical movement. A valuable study of great proportions.

## HOW TO ORDER THESE BOOKS

Booksellers will receive a 30 percent discount on all orders. Books will be sent by registered surface post. Payment should be made promptly and cheques/money orders made payable to: Morija Museum and Archives. Order now from: The Curator, Morija Museum and Archives, P.O. Box 12, Morija 190 LESOTHO. Phone: (09266) 360308

**The friends of Lesotho made a \$100 contribution to the Morija Museum and Archives earlier this year. This brings the cumulative contribution from FOL to \$300.**

## Gifts in Kind Program

**R**ecently, FOL received some correspondence from Alexandra Willson, the Peace Corps' Gifts in Kind Program manager. She had sent us the Gifts in Kind Program's Volunteer Project Needs which described 25 Peace Corps Volunteer projects in need of support.

One project mentioned was that of PCV Laurel Westman at Khethisa High School in Pitseng. Khethisa has only one microscope for the entire school. Ms. Westman's goal is a total of 10 microscopes for the school at a cost of \$1,600.

Ms. Willson mentioned that projects can be either partially or completely funded with a financial contribution or supported with an in-kind donation of the needed materials. If you (or a group you are affiliated with) are interested in making a material or financial donation in support of PCV Westman's (or any PCV's) project, please contact the Gifts in Kind Program Office at 800/424-8580 x2227 or 202/606-3360.

Please keep in mind all such donations to the Peace Corps are tax deductible. ■

The Embassy of Lesotho has a new ambassador, Dr. Eunice M. Bulane. She arrived in November and the FOL Board looks forward to meeting with her when she gets settled.

## LESOTHO TUITION ASSISTANCE PROJECT

1 September, 1994

Dear Don,

From everyone on the TAP committee, and all the students we're reaching out to throughout Lesotho, our greatest Thanks! We have received Friends Of Lesotho's donation of US \$1000.00 for 1994. This is indeed going to help us immensely in awarding scholarships for 1995.

Fifty scholarships for the second half of 1994 have just been awarded, and applications distributed for 1995 nominations. We are also soon to elect new officers to take over TAP for next year. So your contribution comes at a perfect time to help us plan confidently for 1995.

We will definitely keep you informed of our plans and future awards. And at our next meeting, as soon as security situations in Lesotho allow it, we will arrange for student recipient profiles to be drawn up for both F.O.L. information and fundraising back in the States. We look forward to working together with you.

Please know, until we organize that material for you, that we have received your contribution and are deeply grateful for it!

Dear Mr. Spiker:

Recently, I was elected Chairman of The Volunteer Liaison Committee. Tom Lefor is off to Hollywood or something of a kind to find "fame and fortune." I look forward to working with you over the next year; COS date August '95.

I have read the VLC Constitution and plan to discuss it with the committee at our next meeting, on September 24th. I wonder if VLC can be of further help to the Basotho, the Volunteer Community, and the staff in Maseru. Do you have any advice and suggestions?

At the past several meetings, we have discussed ideas for fund raising. We have talked about PC Lesotho patches, ballcaps, key rings. Also, we are trying to cater to events where we might make a profit. We want to use raised funds for all present causes and perhaps some to be named. Of course, we like to welcome all new Volunteers to Lesotho.

I will keep in touch with you on a regular basis. Please, if you have any directions let me know.

Everyone at Peace Corps Lesotho says, "HELLO!"

Khotso. Pula. Nala.

Craig R. Thompson  
Craig R. Thompson  
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Yours Sincerely,

David W. Vancelette  
Chairperson, T.A.P.

# Constitutional Crisis Averted in Maseru

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Additionally, Presidents Mandela and Mugabe conferred and ruled out military action in Lesotho but agreed to find methods of promoting peace in the kingdom.

Representatives of the NGO's and trade unions agreed on 20 August to call for a general boycott on the 22nd and 23rd, with the threat of additional demonstrations if their concerns were not addressed. This was a peaceful expression of the demand for the restoration of democracy.

The United States warned the new government of 21 August it would suspend its \$9.6 million in economic assistance and its military training program with the RLDF in protest for overthrowing the legitimate government of Lesotho.

The Law Society of Lesotho indicated its support for the boycott scheduled to begin the following day and then added that all Society members would not make any court appearances from 24 August - 7 September.

The boycott on the 22nd and 23rd appeared to be widely successful. Even those who did not support the boycott and tried to go to work, school, etc., had very little transportation available to them. The NGO Crisis Committee met with Archbishop Tutu in Lesotho to attempt a mediation of the situation, suspended the boycott, and gave the King until 1 September to restore democracy or face further action.

Sweden later announced it had suspended its aid to Lesotho and the European Union threatened to do the same if there was not an immediate restoration of democracy.

The Presidents of South Africa, Botswana and Zimbabwe met with King Letsie and Prime Minister or deposed Prime Minister Mokhehle on 25 August. President Mugabe announced after the meeting the King had been given one week to restore the former government and that the King agreed to this proposal.

The resumption of the boycott scheduled to begin on 1 September was postponed for one week by the NGO Crisis

Committee because the Committee had productive meetings with the King in the interim.

The Foreign Ministers of Botswana, South Africa and Zimbabwe arrived in Lesotho on 31 August and met with the King and Prime Minister/deposed Prime Minister Mokhehle. Two important items came to light after the meeting. The first item was that the King was given until 2 September to restore the government. The second item, interestingly, was Mokhehle was told he must enter negotiations with the King prior to assuming his old position.

Apparently the problem was the King did not have any guarantee from the BCP government that it would allow him to abdicate and have his father reinstated as King. The Foreign Ministers told Mokhehle this issue had to be addressed prior to the reinstatement of the government.

Negotiations continued between the King, NGO Crisis Committee, the BCP and mediators from Botswana, South Africa and Zimbabwe. Finally, the King and Prime Minister/deposed Prime Minister Mokhehle met on 2 September at the Royal Palace and after the meeting issued a joint statement which committed them to hold talks to restore constitutional order, initiate a national debate on the issues of unity and peace and have the governments of Botswana, South Africa and Zimbabwe act as facilitators in this process.

Though the parties had committed themselves to discussion about the restoration of constitutional order, nothing happened from 2-6 September and negotiations were postponed by an additional two days on 7 September due to the unexpected death of the King's sister.

Regardless, the NGO Crisis Committee issued the call to resume the boycott on 8 September. Negotiations then continued with all the parties involved and finally, on 14 September, the King signed an agreement which restored the BCP government and the Parliament. ■

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