

E rile Solomon a le dingwaga di le some a simolola go tsena sekole sa Maluthere gone kwa Priel, a tsamaya dimaele di le nne ka letsatsi le letsatsi go tswa fa ga mogoloe go ya sekoleng. Tlithere ya gagwe e ne e le Moruti Godhardt A. Westphal. Ka bonako fela, a sena go simolola sekole a gakgamatsa baruti ba gagwe ka botlhaga jwa gagwe, le ka go gakologelwa sengwe le sengwe se o se bonang le se o se utlwang le se o se balang le se o se bolelelwang. Ba lemoga fa ngwana yo wa dilemo tse some kgotsa tse some le motso e le segakgamatsi, seboni kgotsa setlhodi sa go amogela thuto.

E rile a ise a tsene sekole lobaka lo loleele, baruti ba mo tsaya gore a nne nabo, mme ka bonako a itse go bua le go bala ^{le} SeEnnyelese le ^{le} SeJeremane, mme le go tshameka setinkane le a fijolo, a ba a tlhoafala go bala dikwalo tse di thata tsa thuto. Bana ba sekole le bone ba ne ba tlhola ba mo kokoanetse a ba bolelela dinaane le mafoko a o a badileng. Ga tse mokwadi yo mogolo wa ^{le} MoEnnyelese, Thomas Badingtong Macaulay, o ne a tle a bale mokoakoa wa dikwalo ka bonako jwa logadima, mme a gakologelwe mafoko otlhe a tsone, . Flaetje o ne a le Macaulay wa bobedi. Go ne ga bonala gore dikgato tsa sekole tse go tweng distandard, ga se tse di ka dirwang selekanyo sa tswelelopele le kitso ya gagwe. Kitso ya gagwe e ne e di fetile thata, mme jalo a pelekanya boTshipi, kgato ya ntlha, ya bobedi le ya boraro mo lobakeng le lokhutshwanyane lwa ngwaga.

E rile a sena go nna dingwaga di le nne le baruti a tsena sekole, kitso ya gagwe ya bo e le e e gakgamatsang, e e ka lekanngwang le ya barutegi ba ba tswang kwa dikholetsheng tsa boLovedale, mme a dirwa morutabana. Maduo, a gagwe e ne e le ponto di le pedi ka kgwedi. Baruti ba gagwe ba ne ba mo rata thata, mme ba mo tsweledisa pele mo dithutong tse di kwa godimo, bogolo thuto ya dipuo - ^{le} SeEnnyelese, ^{le} SeFora le ^{le} SeJeremane. Ba mo ruta misiki (music) le dikitsonyana tse dingwe jaaka re itse batho ba ^{le} SeJeremane ba ntse.

E rile ka 1894 Flaate a le dingwaga di le some le bosupa, a sena go nna morutabana ka dingwaga di le tharo, a ikopa mo baruting go ya go dira kwa Teemane. Ya re motlhang o o tswang mo Priel, ene le baruti ba gagwe, ba lela. Ba mo laya jaaka motsadi a tle a laye ngwana wa gagwe; ba mo rapelela, mme mohumagadi wa ga Moruti Westphal a mo naya dikwalo tsa tshupo le puelelo.

Teemane. - Kwa Teemane Flaate a feta a bona tiro ka bonako ya go tsamaisa dikwalo le mgala. Tiro ee le yone a e ithuta ka bonako, a e dira ka bofefo go bo nne jwa kgatlha bomonngwagwe, a ba a newa maemo a morongwa yo o tlhophegile (special messenger), go tsamaisa dikwalo tse dimafefe, mme le gone a itsege ka bonako mo Bantshong le mo Basweung go re ke mosimane yo o tlhaga, yo o bonako, yo o mafolofolo, yo o nang le kitso ya tiro ya gagwe, le yo o maitseo mantle. Maduo a gagwe kwa posong e ne e le diponto di le tlhano (£5) ka kgwedi.

Teemane ka nako tseo, jaaka le gompieno, e ne e le motse wa meraferafe; go le Basweu ba MaEnyelese, MaJutha, MaJeremane le Maburu. Go le Bantsho ba Batswana, le MaXhosa, le Makhalato kgotsa Bammala, ebile go le MaIndia. Flaate a kgatlhwa ke dipuo tse di buiwang le tse o ne a di gweletlha kwa Priel. Ka neo ya gagwe e e gakgamatsang ya go ithuta ka dipuo, ya re ka bonako a bo a di bua tsotlhe ebile a di kwala.

E rile mo malatsing ao, ga bo go gorogile Isaiah Mbelle kwa Teemane, a le morutabana kwa Goleberg, mme a feta a wela tiro ya go toloka mo lekgotleng la mapodise, a ba a tloga a dirwa mofetoledi wa ga magistrata. Ka nako e ba itsanye le Flaate. E rile Mbelle a lemoga botlhale jwa ga Flaate, le kitso ya gagwe ya dipuo, a mo gakolola gore a lekele tiro ya mofetoledi, a ba a mo atametsa ka go ne a mo naya a mo tshegeletsa go toloka kwa kantorong ya mapodisa le kwa lekgotleng la ga magistrata.

La ene Mbelle o ne a le kgalankga ya motho. A tshoma thata. A bua

SeEnnyelese le Seburu le Sesotho le Setswana. A tloga a mela ditoko tsa badiredi ba ga Goramente kwa Kapa Koloni (Cape Civil Service), mme a di fenywa, a pasa kwa godimodimo. Morago a dirwa mofetoledi wa moatlhodi yo mogolo (dijoje) wa kgaolo ya Griqualand West, ya re batoloki ba sa ntse ba amogela £6 ka kgwedi ene a amogela £25. Ya re morago ga Mbele a bo a kwala lokwalo lwa thutego e kgolo, a lo bita The Kaffir Scholars' Companion. E rile moragorago a dirwa mofetoledi wa Mhama wa Ditiro tsa Bantsho (Native Affairs Department).

Ga goa ka ga batlega gore Mbele a gakologelwe Plaatje lwa bobedi. Ka bonako Plaatje a kopa tiro, mme ya re ka monofa ya gagwe e bonatse jaaka a ne a tla a tshwarelele Mbele botoloki kwa mapodising le kwa kgotleng ya ga magistrata, a amogelwa, a dirwa motoloki wa ga magistrata. Ka bonako a simolola go bala le go ithuta melao ya badiredi ba ga Goramente wa Kapa. A tsenelela ditoko tsa yone, a di fenywa ka bofelo.

Ditoko tsotlhe tsodra Goramente ka nako eo di ne di sa tlhalele le gone di sa abiwe ka mmala wa letlhale. Jaana go ne go le teko e le nngwefela ya botitshere le ya tiro nngwe le nngwe jaaka go sa ntse go ntse mo boagenteng le bongaka. Re raya go re teko ya Civil Service e ne e tsenelelwa ke mongwe le mongwe yo o ratang, batho ba sa kgaogangwe; maina a Bantsho le Basweu a tlhakana fela mo palong e e fentseng mo ditokong tsotlhe tsa ga Goramente. E rile kitsiso ya bafenyi ba ba ne ba tseneletse teko ya Civil Service e tswa, leina la ga Plaatje la bo e le lone la ntlha. A gaisitse botlhe Bantsho le Basweu mo dintlheng tsotlhe tsa teko - tsotlhe, ebong dipuo tsa Bantsho, SeEnnyelese, Seburu, go kwala ka thaeperaetara, le go kwala ka mokgwaritso (shorthand) - Plaatje e ne e le ene o ba rweleng tlhogo (No.1) mo lefatsheng lotlhe la Kapa Koloni.

Ka Teemane e le motse o mogolo, o ne o etelwa thata ke badiredi le batlotlegi

ba bagolo ba puso le ba mafatshe, mme Plaatje a bona batho bao a ba a utlwa dipuo tsa bone, ba Cecil Rhodes, Major Harris, Henry Burton - setatalala le sebui se segolo sa palamente - Dr Thomas Smart, Saul Solomon, John X. Merriman le ba bangwe jaaka Moruti Andrew Murray - moruti yo o se a tlotlegile thata mo Daselebomo (Dutch Reformed Church).

Ka nako e Plaatje a kgatlhwa thata ke dipolotiki kgotsa dikgang tsa puso. nna mmadi yo mogolo wa dikoranta jaaka Diamond Fields Advertiser ya Teemane, The Friend ya Mangaung, Cape Times le Cape Argus tsa Kapa. A natefelwa thata ke go bala megopolo ya baruleganyi (editorials), ba G. A. L. Green wa pampiri ya Teemane, le Edmund Garrett mme bogolo Frederick York St. Ledger ba Cape Times.

KGACLO III

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E rile Flaateje a sena go tswa mo poseng, mme a ise a simolole tiro ya bofetoledi a ragogela kwa Mafikeng go bona rraagwe, yo jaanong o peng a hudugetse koo, a le morako kwa Ditharapeng gaufi le Mafikeng.

Ke gone ka nako eo ya fa babusi ba Kapa Koloni, bo Sir Hercules Robinson le Rhodes le Sidney Shippard ba boaboa mo go Montshiwa, Kgosi ya Barolong, le mo go Mankurwane, kgosi ya Batlhaping, ba ba kopa, ba ba tswetswenyetsa, ba ba rapela gore ba dumele gore mafatshe a bone a British Bechuanaland, a lomelelwe mo Kapa Koloni. Dikgosi di ne di sa itse go re go lomelelwa moo go kaya eng, mme ba dumela. Ba tloga ba fetoga, gape ba dumela ka dipuo le dikrakololo tse di mafaratlhatlha.

Flaatje o ne a nyatsa thata gore lefatshe la Barolong le golegelelwe mo go la Makgoa. Mme ka a ne a sa le lekawana la dinyaga tse di 18 fela, ope a se ka a mo tsaya tsia. Jalo Barolong ba lesa Makgoa go dira go rata ga bone. Ba lemogile moragorago fela kafa ba itsieditseng kgotisa ba tseditsweng ka gonf.

Ka yone fela nako eo dikgosi, boSebele, Kgama le Bathoeng, ba Botswana Botshaka, ba ipaakanyetsa go ya Lontone go kopa Molumagadi Victoria go kganela maikaelelo a ga Rhodes go hunelela mafatshe a bone mo lefatsheng la Chartered Company e e ne e le mo Matebeleng, mme Mantshiwa a swetsa magriwa mogopolo wa go roma Bebele, morwawe, go tsamaya nabo go senya khunelelo ya lefatshe la Mafikeng mo go la Kapa Koloni.

E rile Flaateje a sa le mo Mafikeng ga diragala a mangwe. Ka bolotsana jo bogolo, Dr Jameson, a tsala ya ga Rhodes, a phuthela masole le dikanono le dithobolo le marumo le dipitse kwa polasing ya ga Silas Molema ya Mabote kgotsa Fetsana-Potloke, mme ya re mo bofelong jwa kgwedi ya Seetebosigo a bolotsa nwa go ya go tlhasela Gauteng, a re o ya go golola ka Ennyelese-ka-ene

no kgatelelong ya puso ya ga Paul Kruger le melao ya Teransefala e e ne e ba kgetholola. Lefa go ntse jalo, e rile ba tsena kwa Krugersdorp Maburu a dikanyetsa Jameson, ba no tshwara le batho ba gagwe.

E rile a sena go boela Teemane Plaatje, ya re Gweetla ga diragala bolwetse jwa dikgomo jo go tweng nteremane (rinderpest), bo simologa kwa botsheka. Jwa gaila dikgomo mmogoi le diphologolo tse di tshako e patologanyeng. Jwa utlusa Batswana botlhoko ka ba ne ba le barui ba dikgomo. Ba le bantsi ba ba ne ba kaiwa e le bahumi ba tswa bahumanegi. Mongwe wa ba ba senyegetsweng jalo mo morafeng wa Barolong e ne e le Kushumane - rraagwe Solomon Plaatje. Moraka wa gagwe wa Ditlharapa wa batla go tswalwa jaaka maraka a bahumi ba bangwe ba Barolong, boKokome Magashula, malomaagwe, le Israel Molema.

E rile morago ga dikgwedinyana fela, ka one ngwaga wa 1896, Plaatje a tlelwa ke kutlobotlhoko e tona. Rraagwe, ebong Kushumane, a swa gone kwa Ditlharapeng kwa o ne a nna gone, fa e sa le ka 1891 jaaka re boletse. O ne a na le bana ba gagwe ba ~~ba~~ babotlana fela - Ramokoto le Momaapula. Ka go ne go se na dirame tsa go boloka direpa ka nako eo, e ne e tle e re motho a sule a fitlhwane ka bonako. Kushumane a fitlhlwe jalo ke bomalomaagwe boora Magashula le boora Molema; ya re barwawe, boSimon Mogodi le ene Solomon, ba goroga ba fitlhela a fitlhlwe. E rile morago ga phitlho ba menogela magabone, mme Solomon Plaatje a ba a tla Mafikeng gape ka bonako go rekisa dikgomo le dihutshane tse di ne di falotse nteremane. Ka madi ao a romela bomonawe kwa sekoleng sa Morija kwa Lesotho. Tiro e a e dira a sa bolelela bomogoloe, mme bogolo a sa rera le yo mogolo, Simon Mogodi, yo o mo godisisaeng, mme Mogodi a kgotswa thata a ba a ngala Solomon. Lefa go ntse jalo a tloga a mo itshwarela.

E rile ka Phalane a tlhola 9, kgwedi fela Kushumane a sena go fitlhwane, ga bo goo swa Montshiwa, kgosi ya Barolong, mme barwa Plaatje, boSimon Mogosi, le bomonawe le ba bangwe ba tla botlho go fitlha kgosi.

KGAOLO IVGO KGARATHELA BOTSEHO

Nyalo. Solomon Plaatje o ne a simolotse tiro ya gagwe ya bofetoledi kwa Teemane, mme e rile ka selemo sa 1897 ga tla morweetsana yo mokhutshwane, yo motshwana kwa Teemane a tswa Burghersdorp, kwa o ne a le titharakase kgotsa morutabana wa mosadi gone. Leina la gagwe e le Elizabeth Lillith Mbelle. O ne a tsile go bona kgaitladi, Isaiah Mbelle wa mofetoledi wa ditjole kwa Teemane. Plaatje a re, kgatlha - thu! le ene. Ngwanyana a bua Setswana le Sesotho le SeBuru le SeNnyelese sentle fela jaaka ene Plaatje.

Ga tlole kgabo ya molelo e e bogale ya lorato. Monna a utawega pelo, ngwanyana le ene fela jalo. E rile ngwanyana a sena go boela gae kwa Burghersdorp, lwa taboga lokwalo fa gare ga Teemane le Burghersdorp, mme e re ka Matlhato mosimane a bo a gopotse fela ~~ka~~ koo. E rile fa magogwe a belaela lomepe, fa batsadi le losika loora Mbelle ba lemoga maemo a, ga dirwa molao gore a se ka a tlhola a baya lona kwa Teemane, le gore le kwa gae a bewa leitho, a se ka a tlhola e re a tswa sekoleng a dikologa kgotsa a re o ja nala. Tota le dikwalo tsa gagwe tsa pose tsa disiwa. Ga fisiwa tse di nang le lotshwao 'Kimberley'. Owai! Ke mang yo ka timang kgabo ya lorato kgotsa kganela ditsela tsa lone? 'Amor vincit omnia' ke sefela sa bogologolo.

E rile ka kgwedi ya Firikgong 1898 ga bo go sejwa mo Teemane go tse Plaatje le Elizabeth Mbelle ba nyalanye ka Special Licence. Go ne go le Labone mo mosong fa tiro e e diragala, mme e rile ka Labone mo tahokologong ga diragala mo go tlalang ka diatla. Moruti wa dingwaga tseo tsa bo 1897 le 1898 mo Teemane e ne e le motho yo o rategang thata mo, Bantshong, Davidson Msikinya. E rile ka Labone a bitsa phuthogo ya bareri, ya re a sena go rapela a ema a re, 'Ka ntlha ya pitlagano ya nako, le ka ntlha ya gore le ba ke lo ba supetsang, ebong Solomon Plaatje le Elisabeth Mbelle, ba ni ditirong tsa puso,

ke dira tiro ya bone jaanong. Ke ba tshwaraganya fa pele ga lona jaaka basupi, ka nyalo ya bone e boitshepo. Ke segofatse nyalo ya bone e ntleletlelwang ke lekwalo le molao wa puso - lekwalo lwa Special Licence le molao wa Kapa Koloni. Ke ba baya diatla, kea ba rapelela, mme ke bolela fa jaanong e le monna le mosadi.

Kgothatso ya ga Moruti Msikinya ga e ka ya tihola e reediwa ke ope. Matlho otlhe a tihongwa mo lekaung le lesweu la Morolong - le tswela borokgwe jo bontsho, le apere manele le hempe e e kukuretseng, le koloro ya yone e tshweu fa le tshwaragangwa le kgabebe ya Lefenku - mosetsana ya motshwana, yo montle, yo mokhutshwane, a apere losire lo lesweu, lo lelelela, lo khurumeditse disei tse ditshweu tse di boleta, mme ruri lekau le kgarebe ba tshwanelana.

E rile mafoko a utlwala kwa goora Mbelle le kwa goora Flaate ya ne ekete Saatane o golotswe. Ba ikagolaka kwa ga bone boora Mbelle. Hee! a mosetsana yo oa tsenwa fa a inela morwanyana fela jaana, makau a mantle a MaXhosa, a a mo ratang a le mantsi jaana? A ba kgaogangwe! Se ga se nyalo ke tlhaselo se, Krotla yoora Mbelle e tlhasetswe ke dinokwane le dirukhthi. Kwa Fniela, kwa Flaate se ne se agile gone le gone ya ne ekete go iteile lezu, ga itshwarwa melomo. 'A mosimane yo moine yo o tshwara fela a ya go nyala letebejana basetsana ba Batswana ba le kanakana? Mentla kwa o gone botlhajana jo jwa gagwe ke botseno fela!

Flaatje o ne a rulagantse le Elizabeth ka dikwalo, mme ya re go le Labone e ya go mo utswa kwa Burghersdorp, a feta a tsaya mpe pampiri ya Special Licence mo go magistrata e e duelelwang E5, e e nayang motho tshwanelo ya go nyadisiwa ke moruti mongwe le mongwe fela, mme a ya go rulaganya le Moruti go ba nyadisa.

Kana mo malatsing ab go ne go se na dikopano tsa boAfrican National Congress tse di pitlhileng tsa ruta Bantsho go tshwaragana le go tlotlana le go nyalana.

Ka nako eo Motswana e ne a nyala Motswana-ka-ene, le MoXhosa a nyala MoXhosa-ka-ene fela. Merafe ya Sesotho le ya Setswana e ne e se na kabalano epe le ditšhaba tsa MaXhosa le MaZulu. E ne e le molla wa mapepe gore mongwe a kgabaganye mololwane o ka nyalo; e le sekgopi mo ditsaleng, e le ditlhong mo batsading, mme e le kgakgamatso le setshego mo bathong boitho. Dilo tse tsotlhe Plaatje le Elizabeth ba bo ba di itse, mme ba di dirile ka go nyalana. Moe goithe jaanong go fetile, go fetogile; Bantsho jaanong ba ikaya e le batho ba le bangwefela, mme ba nyalana ka kgololesego, go nne boitumelo fela.

E rile morago ga nyalo Mrs Plaatje a boela Burghersdorp go swetsa tiro ya gagwe ya borutabana le go kopa gore a gololwe, mme jaana a tla go aga le monna wa gagwe mo Teemane.

Ka bonako mosadi a sena go goroga Plaatje a tswa mo Teemane, ya ba ya ne ekete o hudilwe ka lerumo kgotsa o lelekilwe. Tota, jaaka a ne a le modiredi wa puso o ne a neilwe tiro go sele. O ne a rometswe go dira kwa Mafikeng go nna mofetoledi gone. Mosadi wa gagwe jaana a ya Pniel kwa go Simon Mogodi, mogol'a Solomon, mme a amogelwa sentle, a nna ngwetsi e e rategang.

Mafikeng e ne e le motsana o montlana wa Basweu, mme ebile e le motse o mogolo wa Barolong boora Tshadi, ba ya Kgosi Montshiwa, yo e ne e le gone o sa tswang go swa ka kgwedi ya Phalane 1896, mme jaanong ga bo go busa Besele morwawe. Magistrata wa Mafikeng e ne e le Morena Charles G.C. Bell, MoEngyelese yo o godileng seemo sa mmele, le mo pelong le mo kitsong - e ne a tlotlile bogosi jwa Monolong, mme Barolong le bone ba mo tlotlile. A na le kitso e e sa tlwaelegang ya dipuo tsa Bantsho - Setswana le SeXhosa, kwa ntle ga go itse SeEngyelese le SeHolanse.

Mofetoledi. Morena Bell o ne a gagamala thata a ba a itumela fa a bona mofetoledi wa gagwe e le motho yo moso, ebile a na le kitso e e bophara ya tsone dipuo tse le ene ka esi o di itseng sentle, mme a ba a kgatlhwa le ke

tiro ya gagwe le maitseo. A itumela fa a bona gore Flaate o ratega mo bathong
 botlhe. Flaate o ne a fetolela mafoko a tsheko mo dipuong di le nna - le mo
 merafeng e le mene - Batswana, MaXhosa, Maburu le MaEngelese. Mo dinyageng tse
 di latelang, gongwe le gongwe kwa o tolokileng gone, batho ba ne ba tle ba sale
 ba mo gopotse ba ntse ba re, 'Aaxix A motho yo o itseng go fetolela puo! A
 setswerere sa motoloki!

O ne o ka utlwa mafoko ao kwa Gangwaketse, kwa Mokwena, kwa Gammangwato le
 kwa Lohurutshe. E seng mo Bantshong fela, le Makgoa a ne a bua kaga gagwe thata,
 ba maitse motoloki tota, 'The interpreter', bogole bone ba ba itseng Setswana.
 Ba re ke motoloki tota yo a fetolelang puo ya mtho ka botlalo. Mo dinyageng
 tse di latelang, Flaate a kwala lokwalonyana a lo bitse The Essential
 Interpreter (Mofetoledi wa Boammaaruri), a supa go re motoloki yo o sefalele
 kgotsa yo o se nang ~~ix~~ kitso e ~~is~~ e lekanyeng ya dipuo tse di fetolelang, o ka
 golega batho ba le bantai ba ba sekisiwang ka go tlhoka go gorosa mafoko a tsheko.
 O ne a nyatsa tsheko ya lekgotla ka nako ya puisano le ngongorego fa gare ga
 Sekgoma-a-Letsholathebe wa Batawana le Lord Selborne, morongwa yo mogolo kwa
 Serowe ka 1906. Sekgoma a ba a golega dinyaga di le tharo kwa Gaborone.

Flaate gape o supile phetolelo e e reketlang ka tsheko ya ga Kgosi Kgama
 wa Bangwato le morwawe, Sekgoma, fa pele ga ga Sir Hamilton Gould Adams kwa
 Serowe ka 1906; a ba a nyatsa phetolelo fa go sekisiwa Dinizulu, kgosi ya
 MaZulu, fa pele ga baathodi ba le bararo kwa Greytown, Natal ka 1906.
 Flaate a re batoloki jo bo reketlang mo go kana bo dirwa ke gabo tuelo ya
 batoloki e le kwa tlase thata - diponto di le tlhano ka kgwedi - mme tiro e sa
 rakanelwe ke barutegi Jaaka kwa India, kwa batoloki e leng barutegi ba
 diuniversity gone. A swetsa ka go re ekele tlamelo ya batoloki jo bo phepa e
 kabo e tlhekome⁵we fela jaaka tlamelo ya baathodi jo bo siameng, gonne motoloki
 kgotsa mofetoledi ke ene tsebe le molomo wa moathodi, mme gape go toloka mo

lesakeng la thekisetso ya dikgomo.

E rile ka kgwedi ya Phalane 1898, Plaatje e amogela mogala o bolela fa go gorogile ngwana wa mosimane kwa Pniel, mme a ragogela koo go bona ngwana wa gagwe wa ntlha. A mo sa leina la Frederick York Saint Ledger. A mo se lelela morulaganani wa Koranta ya Cape Times, yo o ne a mo kgatlhile thata ka kitso le bophara jwa mekwalo ya gagwe. Plaatje o ne a e bala thata, mekwalo e e supang kutlwalano le Bantsho.

Ntwa ya Maburu. E rile ka kgwedi ya Phalane 1899, ga simologa ntwana ya Maburu. Ranthoakgale (Piet Cronje) a kganelela motse wa Mafikeng - wa Basweu le Bantsho - Plaatje a le moe mme mosadi wa gagwe ene a le kwa Pniel. E rile ka makolwane a Basweu otlhe a ile ntweng mmogo le Mosweu yo o ne a tolokela Basweu, SeEnnyelese le Seburu, ga fitlhelwa go se na ope gape Mosweu yo o itseng dipuo tseo jaaka Plaatje, jalo a newa maemo a masa go fetolela SeEnnyelese ka Seburu le Seburu ka SeEnnyelese - ke go re, go toloka fa gare ga Makgoa fa godimo ga tiro ya gagwe ya tsele ya go tolokela Bantsho.

Ka bonako Plaatje a tlhatlosediwa go toloka mo lekgotleng la Ntwa la Katlhoto (Court of Summary Jurisdiction), le motlhamongwe le ne le atholela botshelo, mme bogolo le atholela loso, mme Basweung le Bantsho ba ba tshwerweng ba dira bonokwane jwa go thusa baba. E ne e le maemo a a batlang bafetoleli ba ba tlhoko, ba ba nang le boikarabelo le boammaaruri le kitso ya dipuo le kutlwelebotlhoko, ka phoso ya lentse kgotsa bafafalele jwa motoloki ba ne bo ka dira gore motho a latlhegelwe ke botshelo jwa gagwe ka go atholelwa loso fa a kabong gongwe a golotswe ka tshupo ya gagwe.

Moatlhodi wa lekgotla le, e ne e le Major Lord Edward Cecil, mothusi wa ga Col. Baden-Powell, moeteledipele wa ntwana mo Mafikeng. Gantsi o ne a bolela kafa o itumetseng ka gone mo dikgatlholong tsa gagwe ka go lemoga go re Plaatje o ne a tle a tseye matsapa a go tihaloganyetsa ba ba sekisiwang se ba se

sekisiwang le mafoko otlhe a a buiwang le bone le a ba a bodiwang, a ba a gorose puo yotlhe e basekisiwa ba iphemelang ka yone, mme dikarabo tsa bone go bonale e le tsa batho ba ba tlhaloganyang sentle se se buiwang.

Go tolokela batho ba gantsi tsheko ya bone e ne e fela ka gore a ba bolawe, motoloki a ntse a ba tolokela ga ya bokhutlong, e ne e la tiro e e thata mo mothong yo mose mo dingwageng jaaka Plaatje. Kana le go sena go epiwa lebitla mosekisiwa o ne a emisiwa fa godimo ga lone, mme a bodiwe go re a go na le sengwe se o ratang go se bua, mme kgotsa motho wa batho a lele. A re o kopa maitshwarelo mme mofetoledi a bo a tshwanetse go bolela mahumapelo ao, mmogo le karabo ya moatlhodi a mo latolela. Jaana mosekisiwa a fapiwe matlho. Batlhabani ba le 6 kgotsa 8 kgotsa 10, ba mo korole ka ditlhobolo, mme e re moatlhodi a re, 'Fire' (Hula), ba mo hule botlhe, a swe, serepa sa gagwe se wela mo khuting e o ne a emisitswe fa godimo ga yone kgotsa ebile e le ene go ne go tulwe a e epe.

E rile Plaatje a simolola go tolokela batho ba ba tsileng mo masmongy a, tiro ya mo sisimosa mmele. Ya mo tshosa bogolo fa ba ba atlholetsweng loso jaana ba ne ba tshwerwe ba dira bonokwane ka go tlhoka kitso ya bolalome jwa bonokwane jwa bone.

Magistrata Bell ebile a ne e le Mookamedi wa Ditiro tsa Bantsho mo Mafikeng. Ka ntlha ya metsetseleko a tiro ya ga Plaatje, o ne a mo naya maemo a mangwe gape. A mo dira mokwaledi wa gagwe wa sephiri, le go tlhomaganya ka beke le beke maemo a nwa ntlheng ya Barolong. Plaatje a itumedisa bathaki ka kitso le tlhoko ya gagwe le go ba naya tota se ba ne ba se batla, ka seEnnyelese se se sa tlwaelegang go utluwa kgotsa go balwa se tswa mo mothong yo montsho.

Go dirwa ga ga Plaatje mokwadi wa mafoko a nwa le gone go ne go tsile ka ntlha ya botlhaga jwa gagwe. Mafoko a le mantsi a nwa a ne a tle a itsiwe ke Barolong pelepele Makgoa a ise a a utlwele, mme e re ba a utlwa ka Barolong ba a kgale ba re ke ditiro tsa Bantsho fela. E re moragorago ba utlwe go ntse fela

jaaka Barolong ba sa bolo go bolela. Go ne ga nna jalo fa Rantsoakgale a hudusiwa mo Mafikeng ke bogosi jwa Maburu go ya Nokeng ya Kgaba (Modder Riger) go etelela pele gone. Go ne ga nna jalo gape fa motse wa Teemane e gololwa ke General French; ebile ga nna jalo gape fa Komotanta Eloff, setlogolo sa ga Paul Kirire, a ipaakanyetsa go tlasela Mafikeng kwa bofelong jwa nwa. Mafoko otlhe a itsilwe ke Barolong pele, Basweu ba a itse ka go bolelelwa ke Plaatje ka go a kwalela Magistrata.

Ope a se ka a gopola go re Plaatje e ne e le segankure fela, se se tsikinngwang ka monwana, kgotsa serabaraba se se tladiwang ka tshomi fa godimo ke bathati kafa ba ratang ka gone, mme jaanong go twe a ntshe ka kwa tlase ka Setswana kgotsa ^{le} Xhosa. O ne a na le kakanyo ya dilo le mogopolo wa gagwe wa go tshwanela kgotsa go se tshwenele ga dilo.

Go ne ga bonala jalo ka kgwedi ya Firikgong 1901. Magistrata Bell a dira kitsiso go re jaaka a le Mookamedi wa Ditiro tsa Bantsho, o tlaa bitsa pitso ya morafe go ba bolelela fa a tlaa tlosa Kgosi Besele Montshiwa mo maemong a bogosi, ka ene Bell a belaela go re Besele ga a thuse MaEnnyelese mo ntweng, ebile tota o kgoreletsa Barolong go thusa MaEnnyelese. Ga nna pitso e tona ka kwa kgotleng ya Kgosi, mme ga twe Plaatje, a toloke.

A epela ~~inx~~ dinaka, morwa Plaatje. A lala a supile tshetlha a re o motoloki kwa kgotleng ya ga Magistrata, e seng kwa kgotleng ya kgosi. A re ga a kake a toloka mafoko a go kgala kgosi le go sulafatsa pelo ya gagwe, ene yo e leng rraagwe. Le gone fa kgosi a araba Magistrata ka bogale, ene Plaatje o ka palelwa ke go toloka mafoko ao ka boammaaruri go a lebisa monngwagwe, Magistrata. Go tulwe ka twe o potwa ka fa le ka fa, a lala a di epetse mosimane wa Morolong! Ga ba ga batlwa motho o sele go patelediwa tiro eo ya go fetolela. Le one maikaelelo a go pagolola kgosi setulo a tswa photiboloko, a felala fela mo phefong. Besele a busa fa Montshiwa, a rraagwe, a mo tlogetseng

gone ka 1896 go fitlhela, a mo latela ka Sedimothole 1903.

E rile ka 1900, fa ntw'a ya Maburu e khutla, Morena Bell a sutisiwa mo Mafikeng go ya go nna magistrata kwa Fort Elizabeth, mme ka lobakanyana ga tshhegets'a G.D. Reiner, ga tloga ga tshhegets'a J.S. Moffat, go sa ntse go latilwe yo tota e tlhophilweng, ebong E.G. Graham Greene, go tlhatlhama Bell. O tsile ka 1901, Barolong e rile ba fetolelwa leina la gagwe ba mmita Motale, mme ka go twa leinalebe seromo, ba re o ne a ntse fela jalo mo go bone. A le tshulakgane, mme lefa go ntse jalo a rutegile thata. Le gale ga re kwale ka Morena Greene, re kwala kaga Flaate, yo le ene o ne a mo tolakela le batshegets'i ba gagwe ba babedi ka botswere re jaanong re bo itseng.

Magistrata yo moya o ne a se na kitso ya dipuo jaaka yo mogologolo. O ne a se kake a itse fa puo ya gagwe e gorositswe ka bophepa kgotsa dikarabo tsa mosekisiwa di fetoletswe ka boammaarure. E rile Flaate a kwala ka botoloki a re ke selo seo se ne se mo tlhobaetsa ka a ne a ka golega motho fela ka go tlhoka go fetolela mafoko a gagwe sentle, mme a go se na yo o ka reng, 'E seng jalo, mme e leng jaana'; jaaka Magistrata Bell ka kitso ya gagwe ya dipuo a ne a ka dira.

Motse wa Barolong wa Mafikeng o ne o etelwa thata ke Basweu ba bagolo, mme motho o ne a le mongwefela fela, ebong Flaate, yo o neng a batlwa go tla go ba tolakela. Ke ene o ne a tolaka fa gare ga Baden-Powell, moeteledipele wa ntw'a ya Mafikeng, le dikgosi, boBesele le Lekoko. Ke ene yo o biditsweng go tla go tolaka fa go tsile Generala Sir Charles Parsons, le go tsile Major the Hon. Hanbury Tracey, barongwa ba ga Lord Roberts, molaodi wa dintwa tsa MaEnnyelese mo Souta Aferika ka 1900, go leboga Barolong kafa ba tlhabanyeng ntw'a ya Maburu ka gone. Gape ka 1902, fa go tsile Mr Joseph Chamberlain, Mokvaledi wa Mafatshe wa Puso ya Ennyelane. E rile lefa a ne a tolakelwa ke Kgosana Silas Molema, fa a bua le dikgosi tsa Batswana, boBesele, Sebele, Kgama, Bathoen,

Sekgoma-a-Letsholathebe, Lentswe le Mokgosi, kwa kampeng ya Loratle (Ralph Williams) ya Tshireletso, e rile a bua le merafe ya Batswana kwa kgotleng ya ga Kgosi Montshiwa, ga bo go toloka Plaatje. Gape ke ene o toloketseng barongwa ba Ditiro tsa Bantsho jaaka ba tsile Mafikeng ka 1904, jaaka ke tlaa kaya kgantele.

KORANTA YA BECHUANA

Plaatje o ne a le motho yo o lemogang dilonyana go tswa bonyaneng jwa gagwe, mme a rata go di bolela le go di dira kgotsa go etsa badiri ba tsone. A ga ea bo e rile ka Dikgakologo tsa 1898 a phutha balekane ba gagwe mo Teemane, a ba ruta difela mme ba dira dikonsele a sena go bona baopedi ba Jubile ya ga Mohumagadi Victoria, mme a ba etsa. E rile gone mo dinyageng tseo, fa a le motsamaisi wa pose wa kwa Teemane, a kgatlhwa ke bakwadi ba dikoranta jaaka ba ne ba phatlalatsa megopolo le kitso ya bone ka dipampiri, mme e re ka go dira jalo ba rute batho ba le bantsi, ba bo ba sokolole ba bangwe ba le bantsi gape ka go kwala ga bone. E rile a ntse a kgatlhegile jalo, a re a sena go tsena kwa Mafikeng a kopana a bo a itsane le baboledi (reporters) ba ntwana, boAngus Hamilton wa London Times, Major Bailey wa Morning Post, J.E. Neilly wa Fall Mall, Vere Stent wa Reuters le E.G. Parslow wa Daily Chronicle, le ene ka esi a bo a nwa nwa tironyana e e tahwanang le ya bone ya go bolela mafoko a ntwana tlhang ya Barolong. Dilo tse tsotlhe tsa kuketsa keletso mo pelong ya gagwe go nna mokwadi wa dikoranta le dibuka.

Go tlhangwa ga Koranta.

E rile morago ga ntwana ya Maburu, Plaatje a kopa go tswa mo tirong ya bofetoledi. O ne a kopilwe ke Kgosana Silas Thelesho Molema, mme a dumetse go nna morulaganyi wa koranta a o ne a ikaeletse go e gatisa. Molema, mongwe wa leina - rraagwe Silas - e ne e le ene lesedi la Barolong go tswa bogologolong jwa tlhabologelo mo Bokereseteng kwa Thabantshe ka ngwaga wa 1832, mme sefularong sa gagwe bana ba gagwe e ne e le bone babutswedi ba molelo o o sa le a o gotsa wa go goga Barolong ditirong tsa thuto. Silas Molema o ne a rata Plaatje thata, a itse megopolo le dikakanyo le keletso le nonfo ya gagwe, mme le ene ka esi a ikutlule gore pampiri ya koranta ke yone e ka oketsang kitso

le lesedi mo gare ga Barolong le Batswana ba bangwe.

Ba ne ba simolola koranta jalo, mme ya bidiwa Koranta ya Bechuana, mme e ne e tswa gangwefela ka beke.

Ka nako eo, Kwa King Williams Town, go ne go gatisiwa koranta e bidiwa Imvo ke Morena Tengo Jabavu, mme e le yone fela Koranta ya Bantsho mo Souta Aferika. E ne e gatisiwa ka puo ya SeEnnyelese le SeXhosa. Koranta e e ne e itsege thata gaufi le lewati, e balwa thata e bile e ratega mo Bantshong botlhe ba mantlha a no. E ne e dirile thuto e kgolo mo go bone ya mafoko a lefatshe le ditiragalo tsa puso le palamente. Imvo ke sengwe sa dile tse di tsentseng mogopolo mo go Silas Molema le Flaate go thaya pampiri ya mafoko, e e ka dirang mo Batswaneng se Imvo e ne e se dirile mo Mafeking le Mafenu ntlheng tsa King Williams Town East London, Queenstown, Grahamstown, Fort Elizabeth le Transkei; le se pampiri ya Lesedinyana e ne ya tloga ya se dira kwa Lesotho.

Silas Molema o ne a ntsha £2,500 go thaya pampiri, go reka dimatshine tse di gatisang le ditlamelo tsotlhe, le go aga ntlo ya kgatisetso. Sa ga Flaate e ne e le go labla le go dira ditiro tsotlhe tsa go kwala kafa nonofong le kafa kitsong ya gagwe e e tlokegang, ke go re go nna morulaganyi wa Koranta ya Bechuana. Mo malatsing ao, e ne e tle e re maitseboa Flaate a tle le mokoa wa dipampiri tsa Basweu mme a di balele Silas Molema ka bonakonako jo bo ne bo kgatlha, jo bo ntshang pelo, a ntse a dumela fela kgotso a kgala fela.

E rile mo dikgweding tsa ntlha Koranta ya Bechuana ya bo e gatisiwa ka phiro kwa kgatlong ya Mafeking Mail go fitlhelela ntlo ya yone ya kgatisetso e agiwa Mo Main Street, le dimatshine tse di gatisetsang di goroga.

Tiro ya kgatiso e butswa ke Magistrata Graham Greene ka mafoko a kgothatso, a re, 'Ke kopilwe ke morulaganyi wa Koranta ya ~~Bechuana~~ Bechuana go simolola dimatshine tsa koranta e. Ke boitumelo go bona kafa Barolong ba tswelelang pele ka gone ka go nna le pampiri e e leng ya bone. Ke rata go gakolola beng ba

koranta e gore ba tshotse leramo le le bogale mo letsogong la bone, le le ka bolayang kgotsa la boloka. Ke rapela gore pampiri e e kwalwe ka boammaaruri le ka tshiamo le ka lorato. Ka boammaaruri gore mafoko a yone a nne a tlhotlhomisitsweng, a ba a rurufadiwa; ka tshiamo gore e sireletse ba ba patikwang, e bo e sireletse molao wa lefatshe; ka lorato gore go kgalema ga yone e nne mo go bopang, e seng go ipusologetsa ga teng ba yone. Fa dilo tse di ka dirwa, pampiri e e tlaa nna thuso mo bathong botlhe, mme bogole mo Bantshong. Ke e sireletsa tswelelopele, mme ke tsamaisa dimatshine tsa yone mo tirong ya tsone jaanong.

Mo pulong ya Koranta ya Bechuana go ne go laleditswe mme go tsile bagolwane ba Basweu ba toropo ya Mafikeng mmogo le dikgosi tsa Barolong le baruti ba ba Basweu le ba Bantsho. Go nowa ditse le dilebelabe, go tewa matshe, mowa o le monate.

Tiro e thaegile jaana ka matsetseleko le matlomo a magolo ka kgwedi ya Motsheganong 1901, mme morafe wa Barolong wa e itumelala, wa kgana ka yone pampiri e e bolaleng mafoko ka puo ya bone, mme le bone e bile ba na le tshwaneio ya go kwala megopolo ya bone mo go yone.

Dikwalo tsa boitumelo tsa tswa kwa Batswaneng ba Thebantsho, jaaka Moruti J.D. Goronyane; ba Mangaung jaaka Moruti Jacob Moriyatsi, R. Mashoko; ba Huhudi jaaka J.M. Molebalwa; ba Dinokana Zeerust jaaka Kgosi Bogatsu Moilwa, le jalo jalo. Le ditsala tsa Basweu tsa kwala go itumelala Silas Molema le Solomon Flaajje.

Mmueledi. Ka bonako Flaajje a itshupa fa e le monna yo o nang le kakanyo le botlhale. Koranta ya buelala Bantsho mo ditshwanelong tsa bone, ya ba ya gakolola babusi, ka mowa o o fodileng fa ba fosang teng, mme ya goga Basweu le Bantsho ka lesedi la boammaaruri.

Jaana e rile ka 1902 Flaajje a seyo mo gae, Basweu ba Mafikeng le Huhudi

ba kopana le dikgosi tsa Barolong ka bolotsana, mme ba di gapolola gore ba lope mmuso wa Ennyelane gore lefatshe la Mafikeng le kopanngwe le la Transvaale. Ba re ba supetsa dikgosi kafa tshwaragano e e ka thusang ka gone. E rile Plaatje a boa kwa loetong lwa gagwe a fitlhela mafoko ao a dumalanywe, mme a kwala mo Koranteng ya Bechuana go supetsa Barolong boelele jwa tumalano ya bone jo bo fetang go ineela ga bone ga gore lefatshe la bone le gokelwe mo go la Kapa ka 1886, le gore fa ba ineela go nna kafa tlase ga Transvaal ba tlaa latlhegelwa ke boipuso jwa bone, ba tshwanetse ke go tsaya dipase, le gone ba imediwe ke makgetho a mantshi a a seyong mo Koloneng ya Kapa. E rile dikgosi di utlwa tlhaloso ya ga Plaatje tsa pitikologa, tsa sena tumalano ya tsone le Basweu.

Ka 1903 Koranta ya Bechuana ya bulelela Kgosi Galeshewe le batho ba gagwe ba ba ne ba tshwerwe mme ba gologwa ka ntlha ya nwa ya ga Galeshewe ka 1897. Koranta ya ~~1897~~ kopa gore ba gololwe jaaka Maburu e marabele e golotswe. Ya re ka go kwala moo ga ga Plaatje, Galeshewe le batho ba gagwe ba gololwa.

Gape e rile ka 1903 kgosi Basole e bolotsa bogwera, selo se se ne se i lebetswe fa e sa le Montshiwa sa swa ka 1896. Koranta ya Bechuana ya kgala Barolong - ke go re kgoai - ka mantshi a a botlhoko, ka SeEnnyelese le Setswana. Ya supa fa bogwera e le segologolo se se sa bolong go swa le Kgosi Montshiwa, e bile bo ganetsana le maemo a thuto le tumelo ya SeKeresete le barutegi ba ba bantsi ba Barolong, ba ba neng ba tswa dikoleng tse dikgolo tsa boLovedale, Kilneriton, Healdtown, Zonnebloem, Grahamstown, Morija, le jalo jalo. Bogwera bo sa le bo felala ruri mo Mafikeng.

E rile ka bonako nwa ya Maburu e sena go khutla Plaatje a lata mosadi wa gagwe le losea, Senti, kwa ga gabe, mme ba tla go nna mo bontlhanngweng wa ntlo ya ga MmaSeleje kgotsa Mrs Silas Molema. Dikamore tse ba ne ba nna mo go tsone le gompieno di sa ntse di bidiwa goora Plaatje.

Lefa go ntse jalo Plaatje o ne a simolola go ikagela ntlo e e leng ya gagwe kwa Seoding, mo setsheng se o neng a se neilwe ke boora Molema, ntlheng ya bophirimatsatsi jwa motse. Ntlo ya agiwane bonako thata, mme goora Plaatje ga ~~mbilwe~~ tloga ga nna borakanelo jwa barutegi le babui le basadi ba Sekgoa.

Mo malatsing ao e ne e tle e re motlhamongwe fa o ka ya kwa goora Plaatje, o bo o ka fitlhela go buiwa Setswana, SeXhosa le Seburu; go opelwa, go tshamekwa setinkane; go le setshego sa boitumelo. Se sela fop SeEnnyelese se seleela sa boPatrick Lenkwane, Philemon Moshoesheo, Issaia Makgothi le ba bangwe. Barutwana ba Lovedale ba boaboa koo, boSebopiwa Molema le bokgaisadie, Ketlareng Molema le boEmang Marumola le ba bangwe bo Grace Bethel. Ba amogelwa koo ka ditinane tse di ntshitseng matlho. Ntlo e suma jaaka motshitshi wa dinotshe.

MmeSenti (Mrs Plaatje), mosadi yo mokhutshwane, e ne e le motho yo o rategang thata ka ntlha ya botsalano jwa gagwe, bonatla jwa gagwe le kitso ya gagwe ya dilo le go rata go thusa ga gagwe, jaaka go rokela banyadi mesese ya dinyalo le go direla dinyalo tsa bana ba dikgosi matshe a dikuku le dipudding fela kwa ntle ga tuelo; jaaka e rile Maatlametlo (Joseph Molema) a nyala Ntebogang morwadia Kgosi Bathoen kwa Gangwaketse ka 1902, ga dirwa modiro o motona, mme MmeSenti a ya Kanye go okanela ditiro tsotlhe tsa kapeo le phepo.

Motse wa Barolong kwa Mafikeng o ne o tshwana le metse e mangwe ya Setswana, ke go re o ne o le bodutu thata mo bathong ba ba rutilweng. Go se na diputhogo tsa maitiso le go ithuta kgotsa go tshameka le go itumela; fa e se fela ditapa tsa bosigo mo dipatlelong. Ke gone Plaatje o neng a phutha bangwe balekana ba gagwe, boGeorge Mothusi, Michael Lesomo, Philemon Moshoesheo, Jimpinda, James Plaatje le basadi ba bone le ba bangwe, go simolola setlhopha sa kopelo. Ba dira dikontata mo gae le mo metseng ya Makgoa kwa Town Hall. Ba ipetile ka dikoloro, ba ipapana ka dihempe tse di gagametseng, ba apere dibaki tse di megatla ya dipeolwane, Plaatje e le ene kondoktere le motshameki wa setinkane.

Ka nako ya kgatiso ya Koranta ya Bechuana, barutegi ba MaXhosa, boDr Rubusana le W.D. Soga, ba simola go getisa pampiri ya mafoko e bidiwa Izwi la Bantu ka 1901, e le koranta e e bogale, e e runang dipuo tsa babusi le mase e Goromente e e direlang Bantsho. E bua ka phatlalatsane fa e gopolang gore Bantsho ba siamoleletswe gone. Le gone e tshwaya Goromente diphoso ka bobelokgale jwa mantswa a a sa fothwang. Ka ntsha ya selo se, Basweu ba babusi ba dumaduma ba re Izwi la Bantu ke tshafi, ke more, ke pampiri ya phaposo le moreri wa tlhotlheletso.

Kana dinako tsa maloba, fela jaaka gompieno, Basweu e ne e le badipa, ba sa rate go ntshiwa diphoso. E sita ka eng le yone tota koranta e e bokgwabo, ebong Imvo ya ga Jabavu, e e ne e fotha mafoko thata fa e tshwaya diphoso fela ka e ne e le ya Montsho, Makgoa mangwe a ne a e kaya mtsoberi le noga e e laletseng Basweu mo bojangnyeng. Sir Gordon Springs, moeteledipele (Prime Minister) wa puso ka nako eo, e bile o ne a busa ka tolamo a re Tingo Jabavu le motsuolodi le motlhotlheletsi (sedition mongwe ang abettor).

Dipuo tseo ga dia ka tsa tshosa Flaate kgatso tsa moafisa go supetsa babusi diphoso tsa bone. Tota a ba a supa fa Springs e le ene mtsoberi yo megolo wa Bantsho, ka go subolola bobeloethata jwa gagwe, jaaka ene le Thomas Spington ba kile ba leka go rekisa Montshiwa le Barolong mo puseng ya Transvala ka 1884, le molao wa gagwe wa go thopa Bantsho ditlhobolo tsa bone (Disarmament Act 1880), le e mongwe wa go ngotla g Bantsho mo ditshwanelong tsa go rua mafatshe (Native Land Titles), le e mongwe gape wa go kgetholola Bantsho mo go tlhopheng ditokololo tsa palamente (Disfranchisement Act), gape le wa go tseisa Bantsho ba Kapa Koloni dipase.

Flaate a ba a supa bobelotshetlha jwa ga Sir Gordon Spring, jaaka go twe e itlhopile go nna moeteledipele wa puso ka dipaka di le nne, a itshusumetsa go ya go emela Kapa Koloni kwa modirong wa Diamond Jubilee ya ga Mohumagadi

Victoria kwa Ennyelane ka 1897, a ba a iketeletsa pele gape go ya go emela Kapa Koloni kwa peyong ya diatla ya ga Kgosi Edward VII ka 1902. Go rata bokwapele mo e bile ga naya Spring leina le le tshegisang la mosteledipele yo o kgonogetseng.

Go natetsha pelo go itse go re Plaatje o ne a le mogale yo o botlhale. Kola le tumelo ya gagwe (motto) e ne e le gore Aferika a nne legae la batho botlhe ba ba ikobelang melao, le baeng ba Ennyelane ba ba amogetsweng go agay mono, le ba ditshaba, ba kwa ga bone hana ba Aferika ka tshwarang ka tlatlo, ba bo ba newe ditshwanelo tsotlhe tse di tletseng le tse di lekanang le tsa baagi ba koo, go sa le jwe bomorafe kgotsa mmala kgotsa tumelo ya motho. Plaatje o ne a le motho yo o rerang gore Bantsho ba ithute, ba bo ba itse ditshwanelo tsa bone ka botlalo nne ba di tlamele.

O ne a re Bantsho ba itlotle. Ope wa bone a se ka a nna a itshusumetsa mo gare ga Makgoa, kgotsa a rata go bidikama mo matlung e bone, kgotsa a nyala bomorwadia bone. Mongwe le mongwe a itse sentle gore ka molao wa Ennyelane le kola ya bone ya Union Jack, motho mongwe le mongwe yo o ka fa tlase ga bogosi jwa Ennyelane, o na le ditshwanelo tse di lekanang le tsa ba bangwe botlhe mo pusong, ga go le jwe mmala lefa e le tumelo ya gagwe.

Mafoko a gagwe tota, a o a kwadileng ka kgwedi ya Lwetse 13, 1902, ka SeEnnyelane ke a: "■ EQUAL RIGHTS: We do not hanker after social equality with the white man. If anyone tells you that we do, he is a lunatic, and should be put in chains. We do not care for your parlour nor is it, our wish to lounge on ~~your~~ your couches in your drawing rooms. The renegade Kafir who desires to court and marry your daughter is a perfect danger to his race, for if his ~~your~~ yearning yearnings were realised we would be hurrying on the path to the inauguration of a generation of half castes and the total literation of our race and colour both ~~with~~ of which are very dear to us.

For this reason we advise every black man to avoid social contact with the white and other races to keep strictly within their boundaries.

All we claim is our just dues. We ask ~~us~~ for our political recognition as loyal British subject. We have not demonstrated our fealty to the throne for the sake of ~~the~~ f.s.d, but we did ~~it~~ to assist in the maintenance of the open door we now ask for; so it cannot be said we demand too much.

Under the Union Jack every person is his neighbour's political equal. There are certain regulations which one should qualify before his legal status is recognised as such. To this qualification race or colour is no bar, and we hope, in the near future to be able to record that one's sex will no longer debar her from exercising a privilege hitherto enjoyed by the sterner sex only.

Presently under the British Constitution every man so qualified is his neighbour's political equal. Therefore anyone who argues to the contrary, or imagines himself the political superior of his fellow subjects is a rebel at heart."

Mo mafokong a puso Flaateje o ne a tlhalo ganyetsa Bantsho melao le kafa e ba siametseng kgotsa kafa e sa ba siamelang ka gone, mme le gone a ruta batho go itse babusi le balaodi le badira-melao le Basweu ba bangwe ba ba leng ditsala tsa Bantsho - batho ba ba ntseng jaaka boMolteno, S. Solomon, Rose-Innes, J.X. Merriman, H. Burton, Col. David Harris, Olive Schreiner, boColenso le bangwenyana ba bone.

E rile ka 1904 ga tla kwa Mafikeng barongwe ba ga Goromontse ba Ditiro tsa Bantsho, jaaka ba ne ba tsamaya le lefatshe jlotlhe le metse ya Souta Aferika, ba tlhotlhamisa maemo, lefatshe, thuto, dikoranta, puso le botshelo jwa Bantsho ka go botsa. Flaateje ke ene o ne a ba tolokela fa ba botsa Kgosi Badirile, mme e rile ba lotolotsa, ene ka esi a gatelela mafoko a mo go bone, gore mongwe le a mongwe yo o lekanyeng ka thuto le loruo le maemo, o lebaganywe ke go nna motlhophi wa palamente lefa a le Mosweu kgotsa a le Montsho. A ba gakgamatsa ka

dikgatho dikakanyo tse e leng tsa gagwe fela, mme bogolo ka go huelela banna ba ba nyetseng lefufa, gore le bone ba nne le tshwanela eo, ka gobo le bone ba ntsha lekgetho la ga Goromente fela jaaka banna ba bangwe.

E rile barongwa ba Ditiro tsa Bantsho ba swetsa ditlhotlhomiso tsa bone mo lefatsheng lotlhe ba kwala go re dikoranta tsa Bantsho di itshupile fa di latelela mafoko a xxy puso le ditiragalo tsa lefatsho ka kelotlhoko, mme lefa bangwe ba re go dirwe molao wa go otlhaya beng ba tsone fa ba kgala mafoko a a kgalang Goromente, barongwa ga ba dumalane, ntswa ba itse go re mo botshelong jwa Bantsho kgosi e kgolo ga e kgalwe le gone ga e ntshiwe diphoso. Lefa go ntse jalo mo Sekgoeng dikoranta di kgala puo fela, di ntsho babusi diphoso, mme selo seo e be e se tsuololo kgotsa borukutlhi, mme Bantsho go kwala dikoranta ba mo tseleng ya Sekgoa.

Plaatje o tlogile a supa gape gore ga go na pampiri epe ya Bantsho e e kileng ya rera Bantsho kgotsa gore Bantsho ba ile Basweu. Ba tsone tsotlhe ke go kgala melao ya kgethololo e e thailweng mo mmaleng wa batho. Tshotlhe di lwela tshiamo le thokgamo le tshwaragano ya Bantsho le Basweu, di ntse di e eteleditse pele lefoko la go re Souta Aferika ke wa marafe ya souta Aferika yotlhe.

Ka 1906, ka kgwedi ya Tlhakole, motse wa Barolong wa Mafikeng o etetswe ke Duke of Connaught, monna-Kgosi Edward VII, a na le mohumagadi wa gagwe, mme a tolokelwa ke Plaatje.

Ka yone nako eo go ne ga diragala tiro ya kgakgamatso mo Batswaneng. Mosetsanyana wa Motswana yo e Binyaga di 17, go tve Seleje Molema, a ema fa gare ga matshutitshuti a Bantsho le Basweu go balela Duke le Duchess of Connaught lokwalo (address) lwa kamogelo ka puo ya bone ya SeNnyalese, ba bo ba mo dumedisa ka diatla. Matshutitshuti a a neng a phuthegile a tshela losalaba, ba duduetsa, basadi ba itaya mogolokwane.

Ka one ngwaga oo wa 1906 ga nna le kgang ya bogosi fa gare ya Mathiba morwa Moremi II le Sekgoma-a? Letsholathebe, rangwanaagwe, yo o ne a busa morago ga ga Moremi II a mo tshageleditse go fitlhela morafe wa Batawana o mo fufegela, mme jaana Mathiba le morafe ba thusiwa ke Kgosi Kgama, kgosi ya Bangwato.

Plaatje, jaaka e le morulaganyi wa koranta, o ne a ya Serowe go reetsa tshoko e, mme a bolele fa a fitlhetse motse o nyeula matshutitshuti a batho ba ba ne ba tsile go dumedisa Lord Selborne, Morongwa wa Mohumagadi, e bile ba tsile go reetsa le tshoko. E le Sebele le Bakwena ba gagwe, Bathoen le Bangwaketse ba gagwe, Mokgosi le Balete ba gagwe, Gaborone le Batlokwa ba gagwe kwa ntle, Bangwato. A re mapodisi a Tshireletso a ne a lalala Sekgoma a le mo Mafikeng, mme ya re a tsena kwa Serowe ba mo kganelela mo tlung ya mapodisi ka taolo ya Motlotlegi Ralph Williams, mme Sekgoma a tloga a golegwa kwa Gaborone dinyaga di le tharo, a sa sekisiwa, ka taolo ya ga Lord Selborne, Morago ga dirwa molao go mo leleka mo lefatsheng la Tshireletso.

Sengwe aa dile tse Plaatje o ne a di ila lobekebeke ke bogoma lwa bathati le katelalo ya babotlana. O rile ga a reke kgetsa ya ga Sekgoma, se o se bulelang ke tshoko ya tshiamo, gore motho a otlhaiwe a sena go sekisiwa a ba a bonwa molato fa pale ga lekgotla le batho. Ka Sekgoma a atlhotswe a ba a otlhaiwa kwa ntle ga tshoko, Plaatje o rile Sekgoma ke 'The Black Dreyfus'. (Alfred Dreyfus kana ke lesole la Fora le la ne la golegwa dinyaga di le some le bobedi go tswa ka 1894 go fitlhela 1906 kwa Paris pale ga dipuo tsa batho le masogotlho, a sa nwa lobaka lwa go ikarabela, mme tshiamololalo ya gagwe ya tsikinya lefatshe lotlhe).

Go tswalwa ga Koranta

Koranta ya Bechuana e tswaletse pele jalo, ya gola ka dinyaga tsa 1901 go fitlhela 1907, mme jaanong ya tloga ya inela beng ba yone, bogolo ntlheng

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