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OF THE SECOND TSWANA TERRITORIAL AUTHORITY ON TUESDAY  
12TH MAY, 1970 AT MONTSHIWA.

Mr. Chairman and honourable members of the Tswana Territorial Authority, it is for me an exceptional honour and privilege to be with you here today at the opening of the Second Session of the Second Tswana Territorial Authority. It is also a pleasure for me to convey to you the greetings and congratulations of the Government of the Republic of South Africa and in particular that of the Honourable the Minister of Bantu Administration and Development and of Bantu Education.

To start with, I request you to relive with me those unforgettable and decisive moments when the honourable the Minister, on the 12th December, 1968, on behalf of the  
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State-President, invested you with further administrative powers and handed over the symbols of power of your own government.

Within the short period of sixteen months since that event many things have happened.

You have taken over the administration of the Tswana Homeland together with the offices and attachments. You have taken over the physical development together with the accompanying equipment. Here after you started building up your own machinery and started laying the foundation for the accomplishment of an unimpeachable administration. Here you have made exceptional good progress. This progress is due to the dedicated services and responsible actions of your elected

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Executive Council and for this I want to pay tribute to them.

It has however already clearly become evident that the taking over of administration by you, though important and difficult, was viewed as the beginning of more important things as you immediately started with the bigger tasks of self-administration and building up of the nation.

In the field of Agriculture you already have 103 Tswana Extension officers who have during the past year given more than 800 lectures to Tswana farmers in your area. They are also responsible for the extension of demonstration plots and the holding of farmers days. You have also given attention to one of your biggest assets, namely, stock-breeding and 280 bulls and 236 goats and sheeprams have been sold to Batswana by you on a subsidy basis. Your Homeland can

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boast of good stock and high prices have been paid during the past year at stock-sales which were held right throughout the area. It can undoubtedly be accredited to the fact that you apply stock-improvement and undertake proper planning of Agriculture. So for example during the past year, more than 190,000 morgen of land has been planned.

Progress has also been made in the social welfare sphere. Not only have you maintained the payment of social benefits which you took over from the Republican Government but you have established two important training centres for disabled persons. You have established a number of clinics and more are envisaged. You are also already employing one qualified female social worker and the creation of more such posts is planned.

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You are administering 71 tribal labour bureaux and nearly 25,000 workers were placed in employment during the last twelve months. The administration of the various townships in your area is controlled by you and the building of all thirteen towns in the Tswana area was transferred to you as from 1st April, 1970.

Your Department of Works has drawn up its own building programme. It is responsible for the erection and maintenance of all buildings in your area including certain school buildings which at the time of take-over were still the responsibility of the Department of Bantu Education.

The Roads programme of all thirteen regional authorities have been taken over by your Territorial Authority and together with its own planned programme it has made good progress with

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6/ the building of roads. You have also made progress with the provision of water supplies especially dam building. You have the biggest single irrigation scheme in all the Bantu areas of South Africa viz the Taung irrigation scheme, and I understand that details regarding the improvement of this scheme will be announced during the next few days.

The maintenance of law and order has never been a particular problem with the Tswana Nation. At present eleven district offices have been transferred to you and the transfer of a further two district offices will follow as soon as certain formalities have been dealt with. A start has already been made with the training of public prosecutors and the further training of judicial officers. The judicial system of any nation is one of its greatest assets and it is therefore an absolute requirement that positive attention should be paid to the minuting of your own traditional Tribal law and later

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revising it and incorporating it into your own Tswana law. It is a heritage of inestimable value which should not be lost and I trust that your Authority will in the following few years give serious attention to this important task.

Progress has also been made in the field of Education. At present you control 633 schools manned by 4,119 teachers. Then there are 948 private teachers that are not paid by the Territorial Authority. There are 220,487 Tswana children at school. Soon four Teachers' Training Colleges will function. The great majority of the officials in the Department of Education are Batswana and only a few Senior posts are still manned by White Officials. The switching-over of the control from the Department of Bantu Education to your Territorial Authority has progressed exceptionally well. You are all very interested..... /8

interested in education and are desiring that only the best services be offered to your children. This is correct.

I understand that the number of circuits will be increased and that more and more schools are being planned by you. Besides ordinary education you have not forgotten vocational education and the Boitseanape Trade School here in Montshiwa offers training in nine different trades, while the Moroka High School in Thaba 'Nchu also offers training in the Building trade. It is also envisaged to extend the curriculum which is being offered to the sons of chiefs and headmen at Taung.

I want to stop at these few particulars. Your own Executive Council will inform you more fully at the appropriate time. The whole picture, however, is one of progress and development and the ...../9



and the building<sup>up an</sup>/of/own national pride which will do credit to you as representatives of the Tswana Nation.

In this connection there is a matter that received attention during this short session of the Republican Government during February this year, which closely effects you and over which I would shortly like to enlighten you. It is the passing of the act on Citizenship of Bantu Homelands.

Now that you have your own homeland<sup>government</sup>, it is self evident that you must have your own citizenship so that through it attention can be given to your own nationalization,

Mr. Chairman, I do not wish to discuss the act in detail with you, but permit me to mention a few important aspects of it to you. Firstly, the act determines that there must be a citizenship for every Territorial Authority area

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and that every person in the Republic of South Africa who is not a foreign subject, is a citizen of one or other Territorial Authority. The Act further determines that every Bantu person in the Republic is entitled to a certificate which indicates that he is a citizen of a Territorial Authority or a Homeland.

As this matter of citizenship is one that belongs to a Government of a land, the powers that have already been vested in you by section 7 of the act on Bantu Authorities, have been extended by the addition of a further sub-section to that act which determines that a Territorial Authority shall manage or cause to be managed matters regarding Citizenship that is, the issuing of the citizenship certificates and the recording of objections against such citizenship.

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It is natural that with the development of a nation citizenship peculiar to itself must follow. This is the case with all other nations on earth. In the process of the building up of a nation, the corner stone is the creation of an own citizenship. You are proud of the fact that you are a nation of your own and the fact that you can now be registered as citizens of your own territory confirms this.

Wherever your citizens may find themselves, they will be aware of that they are citizens of Tswana land, that they will exercise their political rights there, that they will enjoy all the rights, privileges and advantages of an own territory and nation, but will also be subject to all duties, obligations and responsibilities attached to citizenship of an own Territorial Authority, and that through the Government of the Republic ..... /12

the Republic privileges can be granted to your citizens on grounds of citizenship.

An aspect of the act which you must remember is that a citizen of your Territorial Authority will not be regarded as a foreigner in the rest of the Republic, but he or she retains the protection as a South African citizen. If he travels outside the Republic, he receives a South African passport. For the purpose of employment and residence in the Republic, he is not treated as a person from outside our country, but retains the same employment and residential privileges as before.

I take it, that it is not necessary at the moment to elaborate on how the provisions of the act will be applied, but it is sufficient if I say that every Bantu person, who is a citizen ...../13



citizen of a homeland, can obtain a certificate of citizenship issued by his Territorial Authority, or if a Territorial Authority should request the Republican Government to act on its behalf, it will be issued by the Bantu Reference Bureau. Full directives in this connection will in due course be issued after consultation with the different Territorial Authorities.

For their particulars can be furnished to you by the Commissioner General and officials of your administration and my department.

Mr. Chairman, and members of the Territorial Authority, there is one other important matter which I have not yet mentioned and that is the question of economic development. The need for employment inside your homeland cannot be over stressed

stressed and the government is giving serious attention to this matter. With the co-operation and support of organised industry and of yourself, certain industrial growth points throughout your area are envisaged for the future. One such point, viz. the Babelagi Industrial Complex at Hammanskraal (Temba) has already been established. It is the first of its kind in the Bantu areas anywhere in South Africa and the interest shown in it by industrialists has been staggering. The plan augers well for the future. Details of certain development plans by the Bantu Investment Corporation have already been announced by the Manager of the Bantu Investment Corporation and this together with all else, including the provision of work provided by the development, assures a great future in the economic sphere for the Tswana people.

I cannot neglect to refer with emphasis to the liason which has been taking place between you and the Republican Government, as well as the good and sound reciprocal, mutual relations which exist. Not only did the Honourable Minister on two occasions during the past six months have discussions with your Executive Council, but there were also consultations at official level. On this basis let us build further. Article seven of the Bantu Authorities Act, 1951, gives you certain powers which you can exercise subject to the provision of certain acts. Besides these powers certain further functions were handed over to your Government Service when Self-rule was conferred upon you. In regard to these functions you as the Tswana Government have not as yet full legislative powers of Self-rule. I am certain that you are fully aware of this.

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This was done with a purpose. The intention was firstly to create a Selfruling Government pattern with a Government Service for you. This was done during December 1968. Furhter- more the object was that after the inauguration of your Government to organise your Government Service on a sound Administrative basis. This you are at present busy with; that is you are busy properly organising your Administrative Service including the working of your Executive Council and getting it working. It is necessary that these steps should follow each other, because it is the policy of the Republican Government and also its objective to hand over to the Tswana Government additional legislative powers in regard to these functions. The preparation of the Legislation will be done in consultation with you. If you receive these higher powers, your administration and Government Machinery must be so set up that it can properly execute these higher powers.



This is important as consideration is already being given to the higher powers envisaged for you. You must therefore not labour under the impression that it is the intention of my Government, to inaugurate a Tswana Government here, and not confer upon it the necessary powers for the proper execution of its task in the homeland. You realise therefore the reason why an important aspect like this one, should first be carefully properly planned before action can be taken. In such matters we must progress step by step.

Mr. Chairman may the blessings of the Almighty be upon you in your proceedings, may He lead you with wisdom in your deliberations. It is now a pleasure for me to declare open this Second Session of the Second Tswana Territorial Authority.

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