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NEWS FROM SWAZILAND

HIS EXCELLENCY VISITS LUBOMBO

It was a great day on Wednesday, November, 18 for the people of Sipofaneni, Mposi School, Magomba and Lukula when they were visited by His Excellency Her Majesty's Commissioner, Mr. F.A. Loyd, who wanted to see the people and acquaint himself with their problems and difficulties.

During his tour of the Lubombo district, Mr. Loyd, who was accompanied by Mr. M. Patey, District Commissioner, was welcomed by the nduna of Sipofaneni iNkundla, Mr. Mateu Gamede, the Member of the Swaziland Legislative Council and Mr. J.R.I.G. Varcoe, District Officer, Lubombo and by approximately 300 people of the Libandla.

Mr. Gamede referring to the lack of hospital facilities said that the people wanted the existing clinic to be extended to provide beds for patients in view of the long distance which they had to travel to Stegi for medical treatment. He also asked Government to provide telephone and post office services, more schools and dams for their cattle and for domestic purposes.

Answering the complaints, which were almost similar to all the places which His Excellency visited, Mr. Loyd appealed to the people to contribute something first, before asking Government to help them. "I repeat", said Mr. Loyd, "those who help themselves will be helped by Government. Those who sit down under trees and expect help to come from heaven will not be helped by Government. Do your part and we shall do ours."

Mr. Loyd promised that the Department of Agriculture will send their teams to build dams. He, however, asked the people to preserve the dams by fencing them enabling water to be available at all times, and provide grazing camps to feed their cattle during the dry seasons.

At Mposi School, Mr. Loyd thanked the school committee and women's club for showing signs of self help by contributing money to build the school. "I wish you all the success in the future and hope when I come on my next visit I shall see the school full of children", said Mr. Loyd.

From the school, Mr. Loyd visited Chief Mcoshwa Shongwe, of Magomba where he was met by Mr. J.S.F. Magagula, District Officer of Lubombo and a large gathering and then proceeded to meet Chief Mlimi Maziya at Lukula and his followers.

Later in the afternoon Mr. Loyd proceeded to the Nokwane camp where a cocktail party was held and then went on to the Mhlume Sugar Company for dinner. Mr. Loyd and his party spent the night at Nokwane camp.

The following day Thursday, November 19, Mr. Loyd visited Nomahasha where he was to have met Chief Ngudumane, Chief Majembeni and their Libandla, but the Chiefs arrived late. Mr. Loyd also visited the Government Central School.

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