

# Europe criticised over aid for homelands

PRETORIA, Friday.

AN ALLEGATION that European nations were refraining from aiding the development of South Africa's Black homelands, not on principle but through fear of unpopularity with their other trading partners, was made by a homeland leader at the recent Moral Re-armament Conference in Switzerland.

In the process, human suffering took second place to selfish economic interests, Mr Lennox Sebe, Chief Minister of the Ciskei, told 700 delegates from 39 countries meeting at Caux, headquarters of the MRA, earlier this month.

Mr Sebe released a copy of his address to the South African Press, on his return, through the Department of Information.

Certain European Countries were urging the withdrawal of investment and industries from South Africa, but without consulting the Africans, he said.

"They have not consulted the people they think they are assisting," he said. "These overseas benefactors of ours always blame the South African Government for doing things without consulting us, which is true. But they themselves swim in the same pool."

## VIABLE

Improving conditions for the Black people, and making the homelands viable states, was the thing that would break apartheid most effectively.

Withdrawal of investments would lead to Black unemployment, dissatisfaction and violence, "and we would be the first to suffer, I warn you most strongly."

The problems of the homelands could not be decided in the drawing rooms of Europe.

"Must my people suffer, I ask you, because of people who say 'if we give money to support your homeland, we shall be contributing to segregation?' Such people don't base their arguments on principle, but on fear of being unpopular with other countries with which they have economic ties. They would rather ignore human suffering because of selfish economic ties."

## LONELINESS

Most countries of Europe were afraid of unpopularity, but had to be prepared to walk the road of loneliness.

European countries could contribute to millions of people throughout the world, and especially in the homelands. They could help build a world for generations to come.

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In another address, Mr Sebe warned of the dangers of leaving the leadership of nations to moral dwarfs.

"We have too few men of integrity, men who are there to serve the people, who are accessible to the ordinary man, who work for the real needs of their people," he said.

He referred to the "epidemic rush for power and riches in many of the so-called great powers."

He himself had accepted a R600 drop in salary from his previous job, to become Chief Minister and the other homeland leaders had made similar sacrifices.

"If the people call you to lead them, and you do not answer the clarion call, then history will sentence you, and there is no court of appeal from the sence of history."

Mr Sebe said Western countries were the first to be civilised, to know the intricacies of government, freedom and equality. Now, when some were falling by the wayside, new hope might come from the developing nations.