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Hand of Friendship

WE heartily welcome the stand taken by Mr. Justice Claassen in apologising to the Africans of Basutoland, as well as to those of South Africa, for his former attitude of superiority, indifference and haughtiness.

We are living in an age when the world is on the brink of catastrophe.

In our opinion, three alternatives confront us at this time in history. Those alternatives are war and destruction, totalitarian regimes, or the building of a new world society.

Men like Judge Claassen challenge us by their convictions and their lives to think bigger than self, family, race or nationality. It is this statesmanship of the humble heart that can lift us to a new level of thinking which will enable us to take on the country together, and fight to make it what God wants it to be.

Whereas we used to believe in violence and bloodshed as the answer to our problems in South Africa, we have now come to realise that these can lead to chaos and catastrophe.

In this spirit, we extend our hand of friendship to men who fight irrespective of race, colour or creed to restore God to leadership in the affairs of men.
—WILLIAM NKOMO, MANASSEH MOERANE, JACOB MOHLALA, P. Q. VUNDLA.