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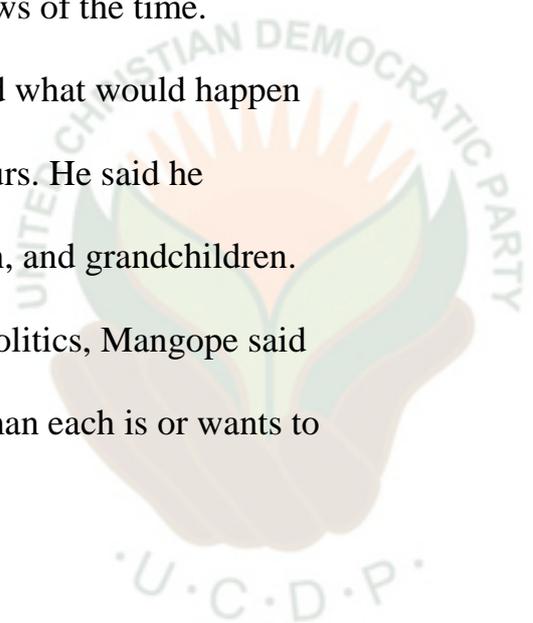
In the scorching autumn sun on Sunday, 09 August 2009, Kgosi Lucas Mangope addressed an estimated crowd of about 1000 to commemorate the national Women's Day at the party headquarters in Mafikeng.

Speaking to those who came from as far afield as Merafong, Tshwane and Johannesburg in Gauteng, Kudumane in the Northern Cape and the loyalists in the greater North West province, Mangope was at his usual best to illustrate the valuable women have played, are playing and will play in time to come.

He made it clear that the women's march to the Union Buildings in 1956 was not that of some individual political party. It was a clarion call made to all women of South Africa to stand against the pass laws of the time.

In illustrating the worth of women he said he imagined what would happen if all women in the world were to die for only four hours. He said he imagined sad, hungry and confused husbands, children, and grandchildren.

Still adamant that women's day is not a day of party politics, Mangope said women in attendance should choose what type of woman each is or wants to be.



He called on them to choose from a supportive woman who would rise with a regiment and say to them that much as she was old she supported their course, another woman who went on to say to soldiers they could shoot the grey hair if the must but they should spare their country's flag; a woman who held a conversation with a snake and cut a deal to disobey instructions, a woman who did not shy of from writing a note to her husband indicating that the man in the dock was falsely accused or a woman who was prepared to stay the full course of persistence and perseverance regardless of circumstances.

To Mangope a woman has to be as constant as the Northern star. She has to breast feed the nation regardless of age. A woman has to comfort, inspire and motivate children.

While he supports the cause of women, he called on them to tread gingerly like ladies of old and not be overly ambitious.

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