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THE CISKEI GOVERNMENT is not going to be intimidated and dictated to by the Transkei on the amalgamation of the two homelands, the Chief Minister of the Ciskei, Mr L.

L. Sebe said this week.

â\200\234We are not opposed to amalgamation in principle but we are not going to be intimidated and dictated to by the Transkei,â\200\235 Mr Sebe said. Mr Sebe was reacting to a statement by the Transkeiâ\200\231s Chief Kaiser Matanzima that Mr Sebe had disteg: {d ed completely Chief Kaiserâ\200\231s attempts to discuss amalgamation.

Chief Kaiser said he had written to Mr Sebe twice, and had met with him personally, in an attempt to fix a date for â\200\230amalgamation. Mr Sebe had not responded.

Mr Sebe, however, claims that Chief Kaiser

had not approached him | through the official chan-

nel, which in this case

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important at this time. Chief Kaiser said on

Wednesday he had visits

ed Mr Sebe personally in

King Williams Town and _

Mr Sebe had told him to

wait gt a hotel while he

met his cabinet.

â\200\230given up waiting after

three hours and had gone

home. '

Asked about this, Mr
Sebe said, Chief Kaiser
had arrived without an
appointment, in the mid-
dle of an important cabin-

with
Chief Kaiser said he had

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et meeting, and by the
time the meeting was
over, Chief Kaiser had
left the hotel.

serâ\200\231s claim that Mr Se-
be's attitude was an â\200\234at-

â\200\230tack on my integrity as -

if I was not a truthful
personâ\200\235 Mr Sebe said: â\200\234If

I throw a cap into the

air and it falls onto a

manâ\200\231s head, and it fits

him, it is not my fault.â\200\235

A separate row is brew-
ing between the two home- -

lands - executives on the

~ Asked about Chief Kai-

means through the Com-
missioner General of the

Xhosas.

â\200\234The ball is firmly in

his court. Heâ\200\231s the one
interested

in amalgama-

tion, not usâ\200\235, Mr Sebe

said.
Although
Government was not op-
posed to amalgamation it
felt the development of
the homeland, and espec-

ally ecreating more jobs
for the people, was more

the Ciskei

Glen Grey district, which
Chief Kaiser claims ge-

longs. to the Republican
Government and did not
form part of the Ciskei

â\200\234put is part of Tembuland:â\200\235

â\200\234Heâ\200\231s dreamingâ\200\235 Mr .

Sebe said. â\200\234There is no:
- question about it â\200\224 G!eng
. Grey is in the Ciskeiâ\200\235

â\200\234Mr Sebe denied his dif-
ferences with Chief Kaiser
were 2 personality clash.

â\200\234This is a national issue
and not an affair between

â\200\230two individuals. T am just

a small part, and individ-
ual . personalities . donâ\200\231t
matter,â\200\235 he said.

MR COLLINS Ramusi,

Lebowa's Minister of
the Interior, yesterday
attacked . Paramount
Chief Kaizer Matanzima for
betraying the
homeland leaders
by negotiating a se-
parate independence
deal with Pretoria.

In an interview in Dur-

ban yesterday, Mr Ramu-
said that the home-

land leaders who attend-
ed the Umtata summit last
week highly

November were
embarrassed by the ac-
tion of the Chief . Min-
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Lebowa is concerned, we

.are watching the devehp--vj

ments closely, he said.
At the Umtata sum-
mit, Paramount

Matanzima was asked

ifmny whether he

SEi-\201W intended going
not why he had used the

idea during the, T;eanskelj :
. election -

campaign, he said.
He laughed and Si-\201d

for independence, and if -

Chief

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to go ahead and |
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shock to us all when be
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â\200\230Mr usi said. â\200\234We are
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agreed with the sentiments
expressed by Chief Gatsha

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Mt Ramusi said that he

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from the South Aincan
Government,

Mr Ramusiâ\200\231s attack o;_t;

the Trannskei leader
~comes at a time when tnp
Ciskeiâ\200\231s leader, Mr Len-
nox)Sebe, has made it
clear that his governmem
had also reached agree-
- ment with Pretoria with
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NO SOONER had my father turned his
back on his schooling career than he
| plunged into a new pursuit a jackal-
hunting which was then a highly profit-
able thing. He hunted the jackals for their
skins and fat which he then sold to White
il farmers throughout East Griqualand.

IT WAS about this time also that my father
Khotso first began to show an interest in
Bl muti. During his hunting escapades, he
@ looked for herbs, which he later used to

prepare all kinds of concoctions and potions.

' He must have had the
Midas touch, for every-
thing he did brought
him instant financial
success. With' more
cash rolling in from the
sale of jackal skins, he
began to speculate on
livestock.

He bought cattle and
horses and sheep and
resold them at a pro-
fit.

But' Khotso had a
restless mind and an
almost insatiable lust
for money. Not satis-
fied with his activities
as a hunter and bud-
ding herbalist, he sud-
denly disappeared from

Kokstad, where the fa-

mily had settled, and

for months afterwards
no one knew where he
was.

He had slipped
quietly into Lesotho,
where he was trained
as a herbalist. This is
known as ukuthwa-
sa and involves some
sort of initiation cer-

emouy. : i

On his return to Kokstad my father worked for a while as a farm hand but did not remain there for long. He was to confess later that he â\200\234hatedâ\204¢

NEXT WEEK:
How Khotso exploited the

copsâ\200\231 fears

about him.

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having to work for the White man.

Moving into a rented cottage in the centre of town, he began to practise his newly acquired skills as a medicine man. Everybody called him â\200\234doctor ;

Attracted

My father attracted a lot of people who were bowled over by his powers as a herbalist.

They came from all over the territory, and others even came from the Cape and Natal.

.authorities

As his name and fame . grew, so did the interest of the police and the authorities grow in my fatherâ\200\231s trade. Apparently they were not too happy with certain aspects of my fatherâ\200\231s business and he was subjected to a lot of harassment .

~ The one thing that
seemed to irk the
most was
the use of the word
"doctor" by my father.
And the fact that he

had no documents to

show for his business.
Consequently he de-

cided to go to Durban

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"herbalist" is

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to seek help. He re-
turned after a few
months with a framed
certificate,
with - these words
written on it: "Dr
Khotso Sethuntsa, P.O.
Box 80, Kokstad." He
also had a rubber
bearing the
same address.

He was very proud
of that certificate. He

had it hung up on a

wall where it could be
seen clearly. How and
where he had obtained
the certificate and
the rubber stamp
nobody could tell. He
himself was not pre-

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My amazing father.
Khotso Sethuntsa

Part 2 of Mrs Pairicia Prakana's inside story

pared to talk about it.

At about this time
my father married my
mother, Sarah Jane Zi-
nyanga, daughter of
Mahoyiza Dzanibe, ac-

cording to Xhosa custom. It was not a Christian marriage, although we, the children resulting from it, were baptised and christened. i

My mother gave birth to two children only - my brother Motiki and myself. I was the elder and my brother died at the age of four.

Their marriage was - not happy from the

word go. My grandmother tells me that my father and mother separated when I was about two or three, and that both my brother (while he lived) and myself were brought up by our uncles at our mother's home.

At the age of six I was taken back to Kokstad to stay with my father, then married (again according to customary union) one Catherine, Qacha, a domestic working for a Mr Williams in town.

Catherine, who had

only one child - a

who - had by

ntlanga

daughter called Mary Sikae - assumed the role of senior wife and to this day she remains in that capacity, although she later preferred anonymity when my father started adding to his collection of wives.

Money

MaCatherine as we called her, proved herself an ideal partner

for my father. Industrious and with a keen

sense of responsibility,
she happened to share
the same interest in
herbs. :

- So the two of them
soon formed a partner-
ship and together made
a lot of money
ministering to the
needs of the many
people who came to
consult them,

It was not long be-
fore they had saved
enough money to be
able to buy their own
house; *â\200\234Mill Siteâ\200\235, a
big rambling home-
stead nestling along
the banks of the Umzi-
River, was
bought by MaCatherine
and Khotso in 1939,

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-but the
medicine
business