

PLATINUM COINS

ALSO; IT RECOMMENDED THAT THE PRODUCTION AND SALE OF ALL PLATINUM COINS AND SMALL BARS SHOULD BE PROHIBITED. SOUTH AFRICA PRODUCES MUCH OF THE WESTERN WORLD'S PLATINUM. THE REPORT SUGGESTED THAT TRADE CREDITS FOR SALES TO SOUTH AFRICA SHOULD BE PHASED OUT OVER THREE TO FIVE YEARS.

EARLIER TODAY; THE COMMITTEE RECEIVED AN UPDATED REPORT ON THE IMPACT OF SOUTH AFRICA'S MILITARY AND ECONOMIC ACTIONS AGAINST NEIGHBORING STATES.

THE REPORT SAYS MORE THAN 1.5 MILLION PEOPLE HAVE BEEN KILLED IN SOUTHERN AFRICA IN THE LAST EIGHT YEARS BY SOUTH AFRICAN ACTIONS.

THE REPORT'S AUTHORS ARE PHYLLIS JOHNSON; FORMERLY OF NORTH BATTLEFORD; SASK.; AND BRITON DAVID MARTIN.

THEIR REPORT ON PRETORIA'S DESTABILIZATION CAMPAIGN UPDATES A PRELIMINARY REPORT RELEASED FEBRUARY IN HARARE. THE PRELIMINARY REPORT, WHICH WAS NOT CONSIDERED A COMMONWEALTH DOCUMENT; ATTRACTED WIDESPREAD PUBLICITY BUT SOUTH AFRICA HAS SAID IT WAS "TOTALLY INCONSISTENT WITH THE FACTS."

THEIR REPORT WILL ALSO BE PASSED ALONG TO THE COMMONWEALTH SUMMIT IN KUALA LUMPUR.

IN IT; THE AUTHORS SAID THE SO-CALLED FRONTLINE STATES OF MOZAMBIQUE; ZIMBABWE; ZAMBIA; BOTSWANA; ANGOLA AND TANZANIA SUFFERED ECONOMIC LOSSES EQUIVALENT TO \$54 BILLION CDN AS A RESULT OF SOUTH AFRICA'S ACTIONS.

CANADA HAS CONTRIBUTED MORE THAN \$4 MILLION TO PROVIDE SECURITY ASSISTANCE TO THE FRONTLINE STATES; AN EXTERNAL AFFAIRS SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY.

TWO AUSTRALIAN AUTHORS LAUNCHED A NEW BOOK THAT SAID FINANCIAL PRESSURE AGAINST PRETORIA CAN BE MAINTAINED BY TIGHTENING THE CONDITIONS FOR DEBT REPAYMENT AFTER JUNE; 1990; WHEN MANY LOANS TO SOUTH AFRICA COME UP FOR RENEWAL.

APARTHEID IS SOUTH AFRICA'S RACIAL POLICIES THAT ENABLE FIVE MILLION WHITES TO CONTROL MOST ASPECTS OF THE COUNTRY WHILE THE BLACK MAJORITY IS DENIED THE VOTE AND OTHER BASIC RIGHTS.

ASIDE FROM CLARK; THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF AUSTRALIA; GUYANA; INDIA; NIGERIA; TANZANIA; ZAMBIA AND ZIMBABWE ARE ATTENDING THE THREE-DAY MEETING THAT ENDS WEDNESDAY.

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