

Oral Questions

for the Hon. Member to suggest that there is some magic potion to cure this very serious problem.

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SOUTH AFRICA—PRIME MINISTER'S STATEMENTS—
ADVERTISEMENT PROMOTING SOUTH AFRICAN TOUR

Hon. Donald J. Johnston (Saint-Henri—Westmount): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Deputy Prime Minister. The Prime Minister has promised more sanctions against South Africa and has stated: "every step this Government has taken on South Africa has been pursued to a carefully thought out plan that takes into account all elements". I have here in my hand a copy of a prominent daily Canadian newspaper which carries a one-half page ad promoting a tour to South Africa which appears to be in breach of existing government sanctions. How can these declarations about new sanctions be taken seriously in light of what we see happening this very day in a prominent Canadian newspaper?

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Hon. Don Mazankowski (Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, I think the actions of the Government and, indeed, the actions of the Prime Minister are very clear on this very important issue. The Prime Minister is due to return later this day. He will be making a statement in the House of Commons on his trip. I hope that perhaps the matter that the Hon. Member raises will be touched upon at that time.

[Translation]

CONTENT OF PRIME MINISTER'S FORTHCOMING STATEMENT IN HOUSE

Hon. Donald J. Johnston (Saint-Henri—Westmount): Mr. Speaker, I am very happy to learn that the Prime Minister will be making a statement in the House. Perhaps the Deputy Prime Minister could encourage him to tell us, first, how he intends to strengthen existing sanctions, second, which additional sanctions he intends to impose on South Africa, and third, whether diplomatic relations with that country will be broken. Can the Deputy Prime Minister encourage the Prime Minister to include this information in his statement to the House?

[English]

Hon. Don Mazankowski (Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, I am not sure what the position of the Liberal Party is with respect to the issue of ending diplomatic relations with South Africa. It might be interesting to know how many versions the Liberals have on that particular issue, as they have so many on other issues.

The Prime Minister has shown leadership not only to Canadians but to the world in terms of Canada's position with respect to South Africa. I am sure the Hon. Member will not be disappointed when he hears from the Prime Minister later this week.

REQUEST FOR IMPOSITION OF MANDATORY SANCTIONS

Mr. Howard McCurdy (Windsor—Walkerville): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Deputy Prime Minister and it is on the same subject. Does it not seem clear to the Government that in view of these advertisements in *The Globe and Mail* inviting Canadian tourists to be brain-washed about the advantages of apartheid that it is about time for the Government to impose not voluntary sanctions but mandatory sanctions, sanctions that are clearly and absolutely enforceable?

Hon. Don Mazankowski (Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, I thought I answered that question. I thought I invited the Hon. Member to be in the House when the Prime Minister makes his statement. He will be making a statement later on this week. He will be in a better position to respond to those questions than I am, with respect. I hope that he will be patient.

I know the Hon. Member's feeling. He has certainly expressed it very eloquently in the House on many occasions. But, clearly, the Prime Minister of Canada has shown leadership on this issue, and he will continue to show leadership. I hope that he will have the support of the Hon. Member.

PRIME MINISTER'S POSITION

Mr. Howard McCurdy (Windsor—Walkerville): Mr. Speaker, my supplementary question is a simple one. We have heard a great deal of eloquence from the Prime Minister. It has been almost two years now since the Prime Minister promised that there would be mandatory economic and diplomatic sanctions. Are you telling this House that tomorrow when the Prime Minister returns he will live up—

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Members have used great restraint in not using the word "you". I know that it was only a slip on the Hon. Member's part. I would ask him to put his question again.

Mr. McCurdy: Mr. Speaker, I repeat the question with the substitution of "he" for "you".

Hon. Don Mazankowski (Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, the Right Hon. Prime Minister has not only demonstrated eloquence in the House, throughout the country and the world, he has also backed it up with action. I think the position of the Canadian Government and the actions of the Prime Minister speak clearly for themselves.