

THREATEN GAMES BOYCOTT

THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE CRICKETERS' TOUR BROUGHT CALLED BY BLACK AFRICAN COUNTRIES FOR BRITAIN'S EXCLUSION FROM THE COMMONWEALTH GAMES IN AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND, IN JANUARY.

OF THREATS OF A BOYCOTT IF BRITAIN IS ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GAMES, RAMPHAL SAID HE HOPES THERE WILL NOT BE ONE.

CLARK SAID HE ALSO IS CONCERNED ABOUT A POSSIBLE BOYCOTT.

"WE'RE WORRIED ABOUT THE THREAT TO A VIABLE AND IMPORTANT COMMONWEALTH INSTITUTION," HE SAID.

BUT HE ADDED THAT HE WAS ENCOURAGED BY THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S REACTION TO THE CRICKET TOUR: TRYING "MORAL-SUASION AS THEY HAVE TO DISSUADE SOME OF THEIR ATHLETES."

THE CANBERRA CONFERENCE, SET IN ONE OF AUSTRALIA'S MOST LUXURIOUS HOTELS, WILL FOCUS ON SOUTH AFRICA'S LINKS WITH THE INTERNATIONAL FINANCE COMMUNITY; ON HOW TO COUNTERACT SOUTH AFRICA'S PROPAGANDA AND CENSORSHIP OVER APARTHEID; AND ON DEVELOPMENTS ON THE INDEPENDENCE PLANS FOR SOUTH AFRICAN-ADMINISTERED NAMIBIA.

CLARK IS JOINED IN THE CONFERENCE BY AUSTRALIAN FOREIGN MINISTER SENATOR GARETH EVANS AND THE FOREIGN MINISTERS FROM GUYANA, INDIA, NIGERIA, TANZANIA, ZAMBIA AND ZIMBABWE.

FOLLOWING THE CONFERENCE, CLARK WILL HOLD BILATERAL TALKS WITH THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT THURSDAY BEFORE RETURNING TO CANADA.

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