

That is why this Government has acted, systematically and deliberately to increase the real pressure against apartheid. We have sharply cut our trade, often at cost to Canadians. We have increased aid and other support to the victims of apartheid. The Prime Minister made an unprecedented trip to Africa, to meet the leaders of the Front Line States, and to symbolize, by his presence, that apartheid is opposed by whites as well as blacks, by leaders of the Economic Summit as well as by the Front Line States. No other western leader, no previous Canadian Government, has been more active or effective in the fight against apartheid. That record makes Canada's leadership even more important now.

There is a genuine debate now about the most effective next step for Canada in the fight to end apartheid. The Prime Minister has made it clear, in the United Nations, that if other measures fail, Canada is prepared to end all economic and diplomatic relations with South Africa. Some Canadians argue that we should take that final step immediately because, coming from Canada, it would send a signal which could not be ignored, either by South Africa, or by other countries whose policy affects South Africa.

We take that argument seriously, and judge it in the context of the special role which Canada plays in the fight against apartheid. The purpose of Canadian policy, after all, is not simply to express a Canadian opinion; our purpose is to change a South African policy. We want to end apartheid, end it peacefully, see it replaced by a genuine democracy in South Africa.

It is easy to condemn apartheid. The real challenge is to find practical ways to end that racist system. Obviously, Canada's opinion and example are important. But opinion and example are not the end of our influence.

There are two other major elements of Canada's influence.