

against *apartheid*, and now some Canadian unions have refused to unload a ship carrying South African steel. Universities are debating disinvestment of their South African holdings. This issue has, in a dramatic manner, affected Canadians as a people, and South Africans who condone *apartheid* should know that they offend not just the government of Canada, but our people and our values.

In focussing that anger, in applying steady pressure for change, we must have the best information and judgments we can get on how to use our influence most effectively.

We will work closely with our friends. The distinguished African leader, the chairman of the Front Line States, President Julius Nyerere of Tanzania has been invited by the Prime Minister to pay an official visit to Canada September 24-26. The Secretary-General of the Commonwealth will visit Canada in early October. We will seek their advice, and that of other leaders opposed to *apartheid*, particularly in the Commonwealth and among the Front Line States. We expect the meeting of the heads of government of the Commonwealth, in mid-October, to provide an opportunity for common action against *apartheid*.

We are taking a number of further measures as the government of Canada as part of our continuing pressure against *apartheid*.

First, I am meeting a number of representatives of Canadian businesses and finance in order to examine areas of co-operative action against *apartheid*. Because I believe that there is a very real possibility that where governments may not have influence on some levels of the business community and the bureaucracy in South Africa, Canadians active in business could well have that influence that could do what governments, Parliament and public officials are trying to do. The first meeting took place on September 9. The others will follow shortly, on September 17 and September 20.

Second, the Canadian government is introducing a voluntary ban on loans to the government of South Africa and all of its agencies. We are asking all Canadian banks to apply such a ban and we have reason to believe that they will do so. Some have already acted on their own and we welcome that. The ban will not affect any outstanding credits nor prevent loans. That could clearly be to the benefit of blacks.

Third, I am announcing the appointment of Mr. Albert Hart as administrator of the Canadian code of conduct for the employment practices of Canadian companies operating in South Africa. Mr. Hart has had a distinguished career as a public servant, including assignment as High Commissioner to Ghana. Mr. Hart will take up his duties shortly and will be in touch with the companies concerned. We are today issuing a standard reporting format for the annual public reports which have been requested by the government under the code of conduct.

Fourth, the Canadian government will apply a voluntary ban on the sale of crude oil and refined products to South Africa. To this end, we are asking Canadian companies not to enter into any contracts for the sale and export of these goods to South Africa. Our sales in this area have been limited in the past. This measure is being taken now to ensure that Canada does not become an alternative source of supply in the future.

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