

The Trust Fund plays an invaluable role. Promoting education and skills development among black South Africans is crucial to a successful, post-apartheid South Africa. But it also helps the process of change itself. In Canada, all levels of government, trade unions, business, universities and other institutions have risen to the challenge and offered, through the Trust Fund, work experience and educational opportunities to black South Africans.

Starting this year Canada will provide about \$15 million for an expanded second phase of the Canadian Education Program. These funds could not be better spent. The crisis in black education has never been as acute as it is now. Figures released this month show that only forty-two per cent of black students passed matriculation in 1989. The pass rate for whites was ninety-seven per cent. That is the legacy of separate education - which for blacks has meant a lack of facilities, a lack of qualified teachers and a lack of funding which has crippled black schools.

It is one thing to say that the future of all South Africans rests in the hands - and hearts and minds - of those students. But the more compelling reality is that those hands and hearts and minds must be prepared to meet the challenges of exercising power.

One challenge is to learn the technical skills of a modern economy. An equal challenge, perhaps even more important, is to encourage the attitudes of tolerance and co-operation which will be so essential in a post-apartheid South Africa.

Apartheid does what it says. It keeps people apart, and helps them fear one another, perhaps hate one another. Those walls of fear and hatred must be brought down.

Dialogue among South Africans of different races and backgrounds, on a common future, is vital to the creation of a non-racial society. Canada has supported scores of projects to this end through the innovative \$1.6 million Dialogue Fund.

Our contacts within South Africa have focussed almost exclusively on a majority that is out of power. We have sought to demonstrate our solidarity and support in practical and constructive ways, and we will continue and expand those activities.

It may now be time for us also to seek more contacts with white South Africans to encourage them to approach negotiations with generosity, without fear. Those in the white community who are embracing real reform need to know how much we respect and encourage them. Those who fear change should be reassured.

One activity which Canada intends to continue to pursue vigorously is the encouragement of the media in South Africa. We support virtually all of the alternative press in one form or another, as well as being the principal funder of both the Anti-Censorship Action Group and the Media Defense Trust Fund.