

condemning the racial policy of the Union of South Africa as
contrary to the United Nations Charter and to the Declaration
of Human Rights. Canada has always been strongly and firmly
opposed to apartheid because it considers the South African
policy is in contradiction with the principle of racial equality
in which the people and the Government of Canada have always
deeply believed. This was the stand taken by our Prime Minister,
the Hon. Mr. Diefenbaker, last week during the Commonwealth
Prime Ministers' Conference in London. Let me paraphrase what
the head of the Government of Canada said at a press interview
during that meeting and repeated a few days ago in the House of
Commons on his return to Ottawa. He said, in effect, that while
admitting that there is no country which can claim to have a
perfect record in respect of racial relations, nevertheless,
racial discrimination such as is the established principle and
official policy and practice in South Africa must be condemned
by Canada, as by other countries, with the utmost vigour.