

BISHOP TUTU CAN NO DOUBT BEAR HIS REBUFF FROM PRESIDENT BOTHA. BOTH NELSON MANDELA AND ALLAN BOESAK MAY BEAR THEIR IMPRISONMENT. BUT CAN SOUTH AFRICA BEAR THE RESULT? IT IS CLEAR THAT ONE COMMUNITY IN SOUTH AFRICA, THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY, IS BEGINNING TO HAVE ITS DOUBTS.

THEIR CONFIDENCE SHAKEN, BUSINESS AND INVESTORS WITHIN AND OUTSIDE SOUTH AFRICA HAVE FOSTERED A WAVE OF DISINVESTMENT - WITHOUT THE PROMPTING OF GOVERNMENTS, BUT SURELY REFLECTING BOTH THE EVENTS ON THE GROUND IN SOUTH AFRICA AND THE SIGNALS MANY GOVERNMENTS HAVE SENT.

IF SOME SOUTH AFRICAN ENTREPRENEURS HAVE, FOR TOO LONG, LENT SUPPORT TO APARTHEID, THE CONSEQUENCE OF THEIR MOVEMENT NOW CANNOT BE OVERSTATED.

CANADA'S CONTRIBUTION TO BRINGING ABOUT THOSE NEW REALITIES RECOGNIZED BY SOUTH AFRICAN BUSINESS HAS BEEN SIGNIFICANT. OUR POLICY, THROUGH SEVERAL ADMINISTRATIONS, HAS BEEN ONE OF CONSISTENT OPPOSITION TO APARTHEID.