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country. Let us not delude ourselves with respect to what is really going on.

Beyond that, we all have to be shocked by the increasing signs of division and conflict. Nothing was more tragic to watch than the events at the Crossroads settlement over the last two days in which we saw black against black, battles fomented once again by official agents of that Government. What can be more diabolical, more machiavellian, than that type of cynical abuse of power that is taking place?

Even the last threshold of civility is being denied through the imposition of censorship. Officials in that country do not want the world to know what is going on, so the cameras are being pulled away and the journalists are being jailed. The last example of freedom of expression is being denied not only to the citizens of South Africa but to the rest of the world. We say in our motion that deterioration is taking place. I wish I could find stronger words to express it. I wish there were more deliberate parliamentary language to give full description to the conditions of evil that are taking place in that country at the present time—everything abhorrent. Therefore I believe strongly that Canadians want to cry out and say: "Enough is enough".

This is why we take objection to the words of advice that have been offered by the Government. They sound acceptable. The Government wants to take a slow and measured response building up to some form of consensus or agreement at the Commonwealth meeting in August. August may be too late. It is two months away. I ask Hon. Members to think of what could happen in the meantime to that country and the people in it. The time for action is now. We want the Government to take strong and effective action far more than what it has been prepared to do thus far. We have no quarrel with the objective and no substantial objection to the means of attaining it.

I believe that Canada has a role of leadership to play in this case. I think we are strategically positioned to provide a bold and perhaps heroic step forward. I feel that the Canadian public is often far ahead of its Government when it says that it is time to break out of the conventional modes, out of the diplomatic niceties, the minuets of the international world. At some point one must take one's conscience in one's hands and go with it, let it lead and not follow. I think it is one of those times, one of those open windows in history from which we can move forward to say something which I believe can mobilize and galvanize all types of other countries and people to take similar action.

I was reading a report today which stated that the Foreign Ministers of the European Economic Community are meeting on Monday. They will provide the same type of verbal condemnation at that time. They will close their embassies as we will close ours. But what would happen if, in the meantime, say this weekend, Canada, which is a highly respected member of the community of nations, a country which is known not to make false or adventuresome judgments, were to say that we want to have a full ban on economic activity? What would that do to the Danmarks in the EEC which are trying to fight for

the same thing in that community? Would it not provide the kind of catalyst that might move those European Economic Community nations, West Germany and Great Britain, at least to reconsider and do something different from simply once again hiding behind their diplomatic language?

We talk a lot in this country about being a mature nation, a highly regarded one. It is time now to put the chips on the table. What are we storing them up for if every time it comes to a crossroads and we see a chance to act we say: "Oh no, we are going to move slowly, in measured terms"? I think Canadians want, through their Government, to become a leader in this area and to provide the kind of direction that is necessary to move the world community.

Let me give you an example, Mr. Speaker, of what is happening today. I am not privy to the discussions that went on in Cabinet with Vice-President Bush, but I do know that there could be an emergency meeting of the Security Council of the United Nations on Monday to talk about mandatory, effective economic sanctions. However, in the past the United States has used its veto power to stop such action.

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Vice-President Bush is in the capital today. Would it not have been an important step forward if Vice-President Bush and the Prime Minister prepared a joint communiqué which said that they had agreed to go to the emergency meeting of the United Nations to put this matter on the table and let the world community have a say? What would that have done for world opinion? What would that have done for the British House of Commons which is trying to persuade the Prime Minister to take a different course of action? What would it have done for West Germany and other countries if they had heard the most important country and one of the most respected countries in the Western Alliance say that it is time to take a different course of action? That is why we are calling for more effective action. The opportunities are there.

Let me draw to the attention of the House the actions announced by the Secretary of State for External Affairs. He announced the cancellation of tourist advertising and restrictions on visas for four attachés located in Washington. He announced the elimination of government procurement of South African goods and services, which amount to less than \$1 million. Will that really prick the conscience of South Africa? Will that really signal to the world community that we are serious?

The Government tried to say that it took an important step forward. However, the public knows what we could have done and what actions were available to us. Last week, an article appeared in the *Toronto Star* talking about major Government businesses. Our own Crown corporation, Eldorado, run by the Government, is taking uranium ore from South Africa and refining it here to the tune of millions of dollars. Uranium is being extracted from Libya, that country is being plundered, the uranium is being brought to Canada and our Crown corporation is involved. Would it not have been seen as an