

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.

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