

## CRITICIZES ATHLETES

AUSTRALIAN PRIME MINISTER BOB HAWKE TOOK ISSUE WITH THE CRICKETERS FROM ENGLAND AND RUGBY PLAYERS, INCLUDING SOME FROM AUSTRALIA, WHO ARE PLANNING THE SOUTH AFRICAN TOUR.

"SOME CLAIM THEY BELIEVE THAT THESE EVENTS WILL ACTUALLY HELP BREAK DOWN THE BARRIERS OF APARTHEID," HAWKE SAID AT TODAY'S OPENING CEREMONY OF THE CONFERENCE. "UNFORTUNATELY, THE OPPOSITE IS THE CASE."

SIR SHRIDATH RAMPHAL, THE COMMONWEALTH SECRETARY GENERAL, SAID HE CONDEMNS THE SPORTSMEN FOR "HAVING ALLOWED GREED TO GET THE BETTER OF PRINCIPLE," BUT CAUTIONED AGAINST ANY BOYCOTT THAT WOULD HURT COMMONWEALTH ATHLETES.

ANOTHER MAIN ISSUE AT THE CONFERENCE IS SANCTIONS AGAINST APARTHEID - SOUTH AFRICA'S RACIAL POLICIES THAT ENABLE FIVE MILLION WHITES TO CONTROL MOST ASPECTS OF THE COUNTRY WHILE THE BLACK MAJORITY IS DENIED BASIC RIGHTS.

AN INDEPENDENT REPORT, EXPECTED TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE CONFERENCE TUESDAY, SUGGESTED TOUGHER SANCTIONS. IT RECOMMENDED THAT COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES STOP ALL TRADE WITH SOUTH AFRICA WITHIN FIVE YEARS.

"I DON'T SEE THAT AS AN EFFECTIVE WEAPON AT THIS STAGE," CLARK SAID SUNDAY.

"THESE EXPERTS ARE INDEPENDENT OF OUR RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS AND THEIR CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS REFLECT THEIR OWN VIEWS," CLARK SAID TODAY.

"THEY HAVE PROVIDED US WITH A FAR-REACHING AND THOUGHT-PROVOKING DOCUMENT WHICH WILL BE A USEFUL CONTRIBUTION TO THE SANCTIONS DEBATE."

RESEARCHER JOE HANLON, THE REPORT'S AUTHOR, SAID CANADA HAS BEEN A LEADER IN SOME AREAS OF SANCTIONS, PARTICULARLY ON THE EXPORTS OF TECHNOLOGY, BUT STILL LAGGED BEHIND IN OTHER AREAS.

"THE END-USER CLAUSE IS OF PARTICULAR CONCERN," HANLON SAID. "WE'RE CONCERNED WITH WHAT HAPPENS TO SOME OF THE ITEMS, SUCH AS AIRCRAFT ENGINES, ONCE THEY GET TO SOUTH AFRICA. THEY DEFINITELY NEED TO TIGHTEN UP THOSE AREAS."

ASIDE FROM CANADA AND AUSTRALIA, THE COUNTRIES ATTENDING THE CONFERENCE INCLUDE GUYANA, INDIA, NIGERIA, TANZANIA, ZAMBIA AND ZIMBABWE.

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