

\$400 million we will be providing in bilateral assistance to Southern Africa over the same period. In New Delhi, I discussed with Prime Minister Gandhi means by which Canada might work closely with the Fund for Africa, established by the Non-Aligned Movement, particularly in the work of ensuring secure transportation routes. The Minister of State for Immigration was in Botswana for the most recent SADCC meeting, and discussed similar projects.

At the same time, we have been working to assist the victims of apartheid in South Africa. In the current year, \$1.5 million is being disbursed for assistance to the families of political detainees, and we have mounted a \$7 million education program. Nine days ago, in Montreal, Dr. Alan Boesak suggested to me other ways in which Canadian humanitarian help could be effective in South Africa.

The Prime Minister is the only leader of an Economic Summit country to have been to Southern Africa since the pressure for change has built against apartheid. He has discussed the issue regularly with our Summit partners, and will put the question on the agenda of the Venice Summit.

Since the African National Congress plays such a major role now in Southern Africa, and will be closely involved in any resolution, the Prime Minister and I look forward to meetings with the President of the African National Congress, Oliver Tambo, in the next few months. Mr. Terence Bacon, our former high commissioner to Zambia and Zimbabwe, has been seconded to the Commonwealth Secretary-General as special adviser on Southern Africa.

Mr. Speaker, as was noted in the Standing Committee of this House on human rights last week, by the NDP member for Windsor-Walkerville, the issue of the fight against apartheid has risen above normal partisan considerations in Canada. It is a common commitment of this Parliament and country.

In a broader sense, so is our commitment to the Commonwealth. What was once a connection to our past has now also become a principal instrument of contemporary policy, and a symbol of the breadth of spirit, and the breadth of alliances, which this special country Canada will require to achieve our interests in the future.