

Mr. Clark replied: "It is my view that for a variety of reasons it is preferable for us to proceed with voluntary measures which, by and large, have proved effective". He added that Air Canada officials were studying international regulations to see how these affected their position.<sup>13</sup>

On 18 and 20 November, NDP member John Rodriguez, asked about the Falconbridge Nickel Mines decision to reinvest \$31.6 million in a South African firm, Western Platinum, and questioned the effectiveness of voluntary guidelines for investment in South Africa.

Mr. Clark replied:

I very much regret that action of Falconbridge which I think defied Canadian Government policy. I have expressed my regret at that action. When the Deputy Minister met with the president of Falconbridge yesterday he re-expressed that and the president of Falconbridge indicated that Falconbridge intends to divest of its holdings in South Africa as quickly as it can.

He added that:

I think there is abundant evidence that voluntarism has been working. The Falconbridge example is a bad one and we trust that it will be changed.<sup>14</sup>

On 3 December, in reply to a question, the Secretary of State for External Affairs reaffirmed that Canada had no intention of providing military aid to the region although it intended to continue and increase its aid to Zambia, Zimbabwe and other front line states and to the Southern African Development Coordination Conference (SADCC).<sup>15</sup>

<sup>13</sup> Commons Debates, 24 Oct. 1986, p. 705.

<sup>14</sup> Commons Debates, 20 Nov. 1986, p. 1363.

<sup>15</sup> Commons Debates, 3 Dec. 1986, p. 1740.