
Program for South Africa (for which the Canadian Ambassador serves as Advisory Committee Chairman), the International University Exchange Fund and, as well, to the United Nations Trust Fund for South Africa. (In a related field, the Canadian Government has announced today a contribution of \$100,000 to the Institute of Namibia.) Apart from participation in such international programs, the Canadian Government is able to provide direct assistance for projects carried out by Southern African groups in partnership with Canadian non-governmental and other international organizations in humanitarian areas such as medicine, education and agriculture.

Canada's bilateral-assistance program to the independent African nations of Southern Africa is substantial, totalling in loans and grants during 1975/76 over \$60 million. The main object of these programs is, of course, to co-operate and assist in the economic and social development of these countries; but we consider that our contribution to their development as stable, independent countries also serves as a rebuke to the racist ideology of *apartheid*.

Another important question relates to the barring of South Africa from Canadian national sports competitions. In a recent letter, the Canadian Minister of Health and Welfare, whose department is responsible for providing funding to Canadian sporting organizations, drew to the attention of all such organizations the Canadian Government's attitude toward the racial policies of South Africa. The substance of the letter is as follows: "*Apartheid* is as rigorously enforced in athletic competition as in any other sphere of South African life. This situation is in direct opposition to the Olympian principle that forbids discrimination on racial, religious or political grounds, and for that reason the International Olympic Committee in 1970 suspended South Africa from participation in the Olympic movement. This position was given unqualified support by the United Nations and by the Canadian Government." The letter goes on to say: "You will also be aware that present Canadian Government policy denies funding to any Canadian athlete or group of athletes who intend to travel to South Africa for the purpose of participating in an athletic competition. While we fully recognize that the decision rests with the individual and/or sport-governing body concerned, we have pointed out that competition in South Africa, under conditions of racial discrimination that are universally condemned, is a matter of considerable Canadian public concern. Although the Government of Canada does not support such visits, neither is it prepared to limit the freedom of Canadians to travel abroad wherever they wish. More recently, athletes from South Africa have been invited to participate in sporting events held in Canada. This letter will confirm the position taken by the Government in July of this year of not providing either moral or
