

In addition, there are independent economic and political actions which Canada might take, including the relatively small measures for which I already have Cabinet authority. Our experience is that, since Canada's trade with South Africa is less than one percent of South Africa's total trade, our action is more effective when it is in concert with, or as catalyst to, actions by nations whose economic impact is greater. We are actively reviewing two aspects of that policy - first, to see if there are new economic measures which Canada might take effectively alone; and second, to encourage broader action, particularly by countries who prize democracy, in specific response to South Africa's multiple assaults on freedom during the last week. With that in mind, on the political side, we have contacted several other Western governments. Those discussions must remain confidential for the moment, but I would certainly be prepared to discuss privately with the two Opposition spokesmen, the kind of thing we are considering.

A third focus of our activity has been upon the opponents and victims of apartheid. Their need is suddenly more urgent. The peaceful opponents of apartheid are under renewed attack. They need our assistance, and we intend to provide it. We have already increased our aid - for education, to the labour movement, for humanitarian and legal aid. The challenge now is to move more money more quickly to the opponents and victims of apartheid.

An obvious priority is the labour movement. We provide funds to various unions in South Africa and will provide more. Most of these funds will be channelled through the Canadian Labour Congress, the Canadian Teachers Federation, and the Confédération des syndicats nationaux. I have instructed my officials to act urgently on precise programs submitted by those organizations.

We will also provide new forms of assistance. For example, undoubtedly there will be challenges in court to the regulations and laws just introduced. We will take up with anti-apartheid organizations in South Africa the ways in which we would be able to help fund those challenges.