

21. The ideal solution for non-African states is to be sufficiently clairvoyant to aid in this transformation without becoming entangled in it, thereby nullifying the effect of assistance offered out of goodwill or sympathetic understanding of the problems of the African states. The West is not out to shape the African revolution after the image of its own past. Nevertheless, we are anxious to thwart Communist attempts to influence the course the Africans take, and particularly the efforts of the Communists to prevent African leaders from seeking their own independent solutions. In practical terms, Canada, like other Western nations, wishes to avoid a situation in which the African states might consider themselves without reasonable access to Western assistance and forced to rely on the East.

22. This means, in particular, the provision of substantially greater aid to French-speaking Africa. Not simply by chance, a special and mutual affinity exists between this area and Canada which makes it particularly appropriate to concentrate greater Canadian assistance on the French-speaking African countries. In practice it may be necessary to broaden the possible uses to which aid can be put. With additional resources and greater flexibility, however, Canada's programme of aid should be better prepared to withstand the effects of the rapid evolution of Africa.

* The remaining \$500,000 of the Special Commonwealth Aid to Africa Programme is allocated to territories which are not yet independent.