

We continue to hold the view with regard to administration of the Territory that the United Nations General Assembly must take practical political considerations into account and adopt an approach which has a chance of giving the international community an effective role in bringing the South West African people to self-determination and independence. We continue to believe that in its search for a solution the Assembly must keep **paramount both** the interest of the people of South West Africa and the interests of the United Nations and we must at all times take into account in whatever we do the capacities and resources of our Organization. Pending a solution to the problem as a whole, it seems to my delegation that we should not overlook intermediate steps which will help pave the way to self-government for the people of South West Africa. It is with this consideration in mind that my Government has decided to make available a number of scholarships to the United Nations Education and Training Programme for South West Africa.

I venture to suggest that it is apparent from the reports of the Special Committee of 24 and of the Council for South West Africa that there is almost unanimous agreement on the unacceptability of the Homelands proposal; there is almost unanimous grave concern about the trial of South West Africans in Pretoria; and I believe that there would also be unanimous disapproval of further constitutional changes which would have the effect of integrating South West Africa even more closely with South Africa. I would hope, therefore, that even though there may be difficulty in agreeing on further United Nations action some way will be found of giving voice to the almost unanimous weight of opinion of the world community on the future destiny of South West Africa.

In conclusion, Mr. President, I wish to stress that what Canada is concerned about is the human state and the human problem as it has been revealed to us not only in South West Africa but especially with regard to the trials in Pretoria. We believe that a further appeal should be made to the Government of South Africa in the name of humanity as well as in the name of the Charter of the United Nations in order to get the Government of South Africa to take heed of the opinion of mankind as expressed in this family of nations.