

Mr. Clark replied by referring to Canada's position at the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in London where

...the Prime Minister of Canada volunteered that Canada would be prepared to be active in providing direct financial support to those front line states, although he said that he would prefer it if we were able to act in concert with other countries of the Commonwealth.⁸

In reply to a question by NDP member Les Benjamin about whether Canada would help to upgrade ports and railway lines to the Indian Ocean coast of West Africa in order to help the trade of the front line states. Mr. Clark replied that the Government was certainly prepared to consider such measures.⁹ South Africa's firing of tens of thousands of Mozambique workers gave rise to a question by NDP member Dan Heap, who ended by saying:

I now call upon the Government to raise Mozambique immediately from the lowest CIDA category for bilateral aid to the highest category, to reinstate CIDA humanitarian and technical aid to the African National Congress, and to rally other like-minded Governments and multilateral organizations to co-ordinate a response to South African aggression.¹⁰

On 22 October, Liberal member Sheila Copps and NDP member Howard McCurdy criticised Air Canada for flouting both Canadian and US sanctions by providing transportation for a tour to South Africa.¹¹ Mr. McCurdy asked the Government to issue clear directives to crown corporations not to trade with South Africa. He later argued that sanctions which were at present voluntary should be made mandatory and should be backed up by suitable penalties to ensure that they were enforced.¹²

⁸ Ibid.

⁹ Ibid., p. 109.

¹⁰ Commons Debates, 16 Oct. 1986, p. 417.

¹¹ Commons Debate, 22 Oct. 1986, pp. 612-16.

¹² Commons Debates, 24 Oct. 1986, p. 705.