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perceived it would be on that country which was then Northern Rhodesia. There were ways around the embargo which allowed it to continue, albeit at some inconvenience. We did not, however, create a major economic climax for a good many years.

We must consider what the real effect would be of total embargoes by Canada upon South Africa. Their gold and diamonds would sell and their cash would flow. What would be the long-term result? I ask in all seriousness what would be the result of cutting off the economic tap. Let us suppose that the objective which has been so philosophically espoused in this House were to be achieved. How will we restore the economy to which we have contributed a very destructive force in the form of embargoes if we achieve what we assume we would achieve? Whom are we hurting the most in the long run? Are we hurting the Government of today, or would the long-run impact of a total embargo on South Africa be upon those who get their way and then become the Government?

The Member for Hamilton Mountain (Mr. Deans) asked for the removal of corporations from the markets of South Africa. They will be looking for those corporations because they are going to need jobs and they are going to need to generate money. How effective have we been in the case of Afghanistan and how effective can we be, other than in a persuasive way of trying to resolve and philosophize, as matters relate to South Africa? This is being done to the best of the abilities of the groups which have been formed to make representations to the Botha Government. I do not approve of what is going on.

Let us draw a few comparisons with what has happened in circumstances comparable to the one we find in South Africa today. In 1959 I had the privilege of attending a Parliamentary Commonwealth Association. Nigeria, a free country, was represented at that conference. There was no freedom of vote in that country. There was no freedom of expression as early as 1959. There had been an election and they had elected a Government. There were government and opposition Members there, but the opposition Members never opened their mouths in discussion in the presence of anyone from the Government of that day. It was not clear whether any of the opposition, other than those present at the conference, were in or out of jail because they had expressed their democratic liberty of free speech in opposition to the Government of the day.

I do not want Canada to promote a catastrophe such as the racial structures which have fought one another when they were totally free to do so, and a Government which could not control. Are we trying to impose our own spirit upon all the people of the world? If we are so concerned, why have we not been able to stop the Iran-Iraq war? Why we have not been able to bring peace to Lebanon? Initially it looked as though we had a Christian-Muhammadan difficulty. Now we have them dying in the streets as Muhammadan fights Muhammadan from the different sects.

Man cannot be regulated or persuaded, in the short run, to do the things we wish he would do which seem to be humane, just, and proper for his fellow man. I only wish we had that

which it is purported we have in this debate as members of the opposition Parties speak. We can persuade and coax, but we cannot create in the mind of man, black, white, or coloured in South Africa, the mood which we would like to create.

Let us remember that democracy has never been successful in any country in the world where there is an illiteracy rate of 25 per cent as a benchmark. Basically the great difficulties which have been experienced in Central and South America have been mainly experienced in communities in which illiteracy was 50 per cent or higher. It is extremely difficult for the illiterate and uninformed to know which way to cast their votes.

Let us use Cuba as an example, as was suggested by the Member for Humber—Port au Port—St. Barbe. Contrary to what the Member said, Castro received a great deal of support from the rest of the democratic world outside Cuba. He was perceived at that time to be a democrat rather than a Communist. He was so capable of deception that even his family, who were the owners of a big, prosperous and well-managed farm, assumed that as they supported him they would certainly retain ownership and operation of their farm. When he became the Communist dictator of Cuba even his own family were displaced from their farm after having supported him loyally and totally in the revolutionary process which was supposed to bring democracy rather than Communist dictatorship to Cuba.

These are the things which we must assess very carefully. I do share the opinion that there is a possibility of Communist background in the forces in South Africa. If there is, we will have done them no favour to create a Communist country in which they will not have a voice. Ask the Jews who would like to leave Russia. Ask the people who for so many years wanted to leave Cuba. Ask the Angolans who are only kept in order by virtue of the presence of a force from Cuba supported, led and trained by a force which is not favourable to this world.

No one in this House, including myself, desires to see a blood bath. However, let us return to a common point and try to get the evolutionary process in place in South Africa. Let us try to persuade the creation of a long-term stable government in that country. That is what we must do. I do not want to see race fighting race as they are in Africa today. As was mentioned earlier in the debate, blacks are fighting blacks, blacks are fighting whites, and whites are fighting whites. It is a very serious and inhumane performance by mankind. Extremism will not work. We are certainly limited in what we can do.

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As I listened to some of the speakers in this debate, and I am not throwing brickbats, it seemed that it matters more whose ox is going to be gored rather than the fostering of democracy around the world. I have never heard a western Member from any Party in this House threaten sanctions against Russia, whether it be with respect to human rights, the treatment of Jews, Afghanistan, or anything else. On that basis we had better stop and consider whose ox is being gored.