

SOUTHERN AFRICA

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MY TELELETTER OF 12 SEPTEMBER TO REEVE (NOT TO ALL): CANADA AND SOUTH AFRICA

1. MR CLARK MADE A MAJOR STATEMENT IN PARLIAMENT TODAY. FULL TEXT BY BAG. MAIN POINTS WERE AS FOLLOWS.

2. CANADA WOULD INVOKE FULL SANCTIONS AND END ITS RELATIONS WITH SOUTH AFRICA UNLESS THERE WAS TANGIBLE MOVEMENT AWAY FROM APARTHEID.

3. CANADA LOOKED TO SEE THE FOLLOWING: COMMON CITIZENSHIP INCLUDING COMMON VOTING RIGHTS. AN END TO CLASSIFICATION BY RACE. FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT, RESIDENCE AND EMPLOYMENT. NAMIBIAN INDEPENDENCE. FREEING OF POLITICAL PRISONERS. CONSULTATION AND NEGOTIATION WITH THE BLACKS, COLOURED AND INDIANS. INITIATION OF A PROCESS OF CHANGE BASED ON CONSENT.

4. CANADA EXPECTED CHOGM TO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMON ACTION AGAINST APARTHEID.

5. MEANWHILE THE FOLLOWING NEW MEASURES WERE BEING TAKEN:
 (A) CLARK WAS HOLDING MEETINGS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF BUSINESS AND FINANCE ON 9, 17 AND 20 SEPTEMBER TO EXPLORE WAYS THEY COULD HELP.
 (B) CANADIAN BANKS WERE BEING ASKED TO OBSERVE A VOLUNTARY BAN ON LOANS TO SAC AND AGENCIES. REASON TO BELIEVE THEY WOULD COMPLY. (MEASURE WOULD NOT AFFECT OUTSTANDING CREDITS NOR PREVENT LOANS THAT WOULD CLEARLY BENEFIT BLACKS)
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(D) VOLUNTARY BAN ON THE SALE OF CRUDE OIL AND REFINED PRODUCTS. SALES IN THE PAST HAD BEEN LIMITED; THIS MEASURE WAS TO ENSURE THAT CANADA DID NOT BECOME AN ALTERNATIVE SOURCE OF SUPPLY.

(E) EMBARGO ON AIR TRANSPORT, BOTH PASSENGER AND CARGO. THERE WAS NO AIR SERVICES AGREEMENT NOR SCHEDULED FLIGHTS. MEASURE WOULD PUT AN END TO THE OCCASIONAL CHARTER FLIGHTS.

(F) CLARK WAS OPENING A REGISTER OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY INSTITUTIONS, GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS AGAINST APARTHEID. THOUSANDS HAD ACTED QUIETLY ON THEIR OWN IN PROTEST AND QUOTE WE ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO DO SO UNQUOTE. HE INVITED PEOPLE TO WRITE TO HIM TO SAY WHAT THEY HAD DONE. THE REGISTER WOULD HAVE AN EXEMPLARY IMPACT. IT WOULD BE CONVEYED TO THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL IN THE EXPECTATION AND WITH THE RECOMMENDATION THAT OTHER NATIONS WOULD FOLLOW SUIT AND A WORLD-WIDE REGISTER WOULD DEVELOP.

(G) 1 MILLION DOLLARS WAS BEING ALLOCATED TO ASSIST THE FAMILIES OF POLITICAL PRISONERS AND DETAINEES.

6. CANADA DID NOT KNOW WHETHER THE REFORMS HINTED AT RECENTLY WOULD BE REALISED BUT WISHED TO ENCOURAGE MOVEMENT. SEVEN OF SOUTH AFRICA'S CLOSE NEIGHBOURS WERE IN THE COMMONWEALTH, AND AN EIGHTH NAMIBIA, QUOTE HAS BEEN INVITED TO JOIN UNQUOTE. BY FORCE OF CIRCUMSTANCES THE COMMONWEALTH COULD NOT BUT BE INVOLVED. MOREOVER TRADITIONS AND HISTORIC TIES HAD PREPARED THE COMMONWEALTH TO PLAY A RECONCILING PART IF THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT OPENED THE DOOR TO IT.

7. PRESSURE WAS MOUNTING, INTERNALLY AND EXTERNALLY. IF THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT REMAINED UNBENDING TO THAT PRESSURE CANADA WOULD BE LEFT WITH NO RECOURSE OTHER THAN TO END THEIR RELATIONS ABSOLUTELY.

8. IT WAS AN IMPRESSIVE PERFORMANCE. WHILE WELCOMING IT THE NDP CALLED FOR SANCTIONS NOW AND THE LIBERALS FOR A TIME LIMIT.

9. EXTERNAL GAVE US THE GIST OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT SHORTLY BEFOREHAND.

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