

# General Synod Archives



## South Africa

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**Text:** The House of Bishops has learned with deep dismay that the South African Government two weeks ago further outlawed virtually all expression of dissent from its apartheid policy by banning eighteen organizations and two black newspapers and by arresting and banning numerous individuals. By this act, the South African Government has demonstrated yet again its total defiance of Christian convictions within and outside the country. Legislation now before the South African Parliament will also drastically curtail and control the provision of welfare and support to those in need.

Our Church of the Province of South Africa has long made clear its detestation of apartheid and the repressive laws which go with it. The stand taken during the past nearly thirty years by leaders like De Blank, Reeves, Crowther, Huddleston, Winter and Good is clear witness to it. The House of Bishops is appalled at this increase of rule by decree, and at the further denial of human rights for the great majority of the people of South Africa, by a Government which has made a total travesty of its claim to be ruling in the name of Christian civilization. In our view, opposition can only be effective by the isolation of that government at all levels. The House of Bishops calls on the Canadian Government, which with other western nations continues to sustain the apartheid system through extensive economic, diplomatic (and in some cases military) links, to sever all connection with the South African Government until apartheid is eradicated.

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