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S Africa and its neighbours The Southern Africa Development Co-ordination Conference countries were losing about 5,000 million dollars every year through South Africa's destabilisation, Harare radio said on 24th June in quoting a report based on the EPG's findings presented to President Kaunda by the Commonwealth Secretary General; the report had said the cost of South Africa's total strategy in terms of human life was incalculable although some sources estimated the loss of life at 100,000 and those made homeless at a million. Lusaka radio on 25th June reported President Kaunda as saying that the talks between Oliver Tambo and a British Minister were "welcomed as long as the British Government is serious".

The application of sanctions was "the last flicker of hope to bring about a peaceful transition to people's power in South Africa", the Dar es Salaam Voice of Namibia programme said in a commentary on 23rd June. "Unless the international community embarks upon something tangible to arrest the potentially explosive state of affairs in our region by bringing President Ronald Reagan of the USA and the ultra-conservative British Prime Minister, Margaret Thatcher, to their senses, the entire southern African region will soon go up in flames."

Amid the clamour for more sanctions South Africa's trade with African countries was booming with spectacular new markets being developed, Johannesburg radio said in an external service commentary on 24th June.