

Letter.

# Reader defends South Africa

Dear Sir:

Please allow me equal space in your newspaper to respond to Mrs. Woodcock's impressions of South Africa (Cobden Sun June 18th, 1986). It is the country of my birth and I will always have a tender spot in my heart for it. Although politics there, or here in Canada, have never been my particular interest or activity, unfair condemnation of South Africa is something I deplore, even though

I have been a domiciled Canadian for several years.

It is bad enough for me to remain silent watching one-sided reports on national television, hearing the prejudice on national radio and reading distorted views in the national newspapers. But, Cobden is my "stomping ground" and I feel compelled to defend that much-maligned country through your newspaper, and to advise those readers interested that the

old adage be observed "believe nothing you hear and only half you see" of media condemnation.

No country is perfect, least of all South Africa, but its history is very similar to Canada's and it is in this vein that I wish to explain the problems which beset that beautiful country. No ten day sojourn (or three weeks or three months for that matter) in any

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