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OPPERMAN ATTACKS SACOS, BUT.....

WHO IS SANOC?

The recent attack on SACOS via a full page 'advert' in a Sunday paper proves conclusively the desperation of multinational sports organizations in this country. It also proves that unlimited funds are available to these people (it costs R12,000 for a full page advert) and the influence they have with the liberal press.

The South African National Olympic Committee (SANOC) invites SACOS to a meeting of all sports organizations in the country at the Wanderers (!) between 15th and 18th November 1982. The purpose of the meeting ostensibly will be to discuss the problem of SA sports, devise ways to fight international isolation, discuss the Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC) Report on sport and finally to present recommendations to the "Minister of Sport", Mr. Gerrit Viljoen for his consideration. In the very same advert, SACOS is attacked from every possible angle and accused of not being representative of sportspersons in this country. The HSRC recommendations include the disbanding of SACOS and a formation of a new Sports Council to govern sport in this country. Recently (Star 9/11/1982), Mr. Opperman has said that they are going to "get tough" to gain international competition for their affiliates.

We emphatically state:

- (1) The HSRC is an organ of the government and thus we reject its very existence, let alone the findings!
- (2) We do not recognise SANOC as being in the least representative of all sportspersons in the country.
- (3) That we do not have any common ground with SANOC to warrant a meeting, and we reject venues such as the Wanderers, anyway.
- (4) That we categorically refuse to disband in obedience to HSRC demands that we cease to strive for a just and non-racial society.
- (5) That we firmly believe that until South Africa is a just, democratic and non-racial society, tours to and from this country MUST NOT take place. This is in line with our policy moratorium on ALL sport and cultural tours.
- (6) That the lie that SACOS is not representative be buried once and for all. There are 28 sports organizations affiliated to SACOS, representing some 500,000 people. Externally we are recognised by the African Football Confederation. We have a representative at the United Nations; we have an organisation in London representing us (SANROC), which enjoys wide international support; we are associate members of the Supreme Council of Sport in Africa. Furthermore, many progressive countries firmly support SACOS and its stand.

WHO IS SANOC?

We consider SANOC to be a multinational organization working within the framework of government policy. Their membership (basically all "White") proves this. Members belonging to SANOC belong to political parties in the "White political framework" of South Africa, thus effectively giving the lie to the cry that White sportsmen have done everything possible to intergrate S.A. sport and now it is upto the politicians. The fact of the matter is that they are one and the same! They can never be part of our ranks because they ensure our continual oppression, and they need us only to get back into international sport.

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AN OFFICIAL.....

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AFFILIATES OF TRACOS

1. BOSMONT FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.
2. TRANSVAAL SOCCER BOARD.
3. TRANSVAAL CRICKET BOARD.
4. TRANSVAAL HIGH SCHOOLS SPORTS ASSOCIATION.
5. WESTERN TRANSVAAL DARTS ASSOCIATION.
6. EASTERN TRANSVAAL DARTS ASSOCIATION.
7. SOUTHERN TRANSVAAL DARTS ASSOCIATION.
8. WATERFORD HIGH SCHOOL. (ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP.)
9. WESTERN AREAS SQUASH RACKETS ASSOCIATION.
10. WESTERN AREAS TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION.
11. TRANSVAAL TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION.
12. ELDORADO PARK JUNIOR FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.
13. SOUTHERN TRANSVAAL AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION.

Sacos Sport Festival: A Huge Success!!

The press ignored this festival. False pamphlets were issued cancelling fixtures in attempting to disrupt the festival. Forty two (42) truck loads of sand were dumped on one of our sportsfield. The festival still went on. The most significant aspect of the entire festival was the strong determination of everyone involved to make this festival the success that it deserved to be. One must remember that besides these acts of sabotage, SACOS launched this festival at a tremendous risk considering the fact that there was no sponsorship. Individuals supporting SACOS donated money towards the venture, souvenirs were sold to raise funds, season tickets were sold to ensure a cash flow, a competition is being run and a brochure was on sale. Certainly all credit must go to the organizers of the festival for enduring so much and yet gaining such success.

The festival was considered to be necessary, intending to recognize the contributions made by oppressed sportspersons in their total support of the moratorium on sports tours to and from South Africa.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

- * Have you always wanted to express your opinion but had no forum to do so ?
- * Have you always disagreed with certain things and had no chance to say so ?
- * Have you always wanted to voice your support for SACOS but never had the opportunity to do so ?
- * Have you always wanted answers for your questions but never received them ?
- * Does your organization need more publicity in non-racial circles ?

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Table tennis, soccer (professional and amateur), cricket, hockey, tennis, swimming, billiards, snooker, weightlifting were some of the many codes catered for. The highlight of the festival was certainly the gymnast event performed by primary and high school pupils.

It is hoped that the festival will become an annual event.

ADVERTISERS

This publication of the Transvaal Council of Sport will be given out free (except for subscribers whom we will be charging a nominal rate to cover postage). Any publication survives solely (or almost solely) on advertisers. We are no exception.

We hereby urge the business sector, and especially those from within the underprivileged communities, to support us.

We also urge individuals who support TRACOS and SACOS to send in donations to help finance future publications.

Enquiries for rates should be directed to:
A. ODHAV. 613-4910 (work),
852-3304 (home)
or V. GAJAAR. 54-1582 (home).

The Sri Lankan Traitors!!

Why You Can't Support The Tour

1. The fourteen tourists have been bought. Like prostitutes they have hired their bodies to a regime which will not give them citizenship if they were to ask for it.
2. For seven weeks they will be honorary Whites, but they or their brothers will never be accepted as immigrants in South Africa.
3. They sneaked out of their own country against the wishes of their national cricket organisation and their government, leaving their families to endure the scorn of their countrymen. For this dastardly act they have been suspended by their own cricket body for 25 years.
4. They are being paid two-and-a-quarter million rand for this act of sport prostitution to provide entertainment in the South African arenas as the slaves did in the Roman arenas. Clothes, cricket gear and other temporary luxuries are additional bribes.
5. Two-and-a-quarter million rand can pay:
 - (i) 9 140 oppressed workers R35,00

- per week for seven weeks
- (ii) the house rental of 64 000 unfranchised families for one month
- (iii) 137 000 loaves of bread per day for seven weeks for the undernourished in the Homelands and ghettos.

WHERE DOES THE MONEY COME FROM ?

- (i) From sponsorship by companies that pay starvation wages to their unfranchised workers
- (ii) From companies that constantly complain of their inability to pay their unfranchised workers a living wage
- (iii) From those who support the migratory labour system and deny the unfranchised millions normal family life.

CAN YOU PROSTITUTE YOUR CONSCIENCE TO SUPPORT THIS TRAVERSTY OF SPORT ?

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Consistency, Clarity, Commitment.

CONSISTENCY, CLARITY, COMMITMENT.

It is the aim of this article to devote some attention on those aspects of SACOS policy which may create some confusing aspects which may be misunderstood and also on those people who deliberately create confusion for their own ends.

It is now common knowledge that we are faced with a total onslaught — socially, economically and politically. In this light it becomes imperative for us that:

- a) we know what we are fighting for, and
- b) who we are fighting against

We must be able to tell our genuine friends from our genuine enemies. We must have absolute clarity on the policy we are following.

We should decide whether we want to be reformist, revisionist or revolutionary. The reformist are those who abandon their original principles and also expect others to do the same. Revisionists mostly add to their original principles, modifying and changing them to suit their own selfish interest. The revolutionary is characterized by his sincerity and consistency to bring about a meaningful change.

We thus have elements from the enfranchised group who repeatedly enter the struggle at a leadership level, rather than at grass-roots level. There are still those who hope that Black and White workers will unite and fight, and dream of solidarity between them.

In terms of labour, the White enfranchised worker is a privileged class, a class above class—he benefits the most from the exploitation of black labour, he is the only one to have the franchise, and he has the right colour. He is also compelled by law to enter into unilitary service. Only when the White workers become aware of themselves as a class and realise that the wealth created on the labour of the Black majority should be shared among all, can his role in our struggle be directly related.

Presently, the only Whites who profess to want to join the Black workers are those who are economically not : the university students, professionals and a handful of intellectuals. We should guard against such attempts to dilute the struggle, and the deliberate attempts to create confusion and division among our ranks.

To pay lip-service to the struggle is not enough. To have one set of standards for sports and different standard for other aspects of our lives is illogical and contradictory. We need to question the commitment and sincerity of individuals who act in a manner contrary to the whole concept of non-racialism. Thus we can ask the question: who are the individuals who have objected most to the SACOS resolution which says that we should refrain from usury sporting facilities on ethnic campuses? Those whose motives for making such objection were questionable.

Who are the people opposed to the recent resolution which debar Black pupils who attend White private under a racial permit from participating in non-racial sport? Precisely those whose children in fact attend such schools.

It also therefore becomes contradictory to patronise places of entertainment such as Sun City and the use of so-called open international hotels, all forms of tokenism and concession must be totally rejected.

All these are attempts to create a strong Black middle-class who then will have a stake in the system. In an attempt to protect and save the future of the capitalist system, the White power system is not incapable of enslaving blacks in another form — by offering them the lure of middle-class status. Actually, there is no difference between Black and White capitalism — capitalism is the exploitation

of one group of people by another, regardless of colour.

It is therefore important that all affiliates of TRACOS be seen to be setting an example that in no way conflicts with policy. We must become consistent in our struggle, and relate every aspect, every action to the struggle at large. Any person who is inconsistent in his line of action is causing confusion and harm to the progress of the struggle.

Non - collaboration should become a way of life and we should thus be wary of working with the tools of the oppressor. Rejection of the dummy stooge councils (SAIC, President Council, etc.) is no longer enough. One can still promote baas-kap mentality by employing labour at exploitative prices and under deplorable conditions. There is no consistency in such acts.

Naturally, there are those who choose to differ from us — it is their right to do so. However, democracy dictates that the will of the mass must override the will of the selfish individual whose outlook is reactionary and therefore, totally unacceptable. It is no use uniting with people who do not share our ideals. Our unity lies with the unfranchised Black masses.

SWIMMING ON THE MOVE!

The provincial wing of ASASA in the Transvaal, the Southern Trans Amateur Swimming Association has made tremendous strides since their formation at the end of last year. The formation of STASA (and consequently ASASA) came about from a burning desire to unite 'Black' swimmers under one banner in the country. The fact that the merger is so highly successful is a tremendous body blow to the White swimming organization in the country.

STASA, apparently is hastening the National ASASA championships in Johannesburg from the 28th February to 6th March. All preparations are well ahead of schedule and everything points to a most successful swim tourney!!

POTCHEFSTROOM AWARDS 1982

This year is our second annual sports award. One thing different from last year is that the cricketers are also taking part which makes a joint united effort in uplifting the banner for the sportsmen and their achievements.

prize are awarded as follows:

- (a) Footballer of the year.
- (b) Highest goal scorer.
- (c) Most flourishing junior player.

CRICKET.

- (a) Cricketer of the year.
- (b) Highest wicket taker.
- (c) Highest scorer.

These sorts of incentives plus coaching makes the player more motivated and dedicated. At the same time the community is also made aware of the player's ability.

Some of the prominent guest speakers who will be addressing the banquet are: Mr. H. Howa, President of SACB, Mr. R. Reddy, President of SASF, Mr. R. Feldman of TRACOS.

Since this has become an annual affair, the community has shown great interest in this type of awards and their contribution has played a major part in the success.

THANKS & APPRECIATION

The officials, members, friends, supporters of the Transvaal Council of Sport would like to thank all those people and organizations who have contributed to the welfare of TRACOS.

Through the years we have had our problems but we saw them through.

Without the support and assistance of many, not much would have been possible. This newsletter is no exception.

Thank you once again !

JUNIOR CRICKET

Transvaal Cricket Board—Junior Division is growing in strength every year. This season the junior league is divided in an under 12 and under 16 divisions. The league plays all its fixtures on Saturday afternoons. Playing fields in the following areas are being used i.e. Lenasia, Eldorado Park and Bosmont.

The following teams are affiliated to the two divisions:

UNDER 12

AZAD C.C.
AZAADVILLE UNITED C.C.
CRESCENT C.C.
PIRATES C.C.
CAVALIERS C.C.
PROTEA C.C.
OTTOMANS C.C.
ZULFIKAARS C.C.

UNDER 16

AZAD C.C.
AZAADVILLE UNITED C.C.
CRESCENT C.C.
PIRATES C.C.
CAVALIERS C.C.
QUEENSLAND C.C.
VREDONS C.C.
FORDSBURG SOCIALS C.C.

Tour to Natal for the representation side from each division is being arranged for January 1983. The executive of the junior division would welcome all assistance towards the tour.

Further information regarding junior cricket can be obtained from the executive at the following postal box:

P. O. Box 308
Lenasia
1820

HEALTHY DISCUSSION WITH HEALTH WORKERS

At an informal meeting between TRACOS and the Health Workers Association, much discussion took place and common ground for working together was laid out. Both organizations have accepted in principle that there is much common ground for a basis of working together and that future meetings are definitely on the cards.

TRACOS will be trying to reach out to other community organizations in the near future to discuss ways of working together.

AZAPO CALLS FOR- ELLIS PARK BOYCOTT

The Azanian Peoples Organisation have called upon all Black People to boycott the Ellis Park Stadium, slamming the NPSL teams for using such a venue. AZAPO in a press statement released at a press conference in Johannesburg recently, states inter alia:

'When Ellis Park was built, it was meant to be the haven for international rugby, tennis and boxing — the sporting events with predominantly White support. It was built to be the showpiece of the world — adorned and equipped with the best technology can provide. Knowing the Republic of South Africa for what it is, we know why it was built, for whom it was built. All the time they did not have the Black sportsman, musician and supporter on their minds. Boxing is a dying sport here, and the dreams of producing a White S. A. world champion have been shattered at last.

The White rugby bosses had to look for a saviour, to pay off massive debts. It is believed that the interest payments alone are running into hundreds of thousands of rands.

The money the soccer fans and music patrons pay at Ellis Park is not ploughed back into the communities; and neither is it used to develop the stadiums in our communities. The opening of Ellis Park is a political ploy and an economical fraud. S. A. sport has always been permeated by politics. Blacks must realize that apartheid in their daily lives is depriving them of a chance to exploit their sporting talents and that is only in a society which is free of discrimination that they will come into their right as sportsmen. Blacks must sacrifice present concessions for future rights. They must realize that after enjoying the lush playing facilities at Ellis Park they have to return to the barren group area townships with a lack of facilities.

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WATCH NEXT ISSUE FOR:

1. CRICKET FIXTURES/RESULTS.
2. TRACOS SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR DETAILS.
3. INTERVIEW WITH THE TABLE TENNIS CHAMPS:
 1. C. MEYER (MENS).
 2. C. VARIEND (JUNIOR).
 3. M. LUCKAY (LADIES).
4. SACOS MEETING PREVIEW (MARCH '83)
5. NEWS ABOUT DARTS IN TRANSVAAL.
6. SOCCER.
7. SQUASH ACTIVITIES.
8. CHESS ACTIVITIES.
9. UNITY/NON-COLLABORATION.
10. SPORT IN THE SCHOOLS.
11. INFERIOR EDUCATION - CONSEQUENCES
12. GROUP AREAS ACT-CONSEQUENCES
13. DIARY FOR NON-RACIAL SPORTS-PERSONS IN THE TRANSVAAL.

FREEDOM, NOT TOURS

The South African Cricket Union, The South African Rugby Board, South African National Olympic Committee, Ali Bacher, Danie Craven, Nationalist Party etc etc have all missed a very important point. They are all under the impression (or are they?) that we want to play sport with them and then get them into the international arena. Furthermore, they think that international tours to this country will assist them in getting them international acceptance and respectability. Also they persist in propagating that international tours to this country are VERY necessary in assisting the BLACKS in this country.

Well lets tell them once and for all that we don't need tours, what we want is our FREEDOM !!

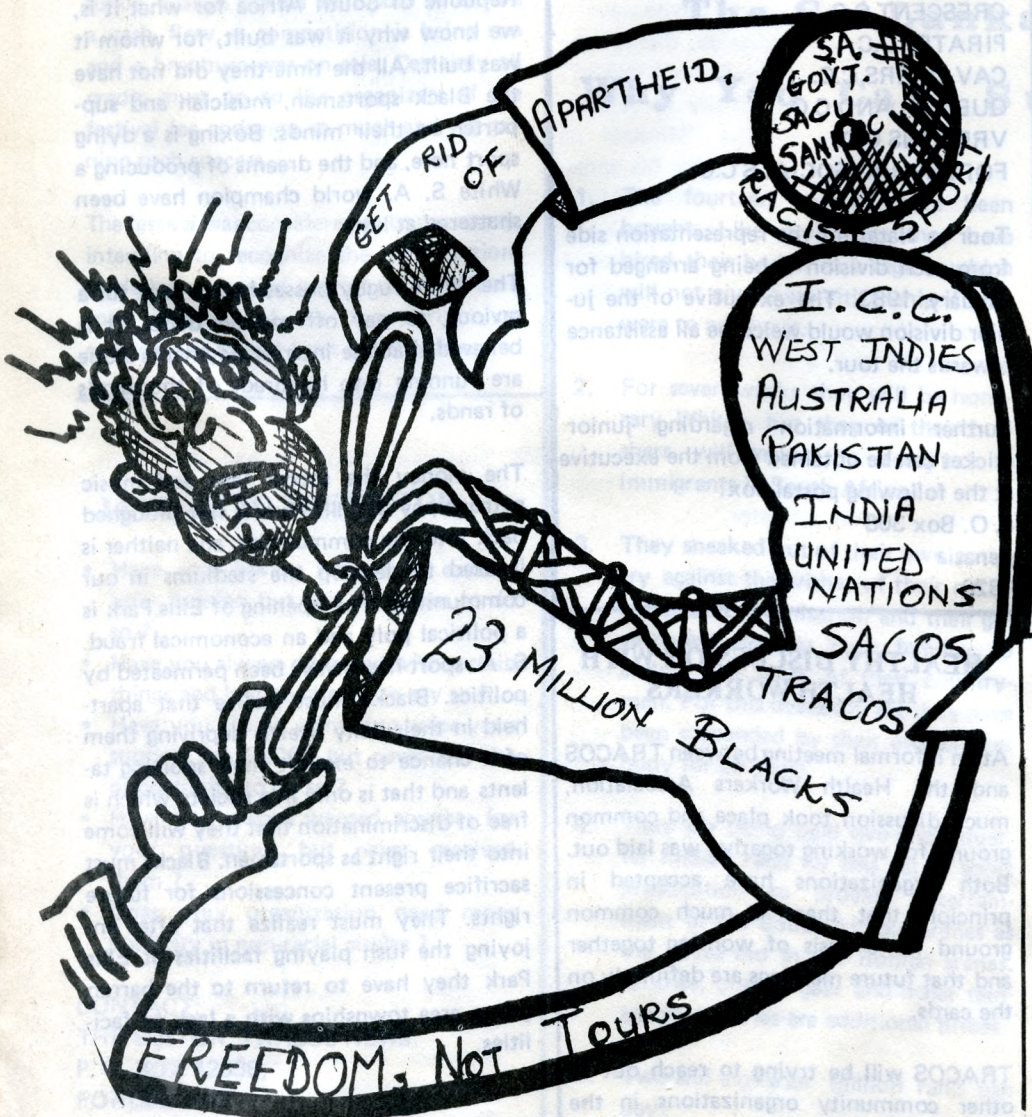
EDITORIAL

With the growth of the non-racial sports movement in the Transvaal, it has become necessary to issue a publication by this Council informing its affiliates, members and supporters of news of SACOS affiliated sport in the province. This is the first such publication. It is hoped that codes affiliated to TRACOS will submit articles on a regular basis so that the activities of their code receive the much needed publicity. This publication will only be successful if your participation is active.

Furthermore, we hope to make this publication a forum where the principles and policies of non-racialism can be espoused. From time to time current and new publications of SACOS policies will be published.

It is also hoped that the general public will write in to express their opinions (see "Letters to the Editor") and also subscribe to this publication (see subscriptions). Maximum participation by all will ensure that our publication will be highly successful.

Talking of maximum participation, it by itself is not going to be enough. We have to work to ensure that this is possible. With the total onslaught against SACOS, we must continuously strive to build the unity of our people, thus ensuring our organizations are at maximum strength when the final onslaught comes. The keywords for all our organizations should always be: 'STRONG ADMINISTRATION' and 'PREPARED !'



OPINION

The opinion expressed in this newsletter are not necessarily those of the Transvaal Council of Sport, its officials or of any unit affiliated to it.