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Miss Mary Draper, S.A.I.R.R. Johannesburg

Dear Miss Draper,

Thank you for your letters - & material -
all of which reached me only today.

Will try to get through most of the work -
you have certainly done a great deal.

I'm back at 15a Park Road, Fordsburg
Phone : 33.8589. I hope you have been
receiving SISA/SAN-ROC releases

regularly. We are getting into gear
for October. Would like to see other
sections of your effort and will be
glad to help wherever I can.

Best wishes, Sincerely, Dennis Brutus.

SAN-ROC

Olympic Games Participation for All
Without Racial Discrimination

14th March, 1963.

The Honorary Secretary,
South African Amateur Athletic
Union,
P.O. Box 1261,
PRETORIA.

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your letter of 11th March advising me that your Executive was not prepared to comment on the draft section on athletics for the reason that it did not appear to be "in accordance with the true facts".

It was precisely because I wished to ascertain the true facts that I sent the manuscript to Mr. Mare in the first place. In my letter to him of 8th January, I stated that I was "anxious to give as accurate, objective and comprehensive a picture as possible" and that I should be very grateful for "any additions, corrections, criticisms, etc."

I am very sorry indeed that your Union has not made use of this opportunity to correct what may have been errors of fact on my part, and I am wondering whether there is perhaps a misunderstanding of my reason for sending the draft.

Yours faithfully,

Mary Draper (Miss)
RESEARCH ASSISTANT.

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11.3.1963.

Miss M. Draper,
S.A. Institute of Race Relations,
P.O. Box 97,
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Madam,

I refer to my letter of 29.1.1963, in regard to your memorandum on Athletics and Cycling and wish to inform you that your memorandum was considered by my Executive and in view of the fact that your draft does not appear to be in accordance with the true facts, it is regretted that this Union has no comments to offer.

Your annexure is returned herewith.

Yours faithfully,

D. J. Kleynhans
HON. SECRETARY.

5 FEB 1963

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29.1.1963.

Miss M. Draper,
S.A. Institute of Race Relations,
P.O. Box 97,
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Madam,

I have to acknowledge, with thanks, receipt of your letter dated the 8th instant, together with the enclosures thereto.

The matter is receiving attention and you will be communicated with further in due course.

Yours faithfully,

D. J. Kleynhans
HON. SECRETARY.

8th January, 1963.

MD/BA.

Mr. Matt Mare,
c/o S.A. Road Safety Council,
Private Bag 147,
PRETORIA.

Dear Mr. Mare,

Further to my telephone call in connection with the fact-paper I am compiling on developments in Non-White sport in South Africa, I am enclosing drafts of what I have been able to piece together regarding Athletics and Cycling.

I should be very grateful indeed if you could look through these and make any additions, corrections, criticisms, etc..

I have sent a copy to Mr. Botha and as soon as I have an extra one available, I will also send one to Mr. Rodseth.

I am anxious to give as accurate, objective and comprehensive a picture as possible and am therefore most appreciative of your help.

Yours sincerely,

Mary Draper (Miss),
RESEARCH ASSISTANT.

Encls:

Regional Secretary,
P.O. Box 1257,
PORT ELIZABETH.

10th April, 1963.

Dear Miss Miller-Cranko,

SUNDAY SPORT & ENTERTAINMENT BILL.

You will have received our memorandum on the above Bill (RR45/1963). We could not wait till we received any comment you might wish to make or that your Committee might wish to make. We wrote to you on the 18th February, 1963.

Yours sincerely,

Quintin Whyte
Director.

The Regional Secretary,
Utilitas Building,
1 Dorp Street,
CAPE TOWN.

10th April, 1963.

Dear Mr. Maud,

SUNDAY SPORT & ENTERTAINMENT BILL.

Thank you for your letter of the 5th April, 1963. Because we could no longer delay the matter, we submitted a memorandum to the Select Committee which is considering the Bill - this you will, no doubt, have received copies of (RR45/1963). I realise that you are very busy with the Paarl Commission still but we could not wait longer than six weeks.

If the Civil Rights League make representations I shall be glad if you will send a copy of their memorandum for our files.

Yours sincerely,

Quintin Whyte
Director.

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5th April, 1963

The Director,
S.A. Institute of Race Relations,
P.O. Box 97,
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Mr. Whyte,

re: Sunday Sport & Entertainment
Bill.

X Thank you for your letter of the 18th
February, 1963 and my apologies for not having
replied sooner.

I am in touch with the Civil Rights
League who are busy drawing up a Memorandum
on the above.

Yours sincerely,

Ruan Mand.

Regional Secretary.

SOUTH AFRICAN INSTITUTE OF RACE RELATIONS (INC)
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TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE ACTION COMMITTEE.

Enclosed is a draft of a memorandum to the Select Committee which is at present considering the Sunday Sport and Entertainment Bill.

To avoid holding a special meeting of the Action Committee merely to consider this one item, it would be appreciated if you would telephone Miss Draper with your views on the memorandum.

Quintin Whyte
DIRECTOR

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MEMORANDUM SUBMITTED TO SELECT COMMITTEE

ON

SUNDAY SPORT AND ENTERTAINMENT BILL, 1963.

1. The S.A. Institute of Race Relations was established in 1929 to work for and foster peace, goodwill and practical co-operation between the races of South Africa.
2. The Institute is concerned at some of the likely effects of the Sunday Sport and Entertainment Bill, if it were passed by Parliament, and thus welcomes the opportunity afforded to interested persons and bodies to make representations concerning its provisions.
3. As Non-Whites will be affected to a far greater degree than the White population, the Institute will confine itself to the likely effects of the Bill on Non-White sport and recreation in South Africa.

MAIN PROVISIONS OF BILL.

4. Shortly, the Bill seeks to prohibit any public sports meeting, entertainment, game, contest or function held on a Sunday where admission fees are charged or where donations are made, whether to gain admission or in payment of goods or services. There is no provision in the Bill for any form of exemption.

EFFECT ON NON-WHITE SPORT.

5. Although the provisions of the Bill do not affect private sporting activities where no admission fees are charged, they very seriously affect organized public matches on which the major Non-White sporting associations are financially dependent and which on Sundays attract large crowds of spectators.
6. Whilst similar figures are not available for other centres, a Durban City Councillor has stated that more than 40,000 Non-Whites either watch or play football in Durban every Sunday.
7. Sunday is the one day that Non-White workers and their families have free for sport and recreation. Many Non-Whites work on Saturday mornings, or use this day for shopping and other matters not possible during the working week. Few own cars, and the distances travelled to sporting events are often long and time-consuming.
8. Whatever the provisions of the existing laws as they apply from Province to Province, it is a long established practice in South Africa for Non-White sporting events to be held on Sundays at which admission fees are charged.
9. In many centres, e.g. on the Reef, Municipalities assist Non-White sporting bodies with the administration and accounting of revenue taken at matches.
10. It is only because admission fees are charged at the bigger matches that Non-White football has been able to develop to a stage where it is in Natal and the Transvaal by far the most popular sport with a very large spectator following.
11. Sporting clubs have to raise money for such expenses as equipment, travelling and accommodation, administrative and secretarial work, coaching (in Durban the Bantu Football Association has employed a professional coach for some years); the cost of hiring sports grounds for matches, etc.

In the case of professional football, which draws by far the largest crowds of spectators, it is necessary for clubs to pay fees to their players.

12. A recent press report stated that the Bantu Football Association in Durban owed the sum of R1000 to the Municipality for arrears of rent for sports grounds, and that the Municipality was threatening to close the grounds unless the arrears were met.

The fact that this sporting association is apparently in financial difficulties in spite of being able to charge Sunday admission fees, highlights the situation that Non-White sport will have to face if the Bill becomes law.

13. The loss of this very important source of revenue will have a very serious - if not crippling - effect on the finances of many Non-White sporting bodies.
14. In terms of Government policy, White and Non-White sportsmen may compete in international events only as separate teams.

In compliance with this policy, a separate team of Non-White boxers recently competed in the United States championships, and the Football Association of South Africa has announced that it has been decided to send a Non-White team to represent South Africa in the World Cup competition in 1966.

The expense involved on such occasions is very considerable and even White sporting bodies do not find it easy to raise the necessary funds.

The loss of future revenue from Sunday sport would considerably accentuate the difficulties that Non-White bodies will undoubtedly have to face in raising money to send their sportsmen overseas.

EFFECT ON NON-WHITE COMMUNITIES GENERALLY.

15. Apart from sport, there is little other recreation or relaxation available on Sunday for the tens of thousands of township residents in the main urban and industrial areas. Parks are few and far between. Only a small minority can afford motor cars in which to take their families for Sunday drives. If organized sport on Sundays is prohibited, the present drab life of the majority of workers in the townships will become even more drab.
16. Restrictions placed on existing recreational outlets will probably have a very serious effect on the incidence of crime. Watching or playing sport is a harmless and healthy pastime which helps to keep young people off the streets.

GENERAL.

17. All of the existing laws governing Sunday sport in the four Provinces were enacted before Union. In one case, the law dates back more than 120 years.
18. While recognising the need for the correction of many anomalies and anachronisms in the existing laws relating to Sunday sport, the Institute deplores the proposed legislation which will restrict an important outlet for physical activity which could well be directed into less healthy channels.
19. The Institute also stresses that since the existing laws were passed, South Africans of all races - Whites and Non-Whites alike - have become largely urbanised peoples, living in a modern industrialised society and

bound to offices and factories during the working week.

20. The necessity for week-end recreation and relaxation for workers has thus become far greater, and efforts should be devoted towards providing more opportunities for organized sport, rather than restricting these.

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