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South African Sports Association

(Formed 1958)

President : G. K. RANGASAMY
Hon. Secretary: D. A. BRUTUS
Hon. Treasurer: N. G. NAIDOO

Address all Communications to the Hon. Secretary
P.O. Box 2129 / 20 Shell Street,
Port Elizabeth, S. Africa.

Co-ordinating Body for True Sportsmanship in South Africa

20th Jan. 1960.

AFFILIATED AND
SUPPORTING BODIES:

S.A. Weightlifting and
Bodybuilding Federation

S.A. Athletic and
Cycling Board

S.A. Soccer Federation

S.A. Softball and
Baseball Federation

S.A. Netball Board

S.A. Boxing Federation

S.A. Tennis Union
(Interim)

S.A. Table Tennis
Board

The Director, S.A. Institute of Race Relations,
Johannesburg.

Dear Sir,

In view of the increasing national and international importance of the proposed New Zealand rugby tour, as well as its increasing aggravation of race-tensions in the country, will you please refer the enclosed letter to your relevant Committee for consideration and an impartial comment?

We would be grateful for an early reply.

Yours faithfully,
D.A. Brutus
Hon. Sec. S.A.S.A.

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South African Sports Association
27 JAN 1960

(Formed 1958)

All communications to: Hon. Secretary, 20 Shell Street,
P. O. Box 2129, Port Elizabeth,
SOUTH AFRICA.

16th December, 1959.

The Administrative Assistant,
S.A. Institute of Race Relations,
Johannesburg.

Dear Sir,

The South African Sports Association, as a co-ordinating seeking to uphold true sportsmanship in South Africa, has already protested against the exclusion of Maori New Zealanders, on racial grounds, from the New Zealand rugby team to tour South Africa next year for a series of representative matches.

It has protested to the South African Rugby Board, the New Zealand Rugby Union, the International Rugby Board and the New Zealand Minister for Maori Affairs on behalf of the eight national sporting bodies and more than 70,000 persons who support the South African Sports Association.

It now proposes to lodge a further protest and is anxious to make an accurate assessment of the measure of opposition which exists to this tour, both because of the racial discrimination in New Zealand and the exclusion of non-white South Africans from the national game in their country.

It would be greatly appreciated if individuals and also organizations would kindly communicate their views so that the situation can be fully analysed before action is taken.

Yours faithfully,

D. A. Brutus.

D.A. Brutus,
Hon. Secretary,
S.A. Sports Association.

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My letter of 20th January refers.
My apologies for not including the above.

Yrs truly,
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D.A.B.

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South African Sports Association

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President : G. K. RANGASAMY
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Co-ordinating Body for True Sportsmanship in South Africa

19th February, 1960.

AFFILIATED AND SUPPORTING BODIES :

S.A. Weightlifting and Bodybuilding Federation

The SASA petition against racialism in rugby, with special reference to the All-Blacks Tour, closes soon. The response has been most heartening so far, and I must thank the thousands who are supporting us in our fight for true non-racial sportsmanship in our country.

S.A. Athletic and Cycling Board

I wish to make an urgent appeal for an all-out effort to complete and return all forms as soon as possible. All must be returned whatever their condition - soiled, incomplete etc - it does not matter. They will all help in the fight against racialism in sport.

S.A. Soccer Federation

S.A. Softball and Baseball Federation

Unfortunately a few have been unable to understand the true purpose of this petition: it is to bring to the notice of the people of New Zealand the opposition of the overwhelming majority of South Africans to this importation of racialism, and to support those who are so gallantly fighting the same issue there. Our combined opposition may yet have a decisive effect.

S.A. Netball Board

S.A. Boxing Federation

Unfortunately too, some of our sportsmen, including sports officials, have been irresponsible with regard to the petition and have not given it their full attention. I appeal to them to do what they can: it is not yet too late, and every little helps.

S.A. Tennis Union (Interim)

S.A. Table Tennis Board

This year we will have great opportunities to work for sport: we must not lose them through neglect or weakness.

G.K. RANGASAMY. *G.K. Rangasamy*

*Research
Miss Horrell*

25 JUL 1960

Ref. No.

THE SOUTH AFRICAN INSTITUTE OF RACE RELATIONS (INC.)
DIE SUID AFRIKAANSE INSTITUUT VIR RASSEVERHOUDINGS (INGELYF)

To: **The Research Officer.**

JOHANNESBURG.

From: The Regional Secretary,
Cape Eastern Region,
South African Institute of
Race Relations,
23, Russell Road,
PORT ELIZABETH.

1960

19th July, 1960.

Dear Miss Horrell,

I read appreciatively how well the South African Sports Association was covered in your most recent Race Relations Survey. I enclose more news of their activities.

Kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

Sheila Robertson.

Sheila Robertson.
Regional Secretary.

MB/24/2

3rd August, 1960.

Dennis Brutus, Esq.,
20, Shell Street,
PORT ELIZABETH.

Dear Mr. Brutus,

What a pleasure it was, not only to hear from you, but to receive a letter in such beautiful writing. Thank you for the nice things you said, and for drawing my attention to the correct phrasing of the aims of the S.A. Sports Association. I will include this in the next "Survey".

I was so very sorry to see that your passport has been refused, and send my sympathy.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,



Muriel Horrell (Miss)
RESEARCH OFFICER.

18th July, 1960.

Dennis Brutus, Esq.,
20, Shell Street,
PORT ELIZABETH.

Dear Mr. Brutus,

Thank you for your letter of 13th July, addressed to Miss Horrell. She is at present in Rhodesia and will be away for about ten days, but your letter will be held over for her attention when she returns.. The material which you included on the Christopher Gell Memorial Award will meanwhile be passed on to our Editor.

Yours faithfully,

Lawrence Reyburn.
RESEARCH ASSISTANT.

SOUTH AFRICAN INSTITUTE
OF RACE RELATIONS (INC.)

P.O. BOX 97. JOHANNESBURG

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THE EDITOR:

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5 JUL 1960

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5 AUG 1960

CALL TO END RACE BAR IN SPORT.

The South African Sports Association with headquarters in Port Elizabeth, has made two new "moves" in an effort to eliminate racial discrimination in sport in the Union.

At the meeting of the International Olympic Committee, the Association is to charge the South African Olympic Games Association with racial discrimination.

The Association has also cabled the Imperial Cricket Conference at Lords, urgently renewing the request of June, 1959, for the conference to consider racial discrimination in national cricket in South Africa.

The Association has launched an International appeal for funds to send spokesmen to Rome.

An exceptional effort will be made to get the matter discussed in full at Rome to ensure that all South African Olympic games teams are chosen on merit and that there will be no racial discrimination in any of the Olympic Sports. This is contrary to the Olympic Charter.

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SOUTH AFRICAN SPORTS ASSOCIATION.

P.O. Box 2129,
PORT ELIZABETH.
SOUTH AFRICA.
24th July, 1960.

15 AUG 1960

Mr Avery Brundage,
President.
International Olympic Committee,
10 N. La Salle Street, Chicago. U.S.A.

Dear Sir,

The South African Sports Association, representing more than 70,000 sportsmen in South Africa who are opposed to racial discrimination in sport, formally charges your affiliated body, the South African Olympic and Commonwealth Games Association with racial discrimination in violation of the Olympic Charter.

We request that this charge be placed on the Agenda of the meeting of the International Olympic Committee in Rome, and that the Association be required to answer the charge.

We further request that we be permitted to submit evidence orally or in writing in support of the charge and that representatives of our Association be permitted to attend.

A copy of this charge is being sent to the South African Association with the request that it be sent to you.

We wish to point out that in no code of sport was an open unsegregated, non-racial trial conducted to determine the composition of the South African Olympic team, despite the efforts made by the various non-racial sporting bodies such as Weightlifting, Athletics, and Boxing to secure fair trials for the Olympic Games.

Further not one of the National bodies affiliated to the South African Olympic Association has been prepared to admit all South Africans as members without any racial discrimination. All offers of affiliation e.g. Weightlifting and Boxing, have been on condition that racial discrimination is accepted by non-White South Africans in the administration of the sport.

Yours faithfully,

G.K. Rangasamy,
President S.A.S.A.

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SOUTH AFRICAN SPORTS ASSOCIATION

P.O. Box 2129,
Port Elizabeth,
South Africa.
2nd August, 1960.

STATEMENT

In October 1959, the South African Sports Association agreed to send spokesmen to the meeting of the International Olympic Committee in Rome in August, 1960.

In March 1960 the President, G.K. Rangasamy, and the Hon. Secretary, D.A. Brutus, were elected to represent SASA and were instructed to apply for passports and this was subsequently done.

Both the President and the Secretary were interrogated by the Security Branch of the Police in their reasons for wishing to go to Rome.

An appeal was launched to all the countries affiliated to the I.O.C. (99 countries) asking for some assistance in getting representation, and they were informed of efforts to get passports.

In July 1960 two telegrams (one replied-paid) were sent to the Department of Interior asking for information about the application of the Secretary, after he had been informed by the local office that his application had been referred to the Department in Pretoria.

On Wednesday 27th July the Secretary received a telegram from the Department of the Interior advising: "Application of Passport not successful." The Department is not required by law to give any reasons for refusal.

In an authorised statement to the local Press the Secretary made the following points: 1. Refusal had been anticipated. 2. It would be embarrassing to South Africa's representatives at Rome. 3. The President of the S.A. Olympic Committee had given an assurance to the I.O.C. last year that no passports would be refused to S.A. sportsmen. He had been empowered to give this assurance by a Government spokesman.

This refusal may contribute significantly to racial discrimination in S.A. sport being challenged by the Olympic bodies of the world.

D.A. Brutus,
Hon. Secretary, SASA.

SOUTH AFRICAN SPORTS ASSOCIATION

21 NOV 1960

P.O.Box 2129,
Port Elizabeth,
South Africa.
8th November, 1960.

Draft Resolutions from the Executive of the
South African Sports Association for the
Meeting of the Association at Port Elizabeth
on the 17th November, 1960.

1. That in the interests of true sportsmanship and the speedy removal of racialism in South African sport, all true sportsmen, white and black, be asked to withhold support from any sporting event conducted on racial lines and that a campaign in support of this principle be launched on a target date set by SASA in consultation with the national non-racial sporting bodies.
2. That SASA renew its call for all sporting bodies to:
 - a. drop all forms of racial discrimination in sport and
 - b. join SASA in the fight for international recognition for all South African sportsmen.
- 3a. That the affiliates of the International Olympic Committee be asked to table the following resolution on behalf of the South African Sports Association at the Congress of the International Olympic Committee in Athens next year:

That the International Olympic Committee demand from the South African Olympic Games Association an undertaking that it will immediately ensure that all its constituent bodies will offer membership to all South Africans on a basis of equality and that if this undertaking is not given, the International Olympic Committee expel the South African Olympic Games Association and offer membership to a non-racial South African Olympic Games Association in conformity with the Olympic Charter.
- 3b. That SASA consider at its Biennial General Meeting in January the setting up of such a non-racial South African Olympic Association.

D.A. Brutus,
Hon. Secretary, SASA.

SOUTH AFRICAN SPORTS ASSOCIATION

P.O. Box 2129 / 20 Shell Str.,
Port Elizabeth.
21st November, 1960.

Mr. A.S. Frames,
Secretary,
S.A. Cricket Association,
P.O. Box 9,
Northlands,
JOHANNESBURG.

5 DEC 1960

Dear Mr. Frames,

I have your letter of the 11th November giving the ruling of the Minister of the Interior that :-

- (1) The Government does not favour inter-racial team competitions within the borders of the Union and will discourage such competitions taking place:
- (2) The inclusion of different races in the same team would be contrary to custom.

Your letter was tabled at an Executive Meeting of my Association on the 17th November and it was agreed to inform your Association that we are not prepared to consider the matter closed.

- Further (a) To request you to forward a copy of the Ministerial ruling, if this has not been done already, to the Imperial Cricket Conference in London;
- (b) To request the I.C.C. and its affiliates to consider the Ministerial ruling:
- (c) In the light of it to find that no cricket team from South Africa can be truly representative and that no South African team be accorded national standing or granted matches of "Test" status until the team is truly representative of all South Africans.

We further wish to point out to your Association that

- (a) The Minister has not issued an express order that you should exclude sections of our population:
- (b) The decision to restrict membership therefore rests squarely with you:
- (c) We fail to see why the normal administration of a sport such as cricket should be subject to Ministerial rulings or Government pressure.

Please be good enough to inform us whether you will kindly transmit a copy of this letter to the Imperial Cricket Conference on our behalf.

Yours faithfully,

D.A. Brutus.
Hon. Secretary, S.A.S.A.

SOUTH AFRICAN CRICKET ASSOCIATION

P.O. Box 9,
P.O. Northlands,
JOHANNESBURG.
11th November, 1960.

18/24/2
D.A. Brutus, Esq.,
Secretary,
South African Sports Association,
P.O. Box 2129,
PORT ELIZABETH.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter dated 13th April, 1960, addressed to M.C.C., asking for your case to be raised at the Imperial Cricket Conference, and which was considered by the Conference to be a domestic matter between the South African Cricket Association and the South African Sports Association, and therefore referred to the South African Cricket Association for attention, this letter was discussed and dealt with by the Board of Control over a period of time, and at the Meeting on the 24th/25th September, 1960, it was RESOLVED to acquaint your Association with the decision of the Government in respect of the points on which clarification was sought from the Minister of the Interior, these being :-

- (a) As it must be realised that no team can be chosen unless the ability of the players concerned can be judged in competitive games, my Association seeks an official ruling from the Government as to its attitude on the following points :-
1. The playing of Club cricket matches between European and non-European teams, from which Provincial teams are chosen.
 2. Would the inclusion of Europeans and non-Europeans be permitted in Provincial teams, from which National sides are chosen.
 3. Is there any bar by the Government to teams including both Europeans and non-Europeans representing this country both at home and abroad.

The Ministerial reply dated 16th June, 1960, reads as follows :-

" With reference to your letter of the 25th May, 1960, I am directed by the Honourable the Minister of the Interior to reply as follows to the questions raised in paragraph (a) of your letter dated the 12th April, 1960, addressed to the Director, South African Information Service, Pretoria :-

- 1 and 2: The Government does not favour inter-racial team competitions within the borders of the Union and will discourage such competitions taking place as being contrary to the traditional policy of the Union - as accepted by all races in the Union.
- 3: The policy of separate development is in accordance with the traditional South African custom that Whites and non-Whites should organise their sporting activities separately. The inclusion of different races in the same team would therefore be contrary to established and accepted custom. "

In view of the decision of the Minister of the Interior, the Board considers that this correspondence should now cease.

Yours faithfully,

SECRETARY & TREASURER.

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