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South African Non-Racial Open Committee for Olympic Sports

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Address all Correspondence to the

Hon. Secretary, SAN-ROC,
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SOUTH AFRICA.

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22nd January, 1964.

Dear,

You are cordially invited to take part in a regional discussion convened by SAN-ROC on

Non-Racial Sport - Today and Tomorrow

At this meeting we will be discussing the present position with regard to non-racial sport in South Africa, and exchanging thoughts on how best to foster non-racialism in the months and years ahead.

PROGRAMME:

Open Session (at which observers will be welcome):

1. Opening Address - "Race Relations and Sport: Mr. Quintin Whyte, Director of the Institute of Race Relations.
2. An outline survey of the events of the past months, and of future trends: Mr. John Harris, Chairman of SAN-ROC.

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Closed Session

This session will take the form of a working discussion on a practical level, dealing with actual problems and plans. All participants will be given opportunities to express themselves, both on the general topic and on their own codes of sport.

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Olympic Games Participation for All
Without Racial Discrimination

We emphasise that the overall aim of this gathering is to improve the efficiency of our movement towards non-racialism in sport. To do this we need enthusiastic and able workers - and a major purpose of this conference is to make better use of our human resources than we have so far.

Will you please make all efforts to be present? And please bring with you friends and associates who share our determination to end racialism in sport.

We expect this discussion to be of considerable interest and importance, leading to a National Sports Convention. Hence it is most desirable that the discussion be fully attended by a representative group.

To be held at:

Rheinallt Jones Memorial Hall,
Auden House,
68, De Korte Street,
Braamfontein.

Time:

10.30 a.m. (Please make every effort to be prompt).

We will appreciate your returning the enclosed slip to us as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

John Harris

(John Harris - Chairman)

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NEWS ITEM.

The December issue of WORLD SPORTS one of the most influential sports magazines in the world (published in London) has some strong comments on the sports colour bar in South Africa.

Phil Pilley the retiring editor, in his farewell editorial comments: "... by heavens, if a political policy intrudes for the worse into our sporting province, we should raise Hell, Cain and anything else you care to mention. If we are firm in this matter, and if our counterparts in other walks of life are equally firm, then our cumulative influence can be considerable. As we have so often said, we are against political intrusion in sport but we should constantly bring sport into politics.

The finest example of a sporting campaign today is that aimed at South Africa's colour-bar. For here a political policy HAS intruded into sport ... the Non-Whites of South Africa are denied various sporting privileges, notably of national representation and of top-class competition within their own borders. Sportsmen if they feel like it (and they should) must campaign earnestly and drastically against such discrimination. Unhappily, we live in an age when if a man campaigns loudly about some9 thing against which he feels fervently he is called a fanatic. But if we feel strongly about something in sport we should shake off our soft complacency and do something about it. Remember, we shall be campaigning not against mere politics but against politics in SPORT. By so doing we may affect politics generally."

IN THE SECTION CALLED "WORLD TALK" the following comment appears:

"South Africa's racial policy, which one day soon must have tremendous repercussions at Olympic level, continues to sound echoes within the Union and without.

Following the pleasure of the supposedly multi-racial "South African Soccer Federation" in seeing the allegedly discriminatory "F.A. of South Africa" suspended from their international federation, one of the next big campaigns seemed likely to come in lawn tennis. Here the "multi-racial" body is the "South African Lawn Tennis Union" whereas the internationally recognised organisation is the South African "LTA". "The SALTA caters

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caters only for Whites" says Mr D.A. Brutus, hon. secretary of the basically-black South African Sports Association, who have been on the hunt for information to help their union's campaign.

Meanwhile the Dutch Baseball Association, who may sound pretty small fry in international sport, found the courage to reach a decision some other people, (for example the United States AAU) have been unable to reach. They were invited to send a team to visit South Africa but they have declined - because of the "apartheid" policy. "

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