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The Editor,  
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Sir,

Many of us in South Africa have read with the deepest appreciation of the efforts made by many New Zealanders to prevent the exclusion of Maoris from the famous All Blacks Team soon to tour our country.

Some prefer to regard this as a domestic matter for New Zealanders, in which outsiders should not meddle. But many of us do not share this view; we regard race discrimination and the colour-bar as matters of international concern. Thus we share the views of your own Government, which this year in the United Nations debate on Apartheid, decided to register a disapproving vote.

Let me assure you that it is only a small majority of South Africans that approve of Apartheid, and that these are - with few exceptions - those who are busy imposing it upon others.

*Politically, of course, they are all-powerful.*

We hope therefore that the New Zealand Government will not depart from its course, and will prevent the further practice of Apartheid in its own country, and the further humiliation of its own non-white citizens. We hope also that your sportsmen will refuse to give any further support to the practice of Apartheid in South Africa, and will therefore cease to play against a country that excludes all non-white players from its football sides.

There are millions of South Africans who are hoping that the New Zealand Government will decide that it is neither in the interests of its country, nor of world peace, to send colour-bar teams to represent New Zealand abroad.

There is one last point to be considered. What will happen if Maori players are included, and they are subjected to humiliations when they visit South Africa? Let that possibility be squarely faced, and let it be decided here and now that if

such humiliations are experienced, that will be the last of such visits.

I write in my capacity as Vice-President of the South African Sports Association, representing 70,000 sportsmen of all coeds, who are opposed to the perpetuation of the colour-bar in sport.

Yours truly,

ALAN PATON.

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