

SAN-ROC

South African Non-Racial Olympic Committee

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STATEMENT: APARTHEID ATHLETES AT UNITED STATES COLLEGES

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The South African Non-Racial Olympic Committee (SAN-ROC) wishes to draw attention to the fact that an increasing number of athletes from Apartheid South Africa are attending colleges and universities in the United States, some of them on full scholarships. We wish to protest this state of affairs.

We note too, according to recent reports, that there has been a considerable increase in numbers in the recent past, and that this may be the result of conscious policy.

These practices are, of course, in direct violation of numerous United Nations Resolutions (particularly those of November, 1976) calling for a sporting, cultural, and academic boycott of South Africa until the racist apartheid regime is removed. This is also contrary to numerous resolutions adopted by sporting organizations and academic institutions in the United States, including those of the National College Athletic Association.

In addition, apartheid sporting bodies were expelled from the International Olympic Committee in May, 1970, and most apartheid sport organizations are excluded from international competition. The colleges and universities of the United States may be guilty of colluding with the apartheid racists and assisting them to enter international sport through the back door. This dishonest practice must stop.

It should be noted, particularly, that these sporting relations with apartheid South Africa are being promoted at a time when protest in the United States against support for the apartheid regime has reached its highest point and significant victories are being won in the fight to get colleges and universities to divest of their investments in the racist, oppressive apartheid system.

We call on all colleges and universities to cease recruiting or accepting athletes from apartheid South Africa, not to offer scholarships to any of these athletes in the future, and to terminate forthwith any scholarships currently held by athletes from apartheid South Africa.

We call on all student bodies and all activist organizations to join us in this protest and we call on the United Nations Special Committee Against Apartheid to intensify its efforts to secure a complete and total boycott of academic, cultural, and sporting ties with Apartheid South Africa.

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