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U.S. - DON'T PLAY BALL WITH SOUTH AFRICA - Say No to Apartheid in Sports

In April, 1975 the United States is scheduled to host the tennis team "representing" South Africa in the international Davis Cup matches.

The team from South Africa will only represent the white 20% of the population. Law, practice and custom exclude the 80% black population from participation in the all-white sports programs of South Africa; and all sports events take place before segregated audiences. That is the law of their land.

South Africa is already barred by international sports bodies from competing in soccer, rugby, swimming and the Olympic Games, because of its violation of the cardinal rule of fair play in sports - that each competitor shall be chosen by merit alone.

THERE IS NO PLACE FOR RACISM IN OUR SPORTS

WRITE/WIRE YOUR PROTEST AT ONCE TO:

~~W. Harcourt Woods, Chairman~~
Davis Cup Committee
United States Lawn Tennis Association
51 East 42nd Street
New York, NY 10017

and to members of the Davis Cup team:

Dennis Ralston, Captain - Stan Smith -
Bob Lutz-Roscoe Tanner - Dick Stockton
Arthur Ashe

Urge that the U.S. withdraw its team from Davis Cup play.

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The New York Times

U.S. Is Davis Cup Host If It Plays South Africa

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By NEIL AMDUR

The United States Lawn Tennis Association has decided to play its Davis Cup match against South Africa in this country if the Americans defeat Mexico next weekend in Palm Springs, Calif.

W. Harcourt Woods, chairman of the Davis Cup committee for the U.S.L.T.A., said yesterday that no definite date or site had been determined for the first meeting with South Africa, the defending nation in the cup competition. A tentative proposal has been presented, however, for April 8 through 10 in Newport Beach, Calif.

"The match won't be played down there I'm quite sure," Woods said, referring to the possibility of staging the series in South Africa to avoid possible political repercussions in the United States. "We'd like to hold it here. We have choice of ground."

Woods said the U.S.L.T.A. was concerned about protest measures over South Africa's policy of apartheid but had received no formal objections to playing the match.

Ray Gould, the director of special projects for the American Committee on Africa, said yesterday that the group would oppose the series.

"The committee is determined to bring publicity and pressure on South Africa's participation in international

athletics," Gould said, after having left a meeting with a group of black and white students from South Africa who are here as part of a cultural exchange program with the State Department.

South Africa, led by Bob Hewitt, Frew McMillan and Ray Moore, won the Davis Cup for the first time last year after India, its final-round opponent, defaulted to protest South Africa's policy of separation of races.

Woods said he talked with Dennis Ralston, the United States captain, about the availability of Arthur Ashe, the black professional, who twice played in the South African championships.

"Dennis has assured me that everyone will be willing to play," Woods said.

Because of tight tournament commitments, the U.S.L.T.A. may be forced to play the South Africa match during the week instead of on the weekend. Conceivably, some members of the American team could be playing at a tournament in Tucson, Ariz., two days before the South Africa match.

Woods said the U.S.L.T.A. also was looking into the possibility of staging the matches at night at the Newport Beach Tennis Club.

Gould said the committee was not surprised to learn about the selection of Newport Beach as a potential site for the South African series. The city is situated in one of the country's more conservative areas.

Sports Editor's Mailbox

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Arthur Ashe in South Africa

To the Editor:

Sport reflects the society in which it is played, and in that sense can never be separated from the world's "politics."

Thus it was ironic that the American black tennis star, Arthur Ashe, accepted an invitation to play in South Africa under rules established by the all-white Government there that discriminates against the 80 per cent majority who are black. The irony was heightened when, in the midst of the South African "open" games, the Davis Cup was presented. South Africa's tennis team won the cup by default because of India's refusal to play the all-white team.

But perhaps more insulting was the report that Ashe intends to help raise monies for "separate and unequal" tennis facilities for black youngsters in South Africa's segregated townships. He intends to solicit businesses with South African subsidiaries.

No doubt Mr. Ashe justifies this action with a rationale something on the order of "It's better to accept half a loaf rather than none at all." Yet it seems clear who really serves to benefit from these actions most.

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