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The Qlygpig Fight Continues:

After the exclusion of the racial South African National Olympic Committee from the Mexico Olympics, we are going to intensify our efforts to achieve the final EXPULSION of this organisation from the Olympic movement.

Mr. Brundage has recently expressed sympathy with South Africa over the withdrawal of the country's invitation from the Olympic Movement (The Star, Jhb 31.7.68). Mr. Brundage has also stated that South Africa's invitation was merely withdrawn but that her Olympic Committee is still in good standing with the I.O.C.

This is an Opening for the reintegration of the racialist S.A. Olympic Committee in the 1972 Munich Games. It is also a way of protecting South Africa's membership of International Federations, where the racialist bodies are being threatened with suspension or expulsion.

But these tactics will not work forever. The world of sport cannot continue to recognise racial white organisations as the official representatives of South African sportsmen. It is only when all racial bodies have been duly expelled from the Olympic Committee and World Federations that we shall be able to start reconstructing South African sport along truly sporting lines.

Action against Racial Bodies 12 Mexico:

In at least seven sports formal resolutions have been proposed for the expulsion of the S.A. racial organisations: Athletics, Wrestling, Weightlifting, Modern Pentathlon, Rowing, Swimming and Small-bore Shooting.

Where there are no formal resolutions SANROC delegates in Mexico will still press for action to be taken against the racial bodies.

It must be noted that South Africa is already under suspension in Football and Fencing and S.A. Gymnastics is going to be investigated by a Commission of Enquiry appointed by the F.I.G.

Athletics:

The problem of South Africa's membership of the I.A.A.F is going to raise a real storm in Mexico. At the 1966 Congress in Budapest, after a severe clash between the President, the Marquis of Exeter, and the African delegates who wanted the matter discussed, it was decided to enter the matter on the Agenda for the 1968 Congress. Since then the Marquis of Exeter has himself voted in favour of the I.O.C. resolution to exclude South Africa from the Olympics so it will be interesting to see the stand he will adopt at the I.A.A.F. Congress. We hope that the I.A.A.F. Executive will take into consideration the fact that S.A. Athletic teams for overseas competitions are still strictly segregated - a white team competed in W. Germany and Switzerland and a "Non-White" team competed in England.

gymnastics:

The International Gymnastics Federation decided at its Rome meeting to appoint a Commission to enquire into racial discrimination in Gymnastics. This was an evasion of the real issue on the Agenda i.e. the expulsion of the S.A. Gymnastic Union.

After the 1.0.0. Commission Report it is surely not necessary to send any more commissions to investigate facts which have already been clearly established and confirmed by Government statements etc.

Our President, Dennis Brutus, was in Rome for the Congress and made some very useful contacts for the future.

Lawn Tennis:

There were some interesting developments in this sport prior to the Wimbledon Championships. Rumania cancelled its Davis Cup match against South Africa although she had a good chance of winning.

The match between Iran and S.A. raised a storm of protests in Teheran where the United Nations Human Rights Conference was being held. But the Iranian Tennis Federation still carried on with their fixture against a racial team.

A SANROC delegation met Mr. Basil Reay, the secretary of the British L.T.A. and the I.L.T.A, to discuss the problem of South Africa's membership of the I.L.T.A.

At the ILTF Congress in Monte Carlo in July the resolution to expel S.A. was defeated by a wide majority of votes from a minority of countries - some countries have 12 votes each and others have none. But we will not stop our fight in Tennis. We will persevere with our efforts until the fight is won and discrimination removed from our Tennis Courts.

So the MCC did it - they did what most of us expected they would do - they dropped Basil d'Oliviera from the MCC Team to tour S.A. Basil d'Oliviera is a "non-White" South African who plays for England and actually saved England from sure defeat against Australia only last month.

We object to ANY tour of S. Africa by the MCC and therefore do not want to see d'Oliviera play with an English Team against All-white South African teams in front of segregated spectators, but his exclusion from the team has caused a real stir in British sports circles.

In a letter to SANROC NCO Secretary B. Griffiths states that "MCC Committee were unanimous in condemning the apartheid policy of the S.A. Government". We would prefer to see the cancellation of a racist tour, and condemnation of apartheid on the cricket fields of our country. The MCC may well weather the storm this time but time is running out for apartheid cricket. '

SANROC president Dennis Brutus led a delegation which spent over an hour discussing the problem of South African Tours with MCC Secretary S.C Griffith.