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X Cosatu to assess stay-away, decide on next action

THE Congress of South African Trade Unions' central executive committee will meet on November 28 and 29 to assess the government's response to the two-day anti-VAT worker stay-away, the union federation said yesterday.

Cosatu spokesman Neil Coleman said if the government did not shift on the work boycott organisers' demands, Cosatu would urge its million-plus members to embark on action aimed at forcing employers not to deduct PAYE from workers' salaries.

Central to the demands made by Cosatu, the Nat-

ional Council of Trade Unions (Nactu) and 12 independent trade unions is that government zero rate VAT on basic foods, medicine, medical services and water and electricity charges.

Mr Coleman claimed government was "shocked by the way the two-day stay-away was supported by our people".

Cosatu campaign co-ordinator spokesman, Mrs Lisa Seftel, said the federation would discuss methods of how to force employers not to deduct PAYE from workers'

pay.

Violence during the anti-VAT stay-away was being investigated and if there were incidents of intimidation "we will ensure that these are followed-up and corrective measures taken", said Mr Jay Naidoo, Cosatu general secretary. He was addressing a Finance Week gathering in Johannesburg yesterday.

The trade union leader gave a run-down of events leading to the strike and concluded: "It is the intransigence of Barend du Plessis that has caused this action."

Addressing charges that the stay-away had provoked violence he said the organisers had tried to ensure that violence and intimidation were minimised.

"Our information is that the strike was free from violence and intimidation, except in isolated cases."

Mr Naidoo said the violence on certain mines and in a few East Rand areas during the stay-away was being analysed by Cosatu.

"Initial reports indicate that most of those who died were strike supporters who were victims of attacks against them by various vigilante and other forces.

"These were not, as some statements have implied, attacks by strikers on people wishing to go to work."

Cosatu and other members of the National Manpower Commission will attend a meeting with the Minister of Manpower, Mr Eli Louw, tomorrow.

"It is expected that the Minister will give his initial reactions to the NMC's recommendations on the restructuring of the NMC as well as report back on whether he agrees to Cosatu's demand that the Labour Relations Act and Wage Act be extended to farm workers," Cosatu said. — Sapa.

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ANC can't be D. News trusted any 8/11/91 longer — FW

Daily News Correspondent

PRETORIA: It was becoming clearer by the day that the ANC could not be trusted in its present guise, said President F.W. de Klerk last night.

In a strong attack on the ANC, he told the Transvaal National Party congress: "The reality is that the ANC's financial support is drying up and that it is disorganised — ineffective because of internal squabbling and a lack of clear policy directions — and is losing support as a result of its inability to contribute towards ending violence."

The ANC's communication strategy, which presented itself as the organisation which held the initiative and was able to dictate events, was arrogant and presumptuous.

Mr de Klerk accused the ANC of inconsistency. "Consider, for example, its conflicting statement on economic policy."

He noted the "small and dying" SACP clung to the ANC like a "parasite" and thereby undermining the ANC's international and domestic reputation.

Mr de Klerk further noted that Cosatu general secretary Jay Naidoo was leading the ANC by the nose and involving it in actions detrimental to the country.

"I am not saying these things because it gives me pleasure. The ANC remains an important actor. It is in the country's interests that the ANC's balanced leaders — and there are some — should act in such a way that contributes positively to the establishment of confidence and the achievement of a reasonable understanding."

He warned that the NP was not prepared to allow the ANC or any other group to take over power.

"Those who have a perception that the ANC and its allies will take control of South Africa are not taking the National Party into account, nor the fact that no solution is possible without the NP."

Referring to fear and insecurity as a result of the perception that the ANC would take over and dominate, Mr de Klerk said: "Stop worrying. The National Party — and other sensible parties — will not permit it."

The NP would not succumb to pressure and those believing that the party's willingness to reach a settlement was a sign of weakness, were gravely mistaken. "Let me also assure local and foreign investors that the Government, as the government, and the National Party, as a strong and growing political force, will not bow to unreasonable and short-sighted pressures."

President de Klerk also urged commerce and industry not to fall prey to regular disruption and "power grabbing" by using a clear and reasonable strategy.

The ANC had identified employers and the economy as targets, said Mr de Klerk.

He warned that the country would pay a high price if commerce, industry and individual employers did not stand firm.

Employers would only retain their independence if they acted purposefully and in an organised manner to ensure that trade unions acted within the law.

"Only if employers help, motivate and discipline their workers against succumbing to intimidation, will they be able to help prevent radical trade union leaders from gaining a stranglehold."

For Dinkins's South Africa Trip, A Donor List From Who's Who

By JAMES C. MCKINLEY Jr.

More than a third of the money that Mayor David N. Dinkins has raised to finance his trip to South Africa next week came in a \$50,000 check from the Speaker of the California Assembly, Willie L. Brown, according to a list of contributors released yesterday.

The list is also sprinkled with prominent New Yorkers like Felix G. Rohatyn, the financier and head of the Municipal Assistance Corporation; Mortimer B. Zuckerman, the developer; and Howard J. Rubenstein, the public relations executive.

"I think it is important for the Mayor to go to South Africa," said Mr. Rohatyn, explaining why he contributed. "I think emotionally for him, it's like the first time I went to Jerusalem."

Mr. Brown was in meetings yesterday and could not be reached for comment, but his spokesman, Michael Reese, said Mr. Brown often makes such private donations. Mr. Zuckerman and Mr. Rubenstein could not be reached for comment.

City officials released the list as they outlined details of the trip for the first time. The Mayor is scheduled to meet with Nelson Mandela and other leaders of the African National Congress, the main black party in South Africa, but city officials said yesterday that it appears unlikely that the Mayor would meet, as hoped, with the South African President, F. W. de Klerk, or the leader of the Inkatha Freedom Party, the major black party opposing the A.N.C.

Meeting Scuttled

Deputy Mayor Bill Lynch said President de Klerk plans to be out of the country during the Mayor's visit. And African National Congress officials scuttled a meeting with Chief Mangosuthu Gatsha Buthelezi, the leader of Inkatha and Mr. Mandela's main rival among black leaders in the country, Mr. Lynch said.

"Most of the itinerary was negotiated by the A.N.C. and not by us," Mr. Lynch said.

A total of \$145,434 was raised for the trip, city officials said, much of it coming from city officials, civic lead-

ers and news organizations that are paying their own travel expenses to accompany the Mayor. The figure is incomplete because many going wrote checks directly to a commercial airline. The organization collecting money for the trip is the New York City Business Assistance Corporation, a nonprofit entity that the Mayor used to raise money for the parade for Persian Gulf veterans.

City officials said the final cost for the trip had yet to be determined. The only money coming from taxpayers will be the cost for more than a dozen bodyguards for the Mayor.

Defraying Expenses

Since most of the 33 city commissioners, clergy members and private citizens in the delegation have been asked to pay their own way, the contributions from Speaker Brown and others not going will, in effect, defray the expenses for about 10 support staff members, Deputy Mayor Bill Lynch and the Mayor's wife, Joyce. The Mayor initially said he would not pay for his expenses but later reversed himself and donated \$5,000.

The fund-raising became a focus of attention in September when the Mayor was forced to cancel his first plan to charter a plane and take a larger delegation. That trip fell through because Mr. Lynch, overburdened with the racial crisis in Crown Heights, failed to raise the \$500,000 the trip would have cost.

The collapse of the trip stung the Mayor personally and was seen by many in the government as a sign of disorganization at the upper levels of his administration. In October, the Mayor announced a scaled-down version of the trip, with the delegation paying its way. He also delivered a stinging speech countering the critics, saying that he hoped his commissioners could lend technical expertise to the African National Congress and forge economic ties between New York and those he believes will run a post-apartheid Government.

None of the contributors do business with the city, Mr. Lynch said. He said the trip organizers had also rejected donations from several companies and corporations doing business in South Africa.

VAT tension mounts

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By THEMBA KHUMALO

LAW and Order Minister Hernus Kriel has threatened to arrest thousands of protesters expected to take part in countrywide marches during the anti-VAT stayaway tomorrow and Tuesday.

Kriel told City Press on Friday that only nine regions had applied for permission to march. The police would turn away protesters at illegal marches or arrest them, he said.

The Minister also said the police had information that the protesters would use children in the marches.

Jay Naidoo, VAT Co-ordinating Committee member and Cosatu general secretary, accused the Minister of looking for an excuse to take action against the protesters.

He denied children would be present at the marches. He described Kriel's allegation as "an insult against the millions who will be participating in the action".

Naidoo also criticised a joint statement by Health Services Minister Rina Venter and Education and Training Minister Sam de Beer on Friday which claimed that the stayaway would disrupt health services and normal education in black schools.

Referring to Kriel's statement, Naidoo said he was surprised because nothing about this was said earlier that day when his committee met with the Deputy Law and Order Minister and his generals. He added that at that time it was agreed to form joint monitoring structures to ensure that the marches went peacefully.

"It seems the police intend to provoke the protesters and later lay the blame on the democratic movement. Kriel's statements and those of IFP leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi, who was quoted as saying that the protests could lead to the loss of life and property, support this."

Naidoo said the VAT Co-ordinating Committee had heard that the IFP planned a rally at George Goch Stadium in Johannesburg this afternoon to discuss the stayaway and the protest issue. He called on the police to disarm the IFP supporters as a precautionary measure.

Inkatha PWV youth leader Joe Jabulani said he did not expect any violence during the stayaway.

"We have instructed all our members and supporters to ignore the stayaway and go to work. I believe Jay Naidoo is sincere when he says there will be no intimidation and those who wish to work will be allowed to do so.

"But if we are attacked we will defend ourselves."

Accusations fly as strike dawns

He denied however that members of Inkatha would carry weapons when they went to work on Monday.

The Minister said police would be posted in all areas with potential outbreaks of violence. Railway stations, streets, bus and taxi ranks would be patrolled around the clock.

Although he would not

estimate exactly how many people were expected to heed the stayaway call, Naidoo predicted millions would comply.

VAT Co-ordinating Committee member Sakie Thagudi said committee and community-based organisations in the Vaal Triangle had resolved that doctors, nurses, teachers and pupils would carry out their normal

daily activities tomorrow and Tuesday.

Marshals would be present at schools to prevent intimidation.

Teachers were to request letters from their headmasters for identification purposes.

Taxis would operate to ferry students and teachers to various schools.

About 30 placard-carrying Cosatu members had to abandon plans to hold an anti-VAT demonstration at Pretoria's Strijdom Square yesterday after police warned them of a possible clash with rightwingers.

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ANC abusing sport FW

Daily News Correspondent

PRETORIA: The ANC is abusing sport and culture for political ends, says President F.W. de Klerk.

"The announcement of our participation in the Olympic Games is a good example of this," he said at the opening of the National Party's Transvaal Congress in Pretoria last night. He accused the ANC of exploiting the situation for its own political gain in order to pose as being really in power.

Mr de Klerk said the ANC changed its strategy on sanctions when it realised the Government was breaking the organisation's grip in the field. The NP and the Government had not involved themselves directly in sport and entertainment, recognising their autonomy.

"In this, the ANC saw an opportunity. They realised that they did not have to deal in those areas with the strong National Party which does not let itself be pushed around, but with organisations and individuals that, in some cases, will do almost anything to open the doors for sports and arts enthusiasts."

It was unacceptable that Nocsa and its chairman, Sam Ramsamy, took decisions about national symbols such as the flag and anthem, he said.

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ANC men held for arms

TWELVE African National Congress supporters have been arrested at Wembezi near Estcourt in the Natal midlands after security force policemen allegedly found them with illegal guns.

Police said in Durban yesterday the 12 people were arrested after houses were searched and five home-made shotguns and seven handguns, as well as cane-knives and knobkerries were found.

In another incident at Wembezi, a man was killed and another injured on Wednesday when a hand-grenade was thrown into the house where they were sleeping.

The dead man has been identified as Nsanaseni Dladla. His brother, Sabello Dladla, suffered severe injuries.

Five Inkatha Freedom Party members have been killed and nine wounded — one of them seriously — in Natal since Sunday, according to the head of the party's Violence Study Unit, Kim Hodgson.

Hodgson said in a statement yesterday four IFP members were shot and wounded and a person was hacked to death when vigilantes attacked a group returning from an IFP meeting in kwaMgaga on Sunday.

An IFP member, Nkosinathi Nkome, was shot dead at Mashana near Empangeni on Monday, and the following day a house was attacked and another IFP member, Isaac Kanyile, was killed in the same area.

Two IFP supporters, Sithembiso Ndela and Sipho Mkhize, were also shot dead at Imboyi township near Table Mountain outside Pietermaritzburg. — Sapa.

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Winnie, Makeba appeal for aid



WINNIE MANDELA

NEW YORK - Two leading anti-apartheid women leaders, Winnie Mandela and Miriam Makeba, this week appealed for worldwide support for a benefit concert for African children to be

held in Nigeria at the end of this month.

Referring to previous concerts held on other continents to aid Africa with problems of hunger and disease, singer Makeba told a news conference and reception, "I think this is

the first time that African people are trying to do something for themselves.

"In the Bible they say God helps those who help themselves."

Makeba is the founder of a foundation called Children of Africa which, according to CoA's US head, Tiahmo Rauf, has established offices in Lagos, Johannesburg, London and New York and hopes to promote annual concerts.

Rauf said the November 30 concert in Lagos was to be preceded by a two-day conference on the education, health and welfare of Africa's children.

Makeba appealed for sponsors to come forward to join Nigerian philanthropist Chief Onwuka Kalu, who donated the money to create the foundation.

"This effort is not confined to the continent of Africa," Mandela added. "There are children of Africa all over the world."

Descendants

She and Makeba had come to New York to emphasise the bond between Africa and descendants of Africa living in other regions, she said.

The artists expected to take part in the concert in-

cluded Makeba and Hugh Masekela of South Africa, Dionne Warwick, Freddie Jackson, Melba Moore and Color Me Badd of the United States, Rita Marley and Shaba Ranks of Jamaica, Toshi Kubota of Japan and Fela Kuti and Sunny Ade of Nigeria.

After the news conference Makeba was asked what she hoped the concert would achieve. She said, "I hope the concert will raise worldwide consciousness about the terrible conditions in which our children live - and make some money to help them." - Sapa-Reuter

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Cosatu-inspired VAT stayaway has backfired on the masses, says Inkatha

Political Reporter

THE Congress of South African Trade Unions has either not seen the serious consequences of this week's anti-VAT stayaway for the country's economy and the oppressed masses, or simply does not care as their political agenda is more important, says Inkatha Freedom Party central committee member Senzo Mfayela.

"The stayaway has resulted in the loss of more than 20 lives and Cosatu general secretary Jay Naidoo calls these isolated incidents," Mr Mfayela said.

"In the current climate of political uncertainty, lack of investor confidence and a fragile Peace Accord agreement, the stayaway has had and will continue to have an adverse effect on the economy and in particular on jobs for the disadvantaged.

"There is a rising groundswell of anger against Cosatu leaders for being

party to mass intimidation, instilling fear in township residents and disrupting matriculation examinations."

Mr Mfayela said the stayaway had also created greater polarity between political organisations and this would affect the negotiation process.

The principles underpinning the value added tax system of indirect tax had been internationally proven to benefit the poor when utilised by responsible government.

"The negative and positive implications of VAT on the poor in this country are yet to be established and for Cosatu to force a stayaway on speculative economic assumptions was the height of irresponsibility.

"If Cosatu believe that their actions will create an impetus for successful negotiation and for VAT to be revised, they are seriously mistaken. The poor are worse off today than they were on Sunday. How can Cosatu explain their actions to hungry people?" he asked.

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SA will have 15-m in school by year 2000

BLOEMFONTEIN. — school ultimately passed matric. There will be 15 million South African children enrolled in schools by the end of the century, putting enormous pressure on the education system, according to Education and Manpower Development 1990, a publication which presents an overview of formal school education in southern Africa.

About 10 000 extra teachers would have to be trained annually, and an equal number of classrooms would be needed to cope with the demand for education, said the report.

— Unless more cost-effective alternatives could be found, there would be serious implications for the country's educational budget.

The low pass-rate among Black pupils meant there was congestion in the lower standards. Only 30 percent of the pupils who entered

The researchers said inadequately qualified teachers involved in Black education were largely to blame for the low pass-rate. Urgent attention to in-service training and the upgrading of teacher qualifications, as well as the provision of quality education, was desperately needed.

More than 23 000 of 179 265 Black teachers were without professional qualifications. Of Coloured teachers, 1 571 out of 36 354 were not qualified, and 176 of 11 522 Asian teachers were without professional qualifications.

The publication did not give statistics for the qualifications of White teachers.

There were 17,4 pupils per teacher in White schools, compared to 42,7 in Black schools, 20,2 for Asians and for 23,1 for Coloureds. — Sapa.

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Stop pandering to ANC, unions, Johann Rupert

CAPE TOWN. — The executive vice-chairman of the Rembrandt Group, Mr Johann Rupert, yesterday urged businessmen to "stop pandering to and listening to the nonsense dished up" by trade unions and the African National Congress.

On a visit from London, Mr Rupert told the Cape Town Afrikaanse Sakekamer that South Africa would never attract capital from overseas until investors were no longer told the country would go under within four years unless it was helped soon.

Mr Rupert further said the ANC leadership had to stop leading its supporters up the garden path with their rhetoric and "say openly what they are saying behind closed doors" on the economy and the country's future. — Sapa.

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Shooting: Policemen arrested

THREE Soweto-based policemen have been arrested in connection with the assassination on Sunday of a political returnee turned drug dealer, police said.

Captain Joseph Ngobeneni of the Soweto police, said yesterday the policemen were arrested after investigations connected them to the death of 30-

year-old Mr Tsietsi Miya, alias Lesley Meyer.

Mr Miya's body was found on Sunday in Soweto's Protea South. He had been shot in the head.

"Mr Miya was a drug dealer. Our investigations revealed that the three policemen, all stationed in Soweto, also dealt in drugs with the dead man.

We have established that Mr Miya left the country for political reasons in 1977, and returned to the country in 1990.

"While in exile, he did not receive military training," said Capt Ngobeneni.

The arrested men were in custody, and it was not known when they would appear in court. —Sapa

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India invites Mandela to first game

NEW DELHI. — India has invited African National Congress chief Nelson Mandela to watch South Africa return to international cricket from 21 years of banishment, officials said yesterday.

"We have sent an invitation to Nelson Mandela to attend the historic, first-ever cricket match between the two countries on Sunday," Jagmohan Dalmiya, head of the Cricket As-

sociation of Bengal, told Reuters.

Dalmiya, speaking by phone from Calcutta, where South Africa will play their first official international match for two decades on Sunday, said Mandela was "seriously considering" the invitation.

"If Mandela cannot make it, the ANC will nominate (ANC ex-

ecutive member) Steve Tshwete to grace the occasion."

South Africa will play three one-day games against India — in Calcutta, Gwalior and New Delhi — in a series arranged hastily after Pakistan cancelled a five-match tour of one-day internationals when Hindu militants vowed to disrupt it.

The Eden Gardens stadium in Calcutta has an official capacity of 90 000 but unofficially 120 000 have crammed in for previous matches and is likely to provide a raucous return to international cricket for the South Africans.

In New Delhi, a spokesman for the Board of Control for

Cricket in India (BCCI) said, the games against South Africa had generated tremendous enthusiasm.

"The organisers have received numerous queries for (stadium) advertising from overseas companies for the first time," he said.

"Live telecast rights have been procured by television networks in three countries, including South Africa."

The spokesman said agreements had also been signed for live satellite broadcasts of the Calcutta match in Britain and Canada and that state-run television had received requests from five other countries.

— Sapa-Reuter.

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Unemployment: Cosatu wants 'youth brigades'

DRAWING on the experiences of "youth brigades" in other African countries, a recent Congress of South African Trade Unions (Cosatu) job creation workshop recommended a similar voluntary "call up" of unemployed youth in South Africa.

Special Youth Programmes for those between the ages of 17 and 25, was one of the recommendations to be forwarded to Cosatu's policy-making central executive committee.

An article in the latest issue of SA Labour Bull-

etin said this was in preparation for the national economic negotiating forum that Cosatu was demanding with government and the employers' body, the SA Consultative Committee on Labour Affairs.

The article included an analysis of the "horrific" scale of unemployment in South Africa.

Against the background of an estimated 51,3 per cent national unemployment rate in the working-age population of South Africa, the Cosatu workshop met to discuss proposals for massive

job creation programmes.

With the Development Bank of Southern Africa calculating that there were about 8,4 million people outside the formal economy, the Cosatu workshop focused on labour-intensive public works programmes to absorb as many of the unemployed as possible.

Taking on the unemployed at below subsistence wages of R10 a day or subsistence wages of R30 a day, implied massive government expenditure of R6 billion to R18 billion. — Sapa.

THE CITIZEN COMMENT

Capitulation

THE ANC, its affiliate, the National Olympic and Sports Congress, and the former arch-enemy of South African sport, Mr Sam Ramsamy, have between them dictated the manner in which South Africa is to return to the Olympic Games.

Out go the South African anthem and flag. In come Beethoven's Ode to Joy — the Olympic hymn, as Mr Ramsamy describes it — and a specially concocted Olympic flag that has as much to do with South Africa as the man in the moon.

Mr Ramsamy blandly explains: "Nocsa (the National Olympic Committee of South Africa) felt it would be appropriate to honour the Olympic movement and South Africa by using the Olympic hymn on this occasion."

Utter rubbish, Mr Ramsamy.

Nocsa decided on Ode to Joy because, under the pressure of Mr Ramsamy and the ANC, it did not want to have Die Stem as South Africa's anthem at the games.

The same applies to the South African flag.

The ANC regards them as symbols of the "oppressor", which they are not.

They are South Africa's anthem and flag until the day the new South Africa dawns and a new flag and anthem are introduced — if that is what is decided.

All this petty manoeuvring and intrigue disgusts us.

This country is South Africa — and its official symbols must be honoured.

Both the flag and anthem have been used at international sports events, like boxing, in recent times.

Crowds have stood while Die Stem has been played before world title fights.

The South African flag has been carried into the ring.

Nobody has suffered because of this. On the contrary, the crowds have taken pride in their country and the achievements of our boxers irrespective of the colour of their skins.

Why suddenly must we be ashamed of the anthem and flag?

Why suddenly should we have to have a special flag to represent the country's wealth, the sea, the land and the crops, the whole symbolising unity?

Why adopt the Olympic hymn, the music of which, ironically, was used for Rhodesia's national anthem?

The answer, of course, is that the ANC, through its moratorium on overseas sports contacts, has grabbed control of South African sport.

If any sport wants to compete overseas, it must satisfy the criteria laid down by the ANC.

And because they are weak, because they are so desperate for sport's return to international competition, administrators have capitulated to the ANC's demands.

Not just Nocsa, but the United Cricket Board of South Africa, too.

Which explains why our cricketers have rushed off to India for a brief one-day series, when they are ill-prepared for international competition so early in our season.

Which explains why Mr Mandela has been invited by India to watch the first game, so that the full extent of his triumph over our sport can be emphasised.

The government, naturally, is put out by these developments. Mr Louis Pienaar, Minister of National Education, under whom sport falls, says the decision on the flag and anthem is a slap in the face for South Africans.

No athletes are listening. They are elated by the chance to compete in the Olympics and they don't care under which flag or anthem they take part.

Mr Pienaar says participation in international sport was made possible by State President De Klerk and his policy directions.

Mr De Klerk's reforms have, in fact, opened the way for our acceptance by the international community, but Mr Mandela has captured the limelight by allowing the sports moratorium to be lifted as and when he wishes — and those who have been allowed back into international sport are crawling at his feet in gratitude.

Alas, our sports administrators have cravenly capitulated to the ANC and must now dance to its tune. Shame on them.

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'Leave national symbols alone'

Sapa and Fred de Lange
THE situation re-
garding sport had

been exploited by the
African National
Congress for its own
political gain, State

President De Klerk
said last night.

It was also unacceptable that "the question of national symbols has now been dragged in as well."

"It is not for Nocsa (the National Olympic Committee of SA) or Mr (Sam) Ramsamy to take decisions about national symbols such as the flag and the anthem."

Politicians should keep their hands off sport and play only a supporting role.

"We welcome our country's re-entry into international competition and have appreciation for everybody who has helped to make it possible, even for the

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ANC, to the extent that it has been positive.

"However, it is our conviction that the people in control of sport and entertainment should stand firm against political interference and political control. Only they are able to do so and they have to do it in the interests of South Africa.

"The same applies to the question of national sports colours and symbols. This is an emotional aspect and needs to be treated with

circumspection.

"The green and gold, with the Springbok, has a proud history. These colours were worn with pride by every South African, regardless of race or colour, and have nothing to do with apartheid.

"Springbok colours have gained international renown. Other countries say they don't want to play against South Africa. No, they say they want to play against the Springboks.

"I think it is shortsighted to disregard these facts and trample a proud tradition under-

foot. I also think it is undesirable for every sport to try to do its own thing.

"Therefore, I wish to call on every sports administrator, sportsman and woman to think again and find a sensible solution.

"To the public I wish to say:

"If you are annoyed about what is happening in sport, commit yourselves and say so. You have to realise, however, that this is one thing for which you cannot blame the government or the National Party."

Dr T slams Olympic anthem, flag move

By Sapa, Brian Stuart and Fred de Lange
SOUTH AFRICAN sportsmen and women would be the only par-

ticipants in the Olympic Games next year who would not have their national anthem played or the officially

recognised national flag hoisted for them, Conservative Party leader, Dr Andries Treurnicht said yesterday.

Speaking in Schweizer Reneke, he said these were in no way conditions set by the International Olympic Committee, but were decisions taken by the local ANC-controlled Olympic Committee of Sam Ramsamy.

"Handing over of sports control and administration in South Africa to the ANC had to inevitably lead to these organisations making such political demands," Dr Treurnicht said.

"This disregard of the national anthem and the national flag has by no means come as a surprise to the CP, but is the logical outcome of the road of reform to one South Afri-

ca which (State President) Mr De Klerk's government has taken."

The government had not yet been able to succeed in preventing political extortion by the ANC on any terrain. Whites and Mr De Klerk would have to decide what price they would eventually have to pay for international recognition.

"The only alternative is CP policy which makes it possible for every sportsman and woman to take part in international sport on his or her own merits. Through partitioning, every nation can represent his own country and the Springbok emblem and Die Stem can be retained for our people, while other people can choose their own symbols.

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"This is the basis on which the Russian republics such as Lithuania and Estonia are going to participate in the Olympic Games," Dr Treurnicht said.

Earlier Mr Daan Nolte, Conservative Party spokesman on sport, said the price was "too high" to expect the Afrikaner to sacrifice his anthem, flag and language for the sake of participation in the Olympic Games.

This was a total victory for the ANC, which wanted to rule the new South Africa. "I say, no — over my dead body".

Mr Nolte added: "The announcement by Nocsa is not a readmission of South Africa, as I know it, to the Olympic Games, but the admission of a unitary State, the so-called New South Africa, in which the identity of the Afrikaner is not acknowledged and is trampled.

Mr Nolte said that in terms of CP policy, any sportsman or woman of Olympic standard should be able to take part in world sport on merit. But every people (volk) had the sovereign right to exercise their sport separately, on their own soil and in their own group area, in order to give expression to their own sports culture.

"The CP will not be threatened nor told to change our constitutional and political views in order to make way for a one man, one vote policy. In the end, that would very clearly mean a Black majority government.

"Secondly, the CP views this so-called readmission as a total victory for the ANC. This struggle originates in the early 60s, with Peter Hain and his Anti-Apartheid Movement, which abused sport by way of boycotts for political ends, namely one man, one vote.

The leader of the HNP, Mr Jaap Marais, said sport administrators had allowed Mr Sam Ramsamy, who himself had never taken part in any sport activities, to do a disservice to sportsmen and women by making it impossible for them to take part in sport under their own flag.

"With further progress of negotiation politics, it could be accepted that this would be only the first step in replacing the national flag.

Because the HNP had been aware that the policies of the National Party would end up in this way, it broke away from the NP 21 years ago.

"The government of Mr John Vorster was at that stage still caught up in the shortsighted opportunism of the two Maoris when the HNP realised that the political views of the time would eventually

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Mr Marais said now that Mr De Klerk had allowed this to happen, the HNP wanted to declare that the Afrikaner nation, when it regained power, would not only remove Mr Ramsamy but also the new official flag which was to follow and replace it with the old Transvaal flag which, as a matter of priority, would be made the official flag of South Africa.

Mr Jannie Momberg, Democratic Party spokesman on sport and former vice-president of Western Province Athletics Union, said he fully supported Nocsa in selecting a "neutral" flag and anthem for the Olympic Games next year. Mr Louis Pienaar, Minister of National Education, was wrong in using the word "patriotic" about symbols that were not accepted by all South Africans.

However, he still liked the Springbok symbol.

"The DP is overjoyed at the fact our young athletes can go to Barcelona. I don't think we should allow our joy at participation to be clouded by the issue of the emblems."

President De Klerk was on record as saying the country would possibly have a new anthem and flag in future. So it was apt that Nocsa had adopted neutral symbols, as had happened in the past with other countries.

"I want to cross swords with Minister Pienaar who suggested this was

unpatriotic and a slap in the face for South Africans. He must understand there are millions of people who don't regard the present flag and anthem as theirs.

The decision by Nocsa to adopt a new anthem and emblem for next year's Olympic Games, was the start of a "never-ending quarrel over symbols", the Boerestaat Party said.

BSP leader, Mr Robert van Tonder, claimed there would never be agreement on symbols within "a concoction State such as the RSA", which he claimed had no "true national tradition".

The Boer nation had never been pleased with the current South African flag as it incorporated the British Union Jack. He also dismissed Die Stem as a national anthem, claiming its composer C J Langenhoven, could not have written it for any one nation "as there were 14 nations within the Union of South Africa."

Mr Van Tonder said the Boer nation did not need to look for symbols. Its Vierkleur flag (the flag of the old Boer republics) and Kenjy die Volk anthem would, after the resurrection of the Boer republics, represent a united and modern Boer State.

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