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~~Two further points in Mr Martin's article merit comment.~~



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To quote Mr Martin further: "The CMA chose to ignore politics", implying that politics should be kept out of sport. The fact is that multiracial teams based on merit alone are not found in South Africa, and it is the apartheid regime which introduced politics into sport in that country. Second, the South African athletes present at the meet asked for "a little time" before changes occur in that country. The present government has had 27 years to bring about change. "Western civilisation" has been in South Africa for 300 years. Apartheid is still the dominant policy there. How much time will they need?

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