THERE IS NO PLACE FOR RACISM IN SPORT

A tennis team representing South Africa is scheduled to meet a U. S. team in international Davis Cup competition at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee March 17-19. Canadian, Mexican, Venezuelan and Caribbean teams have all withdrawn from Davis Cup competition rather than be forced to play South Africa. Colombia refused to grant visas to the South African team. Only the United States team is left willing to meet South Africa in American zone competition.

The United States Tennis Association (USTA) has long been a major ally of South Africa in the International Tennis Federation, which governs Davis Cup (male) and Federation Cup (female) play. South Africa has been barred from the Olympic Games since 1964, and has been expelled from most major international sports competition for its consistent violation of the cardinal Olympic principle: that all athletes compete on an equal footing and be chosen solely on the basis of merit. ACOA urges you to protest this match to President Carter (Washington, D. C. 20500), Secretary of State Cyrus Vance (Washington, D. C. 20520) and/or Ambassador Andrew Young (U. S. Mission to the U. N., New York, N. Y. 10017) urging the denial of visas and a statement of public opposition by the U. S. government.

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Alex Heard, Chairman of Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tn. 37235 protesting the university's cooperation in staging the match.

Anti-Krugerrand Actions

As you can see by the enclosed listing, successful Krugerrand actions are growing around the country. Recently, Merrill, Lynch, the nation's largest brokerage, discontinued gold coin sales in all its branches. A release summarizing this and other victories is available from ACOA. Contacts and further background on these actions is also available. Additional copies of the list are available from ACOA without charge. Two additions: KGW-TV in Portland, Oregon amd the Boston City Council.

Corporate Shareholder Resolutions

As you can see by the enclosure, Protestant churches and Roman Catholic orders, coordinated by the Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility, (ICCR) are filing a new round of shareholder resolutions dealing with corporate involvement in southern Africa. The resolutions appear in the shareholder material to be voted on by every stockholder in these companies. Most shareholder meetings occur in April and May. They provide an opportunity to organize churches, unions, universities, and others with investments to express their views on the issue of corporate support for white minority regimes in southern Africa. Further information is available from ICCR, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, N. Y. 10027 (212) 870-2293.

New Publications

New additions to the southern Africa literature list include "Samora Machel Speaks/Mozambique Speaks", available for $1.35. "Arms for Apartheid" is available for 10¢ a copy.

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