FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

ACCESS, the American Coordinating Committee for Equality in Sport and Society, will hold a press conference on Tuesday, August 2nd at 11 AM to announce plans for its first important action in its attempt to end US sports contacts with South Africa.

ACCESS coalition members have been involved in a major letter writing campaign on the issue of the continued support of the United States Tennis Association for the South African body in the International Lawn Tennis Federation (ILTF). The USTA support has become even more prominent now that New Zealand, Canada and Australia have reportedly led the way for expulsion on the South Africans.

The USTA has made no serious response or attempt to moderate its policy. Therefore, as promised, we are calling for demonstrations against the USTA. The press conference, which will feature Richard Lapchick, National Chairperson of ACCESS, Dennis Brutus, President of SAN-ROC, and several political notables from New York City, will be used to announce plans for initial demonstrations against the USTA later during that week as well as possible plans for demonstrations at the US Open.

The press conference will be held at the Church Center for the UN, 777 UN Plaza in the Hardin Room.

See you Tuesday at 9 AM. Richard Lapchick

NEWS RELEASE
Mr. W.E. Hester
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Dear Mr. Hester:

I have just received your note stating that you would be in New York City as of the 18th. Unfortunately, I could not wait for two weeks there and returned home last weekend. I called the New York office today, but you were not there.

I must tell you that ACCESS has taken a very close look at the USTA's position on South Africa. Now that New Zealand, Canada and Australia, all former supporters in the ILTF, have moved for expulsion, this clearly points out how the South Africans remain in the ILTF. With the position of the Commonwealth Prime Ministers, the UN, the OAU and numerous individual countries opposing sports contacts with South Africa, the focus of anti-apartheid sports efforts will quite naturally be the ILTF in general, and the USTA in particular.

ACCESS is now prepared to move in this direction as the result of its meeting on July 12th. I sincerely regret that we could not meet prior to that date as I had hoped. However, I understand that since we both live outside of New York, it will be difficult to actually meet.

I will return to New York for the week of August. ACCESS will be meeting on the 2nd to determine the nature of our activities on tennis. Preliminary preparations have been made and there will be a press conference at 11AM on the 2nd to announce more finalized plans. I hope that I will be able to meet with you or your representative on either the 1st or the 2nd of August.

It is, of course, the hope of the ACCESS coalition that the USTA will change its present position on the participation of South Africa so that we will be able to avoid a confrontation in the near future. If this is not the case, ACCESS will be initiating action.

Sincerely yours,

Richard E. Lapchick
National Chairperson