Tennis, Anyone?

The US TENNIS ASSOCIATION (USTA) SUPPORTS SOUTH AFRICAN APARTHEID SPORT

ACCESS says DON’T PLAY WITH APARTHEID SPORT.

END ALL UNITED STATES SPORTS CONTACTS WITH SOUTH AFRICA
WHY PICK ON TENNIS?

Tennis is the only major international sport in which South Africa competes for world championships (the Davis Cup for men and the Federation Cup for Women).

The United Nations, the Organization of African Unity, the Commonwealth Prime Ministers, the International Olympic Committee, and all other major international sports federations oppose sports contacts with South Africa because of its racist policies.

Why does the USTA support South Africa's presence in the International Lawn Tennis Federation (ILTF)?

WHAT IS ACCESS?

ACCESS, the American Coordinating Committee for Equality in Sport and Society, is a coalition of national civil rights, religious, political and sports groups that oppose all US sports contacts with South Africa. Coalition members include:

COALITION MEMBERS

American Committee on Africa
Americans For Democratic Action
American Friends Service Committee
ARENA, the Institute for Sports and Social Analysis
Clergy and Laity Concerned
Coalition of Concerned Black Americans
Gray Panthers
Methodist Federation for Social Action
National Conference of Black Lawyers
Operation PUSH (People United to Save Humanity)
South African Non-Racial Olympic Committee
South African Students' Movement
Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC)
Sports for the People
United Methodist Church, Women's Division,
    Board of Global Ministries
Women's International League for Peace & Freedom
WHAT IS APARTHEID?

Apartheid is the legalized separation of the races in South Africa and the legalized domination by the white minority. This racist system is the very foundation of the South African Government.

Aside from the TOTAL lack of political rights and the TOTAL control of the lives of the black population, white South Africans earn an estimated $4,200 a year while blacks earn $245 a year. Whites say this is due to the lack of education of blacks. Somehow this seems hypocritical in light of the fact that the white regime spends 12 times as much on the education of a white child as on the education of a black child.

The oppression gets worse. The South African Christian Institute estimates that some 5,000 foes of apartheid were banned, detained and held without trial in 1976.

SOWETO is the new rallying word in South Africa as a result of the protests of school children in June of 1976 in the black township of SOWETO. 1000's were arrested and reliable estimates put the civilian death toll at over 1,000 since June of 1976. The protests still go on — the demand is for majority rule.

Sport is an area in which South Africa has been very vulnerable as they become more and more isolated. Sports in South Africa are segregated for players, administrators and even for spectators. The government, which controls sport, spends 120 times more per capita on white athletes than on blacks. The US is one of a handful of nations that competes with South Africa.
FACTS ON THE USTA AND THE INTERNATIONAL LAWN TENNIS FEDERATION

1. Prior to 1970, the USTA consistently voted for South Africa to remain in the ILTF.

2. In December of 1969, Arthur Ashe applied for a visa to compete in Pretoria. Prime Minister Vorster, after meeting with Sec. of State Rogers, supported his application. World sportspeople were outraged. As a result of South Africa's suspension from the Davis Cup in March of 1976, South Africa became the only nation to have been expelled from SA have been excluded from every major international competition when they refused to meet SA in the Davis Cup.

3. When the outcry about Ashe and SA died down, the USTA changed its position. Since then, the position of the USTA has consistently supported apartheid. This flaunts numerous resolutions of the Organization of African Unity (OAU) mandating an end to such sports contacts. It also leads to change in the case of SA.

4. In 1974, India courageously refused to meet SA in the Davis Cup.

5. When Mexico refused to compete with SA in the North American Zone where it was felt that SA would be expelled Mexico from the ILTF.

6. When the USTA could not muster enough votes for the position of the USTA, the ILTF did, however, change its rules to require a 2/3 abortion to try to get more votes. When the position of the USTA, the ILTF did, however, change its rules to require a 2/3 vote on such motions. The USTA demanded that these nations pay for their illegal presence in the ILTF.

7. In 1976, the USTA hosted the women's equivalent of the Davis Cup and the illegal Rhodesian regime both sent teams. Many nations that were not invited to compete in protest. The USTA demanded that these nations pay for the雯heir presence in the ILTF.

8. In April of 1977, the USTA actually hosted the South African Open in Cape Town. 1,000 people demonstrated their opposition.

9. Following the Commonwealth Prime Minister Conference, New Zealand, Canada and Australia, all former SA, which is predominately white nation, voted for SA to remain in the ILTF. The vote for expulsion failed.

When you hear, "Tennis, anyone," remember that the USTA is a racist regime. ACCESS intends to change the USTA's position. ACCESS intends to change the USTA's position on South Africa and take some of the suggested actions in the right hand column.

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ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH THE
FEDERATION (ILTF) AND SOUTH AFRICA

South Africa (SA) in the ILTF.

Ashe to compete in the SA Open. His application was directly
his behalf were made at the ambassadorial level in Washington
with his Cabinet solely for this purpose, denied Ashe the
start of great pressure, the USTA was forced to ask for South
1970 (they were suspended for 2 years). In May of 1970,
expelled from the Olympic Movement. Since 1970, the teams
national sports federation except the ILTF.

The USTA voted for ending South Africa’s suspension in 1972.
been that only through sports contacts with SA will sports
of the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity
also contradicts history which has proven that only isolation
the finals of the Davis Cup, making a mockery of the champ-

North American Zone of the Davis Cup (SA competes in the N.
free from public pressure), the USTA led a movement to

For this, the USTA actually withdrew from the ILTF in a
ploy failed, the USTA reentered the ILTF after two weeks.
2/3rds vote for expulsion to protect SA.

of the Davis Cup, known as the Federation Cup. South Africa
many US citizens demonstrated, while several nations withdrew
pay $10,000 fines to the ILTF. The fines were imposed.

South African Davis Cup Team in Newport Beach, California.

Referendum vote to oppose sports contacts with South Africa,
TF allies of SA, voted for its expulsion. Canada has with-
up. However, due to the weighted voting system favoring
failed. The USTA led the fight to keep SA in the ILTF.

The USTA takes “anyone” to include South Africa and their
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Send letters of protest to the USTA and the ILTF, with copies sent to President Carter, UN Ambassador Andrew Young, the Black Congressional Caucus and to ACCESS. The addresses are:

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United Nations, N.Y. 10017

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Send letters of protest to the major New York papers and to CBS TV, the televisors of the USTA’s most important event, the US Open at Forest Hills.

CBS TV
The President
51 West 52nd Street
New York, NY 10019

DEMONSTRATE AT THE US OPEN

Protests will be staged at the US Open in September, unless the USTA changes its position on South Africa. They will be peaceful and non-disruptive. We need your presence there for support.

For information about dates and times, call ACCESS in New York at 682-3633.