

THE ALL-WHITE CRICKET TOUR

We have consistently supported SACOS's motto of "No normal sport in an abnormal society". The Cricket Tour to India which became possible through ANC backing, proves to the hilt the great truth contained in the motto.

ALL THE PLAYERS ARE WHITE! NOT ONE BLACK PLAYER WAS FOUND WORTHY OF SELECTION!

That is precisely what happens when you try to play normal sport in an abnormal society.

Recently, the government of Namibia prevented an all-white team from leaving that country to play outside. The government of Namibia stated that that team did not reflect the population of Namibia.

A number of black administrators were part of the South African retinue. Their job clearly was to act as guard dogs to ward off any attacks on the all-white team and the white administrators. They rightly feel nervous. After all, it was the Ali Bachers and the Clive Rices who arranged and played in mercenary tours.

How the racist system was jubilant! From the radio and television announcers to the ordinary white cricket lover, there were shouts of joy and jubilation. When the masters celebrate, the slaves are not to be outdone. Hence, the S.K. Reddys, the Cassim Docrats and Krish Mackerdujhs inform us how "thrilled" they were.

We are not suggesting that black players be selected without regard to merit. No, that would be the height of deception. What we are saying is that there ought to be no international participation until the imbalances and handicaps caused by racism and oppression, have been removed.

White racist cricketers and spectators have been admitted to world cricket. At what price? For free – except promises and expressions of good intentions.

Remember, the road to hell is paved with good intentions.