

ARENA THE INSTITUTE FOR SPORT AND SOCIAL ANALYSIS

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ARENA, the Institute for Sport and Social Analysis, announced that it is joining a coalition of groups attempting to stop the South African Davis Cup Team from playing the United States team next month.

The matches are presently scheduled for April 15-17 at Newport Beach, California. They clearly violate United Nations resolutions which call on all countries not to engage in sports competition with teams from South Africa as long as South Africa does not have complete sports integration at home. Under this policy, the vast majority of South Africans are denied the chance to compete freely solely because they are not white.

ARENA calls for the cancellation of this event and of all sports competition with South Africa until apartheid sport has ended in South Africa.

With this in mind, Dennis Brutus, President of the South African Non-Racial Olympic Committee, Harry Edwards, leader of the Olympic Project for Human Rights, and Richard Lapchick, Director of ARENA, have been laying the groundwork for an intensive, all-encompassing campaign whose goal will be the total isolation of South Africa in international sports by the 1980 Olympic Games. A coalition is presently being put together that will include major political, church and activist groups in the United States. At the same time, an attempt is underway to bring together an International Advisory Commission to End Apartheid Sport that will include the leaders of the world's major anti-apartheid groups. Specific plans will be announced at a May press conference in New York City.

In the meantime, ARENA will be working closely with the groups calling for the cancellation of the Davis Cup matches with South Africa in April

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