

# *Tennis, Anyone?*

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

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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  
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## 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 ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH THE INTERNATIONAL LAWN TENNIS FEDERATION (ILTF) AND SOUTH AFRICA

1. Prior to 1970, the USTA consistently voted for South Africa (SA) in the ILTF.
2. In December of 1969, Arthur Ashe applied for a visa to compete in the SA Open. His application was directly supported by Sec. of State Rogers. Submissions on his behalf were made at the ambassadorial level in Washington and in Pretoria. Prime Minister Vorster, after meeting with his Cabinet solely for this purpose, denied Ashe the visa. World sportspeople were outraged. As a result of great pressure, the USTA was forced to ask for South Africa's suspension from the Davis Cup in March of 1970 (they were suspended for 2 years). In May of 1970, South Africa became the only nation to have been expelled from the Olympic Movement. Since 1970, the teams from SA have been excluded from every major international sports federation except the ILTF.
3. When the outcry about Ashe and SA died down, the USTA voted for ending South Africa's suspension in 1972. Since then, the position of the USTA has consistently been that only through sports contacts with SA will sports apartheid change. This flaunts numerous resolutions of the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity (OAU) mandating an end to such sports contacts. It also contradicts history which has proven that only isolation leads to change in the case of SA.
4. In 1974, India courageously refused to meet SA in the finals of the Davis Cup, making a mockery of the championship.
5. When Mexico refused to compete with SA in the North American Zone of the Davis Cup (SA competes in the N. American Zone where it was felt that SA would be free from public pressure), the USTA led a movement to expel Mexico from the ILTF.
6. When the USTA could not muster enough votes for this, the USTA actually withdrew from the ILTF in a blatant attempt to try to get more votes. When the ploy failed, the USTA reentered the ILTF after two weeks. The ILTF did, however, change its rules to require a 2/3rds vote for expulsion to protect SA.
7. In 1976, the USTA hosted the women's equivalent of the Davis Cup, known as the Federation Cup. South Africa and the illegal Rhodesian regime both sent teams. Many US citizens demonstrated, while several nations withdrew in protest. The USTA demanded that these nations pay \$10,000 fines to the ILTF. The fines were imposed.
8. In April of 1977, the USTA actually hosted the South African Davis Cup Team in Newport Beach, California. 1,000 people demonstrated their opposition.
9. Following the Commonwealth Prime Minister Conference vote to oppose sports contacts with South Africa, New Zealand, Canada and Australia, all former ILTF allies of SA, voted for its expulsion. Canada has withdrawn from the N. American Zone of the Davis Cup. However, due to the weighted voting system favoring predominantly white nations, the vote for expulsion failed. The USTA led the fight to keep SA in the ILTF.

When you hear, "Tennis, anyone," remember that the USTA takes "anyone" to include South Africa and their racist regime. ACCESS intends to change the USTA position. We need your help.

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**CBS TV**

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## 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.