

NO TIES WITH

APARTHEID

**STOP THE WHITES-ONLY
SOUTH AFRICAN SURFING TOUR**

PROTEST

COOGEE BEACH, SATURDAY, MARCH 27.

SOUTH AFRICAN - AUSTRALIAN THIRD SURFING TEST.

PICKETTING AND LEAFLETING, 12:30 PM, AT BEACH.

RALLY AND MARCH, 2:00 PM, AT PARK, NEAR BUS.

TERMINUS AT BEACH.

OTHER PROTESTS

Tuesday March 23.

4-30 pm. Reception for South African Surfers at Interstate Airport, Mascot.

Wed, March 24th.

5.00 pm Rally at Hotel Manly (opp. Manly Wharf), then 6.00 pm Demonstration at Dee Why Surf Club - the Warringah Shire Council Civic Reception.

Fr. day March 26.

Rallies at Sydney and N.S.W Universities. 3.00 pm March to Prince Alfred Park. 4.00 pm Rally at Prince Alfred Park, then March to Surf House, Buckingham St.

Sunday March 28.

Demonstration at surf carnival at Bulli Beach and Luncheon Reception at Corrimal Leagues Club.

Tuesday March 30.

8.50 am. Farewell to South Africans at Interstate Airport, Mascot.

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* WHITE SOUTH AFRICAN VIEWPOINT.

A tour of Australia and New Zealand by a South African Surf Life Saving Team was organised for February and March 1971.

Mr Denis Osborne, President of the South African S.L.S.A. said "I don't think that there are any non-white lifesavers who are good enough to be included" (Natal Daily News, Oct 3, 1970).

Nominations were called for. Mr M. Mortimer, South African team manager in Australia: "We received 85 nominations and 4 of these were from non-whites. The nominations were reduced to 33, then we held trials and I believe we have selected the best possible team". (S.M.Herald, 12/2/71.)

Mr Mortimer referred to Mohamed Kathrada (a non-white who won the "Life Saver of the Year" award): "Kathrada's club did not nominate him as a trialist, so how could he be chosen?" (Melbourne Sun, 18/2/71).

* AUSTRALIAN SURF LIFE SAVING VIEWPOINT.

In Novr 1970 Sir Adrian Curlewis, President of the Surf Life Saving Assn of Australia, wrote to CARIS supporting the tour of Australia by the South African team. He stated that the S.L.S.A.A. had been instrumental in the formation of the South African Association: "With respect to the S.L.S.A.S.A. there are non-white as well as white Surf Lifesaving Clubs, and last year, the Award for the Life Saver of the Year was won by a non-white lifesaver. Our Association is non-political, non-religious and we have no discrimination of class or creed - we are only interested in the promotion of saving life in the surf".

Curlewis has also said that competitions are conducted solely to improve the efficiency of the members to carry out their life saving duties. Harry Brown, (Hon. Sec. of the S.L.S.A.A.) has been quoted as saying that although Kathrada won the Award, he was not nominated for the South African team, and further that Kathrada was "a good little helper around the club".

* NON-WHITE SOUTH AFRICAN VIEWPOINT.

Kathrada won his award for "Life Saver of the Year" just when the team was being chosen last October. In nominating him for the selection trials, an official of his club, the Isipingo Surf Life Saving Assn commented at the time: "This is a feeler really. We don't know whether Kathrada will be allowed to attend the trials but we certainly think he has the ability" (Natal Daily News 3/10/70.) In the Auckland Star (26/2/71) and the Melbourne Herald (22/2/71), his club confirmed nominating him, said it was mystified at his exclusion from the team and claimed he had not been given a chance to compete in the trials and hence in Australia.

Although several non-whites were nominated for the trials only whites were invited to attend the actual selection trials at Durban's Country Club Beach - (a whites only beach.) Non-whites would have had to break the apartheid laws to have even been merely present at the trials. In fact NO non-white lifesaver has ever been allowed to attend the trials.

* ANTI-APARTHEID MOVEMENT'S VIEWPOINT.

It is clear that non-white lifesavers have been denied any opportunity to demonstrate whether they are of equal or better ability than whites. Unless mixed competition is allowed, how can it possibly be decided whether non-whites are better or not? The excuse given by the white South Africans, "the non-whites are not good enough" is the same one they gave for excluding D'Oliveira from cricket selection.

Non-whites have been deprived of international competition, which in Sir Adrian's words, would "improve the efficiency of members to carry out their lifesaving duties" (i.e. to save lives.) Through this lack of international experience, through the lack of opportunity for non-white lifesavers within South Africa, and through the provision of inferior facilities, the Surf Lifesaving Movement in South Africa has failed to cater adequately for the safety of non-white swimmers, and has ignored the basic humanitarian spirit of the movement. Furthermore the S.L.S.A.S.A. has deceived the S.L.S.A.A. in contending the team was selected purely on merit and also in denying that Kathrada was ever nominated.

OPPOSE THE RACIALLY SELECTED TEAM
JOIN OUR PROTESTS.