

PAC slates ANC's SA rugby talks

Only liberated Africans can initiate non-racial sport

CP Correspondent

THE exiled PAC this week launched a scathing attack on the talks in Harare at the weekend between the ANC, the SA Rugby Board and the SA Rugby Union.

In a statement, the organisation's chief representative in Harare, Waters

Toboni, said the situation called for "clearer positions to be slated by those leading the struggle" to end "white domination".

Toboni said the PAC rejected the idea that Africans had a common desire to establish non-racial bodies "with racists".

"Racial sport in South

Africa came about as a result of African conquest and a means to serve and sustain the status quo. Racist legislation, including that over rugby, was meant to tighten apartheid."

What enabled "the racists" to segregate sport was the political power they

gained over Africans, which they had not been able to regain to establish non-racial sporting bodies, he said.

This, he stressed, gave rise to Africans correctly stating there could be no normal sport in an abnormal society. That political abnormality continued and

claims that without political power Africans could help reverse the prevailing system of apartheid was "merely an attempt to have the horse drawn by the cart".

"Subsidy in the tanks of the liberation movement, and no individual African interested in the liberation of Azania, can accept appointments by racists in the SARB to be necessary to redress the beleaguered sport.

"Any such venture is tantamount to betraying the efforts of the Azanian masses who saw the international isolation of South African sport bring suffering to South African sport, in particular rugby, which is a religion to the white community."

He added that the meeting in Harare also vindicated the PM's position that "the Danc Craven and all whites, for that matter, were incapable of dismantling apartheid.

It was for this reason they were soliciting active support of "the oppressed to uplift them from the narrows of their own making."

Craven was interested only in getting South African rugby back into world competition.

He said rugby was not banned internationally because of the SARB passing racist legislation, but because of the country's apartheid system. He said it took political will and commitment to remove racism, and Craven, the SARB and SARU had the power to do this.

It was time Africans and their organisations "redouble" their efforts to isolate the government further.

"We believe it is only fair to caution Africans that any 'assistance' they render to the government reverses all previous gains they have made with their sweat and blood.

"It is only when Africans have gained power that they can initiate and establish non-racial sporting bodies and structures," he

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