Boycott their Games and Goods
Says Cheddi Jagan

I have just received a letter from an old friend in South Africa. He is quite worried. Apparently, Worrell is to lead a West Indian team to South Africa. The W.I. team is to play cricket with non-white South Africans.

What worries my friend is not cricket. He loves cricket and admires W.I. cricketers. But he is scared about the insults and humiliations to which West Indians would be subjected—the same insults and humiliations to which non-white Africans are subjected. He is even more alarmed that “two of our own non-white administrators have issued a statement praising the cooperation and assistance they have been receiving for the project from our government. They have also announced that they were making special seating arrangements for white spectators”.

Inhumanity

Now, I may be told that this is cricket, and we must keep politics out of sport. But can we? In South Africa, we are not dealing with sports or sportsmen—we are dealing with inhumanity and barbarism, with apartheid, segregation and denial of basic human rights.

But, some may say, the W.I. are going to play with Africans; what’s wrong with that? There is plenty wrong with this. If W.I. are going to play cricket in South Africa, they must pay against South Africans, not forced to play only with black South Africans. This is an insult to West Indians.

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