

'Hot potato' in Edmonton's lap

A partial or complete boycott of the 1978 Commonwealth Games in Edmonton is imminent unless New Zealand ends its association with apartheid South Africa.

So warned Cecil Abrahams, vp of the South-Africa Non-Racial Olympic Committee (SAN-ROC) at a SU forum last Thursday night. Approximately 300 people listened to panelists debate the issue, "Sports, Politics and the Nation State."

On stage were Abrahams, Bruce Kidd (ex-athlete and professor at the U. of Toronto), Dr. Maury Van Vliet (pres. of the Edmonton Games Foundation), Dr. Tom Bedicki (Director National and International Liaison for Sports Canada) and Dr. R.G. Glassford (faculty of PE) as chairman.

The politicalization of sports grew more intense this summer when 26 Black African nations boycotted the Montreal Olympics. They protested the participation of New Zealand which has maintained sports contacts with South Africa despite a virtually world-wide boycott of that country because of its apartheid policies.

And since Edmonton is host city for the next Commonwealth Games the participation of N.Z. has again become a political "hot potato."

According to Abrahams, SAN-ROC, formed in 1962, aims to promote black involvement in South African sports. Blacks are prevented from participating internationally for S.Africa and facilities are strictly segregated. "Sport is a super-religion for the whites in South Africa because they have maximum leisure - made possible by exploiting black labour."

SAN-ROC's long term goals, explained Abrahams, are to ensure that blacks equally share the riches of South Africa which thus far have been denied them. He advocated "isolating South African whites from world sports and isolating nations competing with South Africa."

Van Vliet expressed his opposition to the role played by SAN-ROC. "I am against self-pious nations who use games as a political tool and who make it their main concern, rather than to compete with other nations."

When asked if he supported the sending of an invitation to N.Z. he declined to respond,

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rather than to SAN-ROC's efforts: "The solution must be first responsible to the Canadian people and athletes."

If the first games are to be an all-white affair, Bruce Kidd proposed that they should be cancelled. He pointed out that Canada's international reputation does not rest solely on the basis of sport. "Canada happens to have strong business interests in S.Africa," he said.

A member of the audience cited Canada as being S.Africa's eighth largest trading partner. Addressing Dr. Bedicki he asked if "the Canadian government would continue to bow to economic prosperity rather than the greater tradition of human rights?"

Abrahams expressed his desire for a successful Commonwealth Games but supported Kidd's proposal saying that unless N.Z. changes its politics SAN-ROC will encourage all black nations to re-enact the boycott.

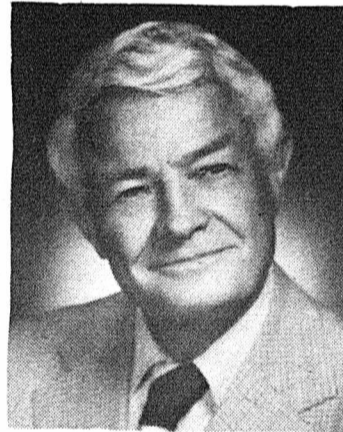
"Canada has two years to make a decision," he said. "However, Canada has a habit of ignoring issues, hoping that they will pass over."

claiming that it would antagonize future discussion when there is still hope for a resolution.

Dr. Bedicki presented the position of Canada's federal government which discourages sport with S.Africa. He felt, however, that Canada must look to Canada's vested interests

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Peel, an author whose works include *Steamboats on the Saskatchewan* and a bibliography of historical works about Western Canada, has been librarian to the university since 1957.

Thomas, also an author, has been a professor in the Univer-

sity's department of history since 1964. His works include *The Struggle For Responsible Government in the N.W.T., 1870-1905*, and he has been active in the Historical Society of Alberta and in the National Historic Sites and Monuments Board.

The history awards are presented each year to people who have "made a substantial voluntary contribution to the City of Edmonton by the gathering, collecting and retention of material and promotion of interest by publicising the history of Edmonton and district."



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