

Racial problem in South Africa

1. In the last few months, we have received several claims on the subject of racial discrimination in South Africa.
2. These complaints have been referred to the only National Olympic Committee of South Africa recognized by us.
3. The National Olympic Committee of South Africa has replied to us and this was confirmed verbally by our South African member, Mr. Reginald Honey, at our session in Munich, which took place from May 25 to 28, that while it does not control all South African bodies and therefore cannot dictate their policy, it is taking active steps to endure them to accept the view that all peoples in South Africa are entitled to compete in international sports and particularly in the Olympic Games. It has made a public statement that if any non-white amateur athlete proves through tests that he is of international or Olympic standard, no objection will be raised to his being sent to take part in these over-sea competitions.
4. It has informed us that the government of South Africa will raise no objection to this problem, and that passports will be issued.
5. Furthermore the National Olympic Committee of South Africa has informed us that they are proceeding to assist in providing training and coaching facilities and organization leadership to non-whites.

Lausanne, June 30th 1959.

N.B.: *The above statement has been unanimously accepted as being correct by the full Council of the South African Olympic Committee at a meeting held on June 18th, 1959.*