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17th February, 1977

The Secretary,
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Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter dated the 15th January, 1977, we wish to inform you that your letter referred to above was tabled before the Executive Committee of this Union at a meeting of the said Committee held on the 7th February, 1977.

The Executive Committee took the following decisions and you are accordingly advised:

1. That the requisition submitted by your club, together with your letter of the 15th January, 1977, for a Council meeting of this Union is out of order.
2. That your club is suspended forthwith from this Union as your club has violated one of the Rules of this Union's Constitution.

Yours faithfully,

R. Khota
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Hon. Secretary



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The Hon. Secretary,
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14th March 1977

Dear Sir,

We acknowledge receipt of your registered letter dated 17th February 1977 and must express our total dumbfoundedness at the nature of your reply to our registered letter dated 15th January 1977. We wish to lodge our objections to the following matters pertaining to your reply.

- (i) It is inconceivable to us that matters which we have raised in previous correspondence, for discussion at a Council Meeting of the Union, continue to be discussed at Executive Committee meetings. It is needless to bring to your attention the fact that the powers of the Executive Committee as prescribed by the Constitution are limited in this respect. Consequently, the following two decisions taken by the Executive are, to say the least, out of order.
- (ii) Our requisition for a Council Meeting was not a requisition in terms of the Constitution for a Special General Meeting but simply a requisition (request) seeking an ordinary Council Meeting, supported by other clubs. As it was not submitted in terms of any constitutional clause, we fail to understand how it can be ruled out of order. The Executive could refuse to entertain and/or accede to the request but never rule it "out of order" as there is no constitutional ruling involved.



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The Secretary
Transvaal Cricket Board
7th December 1985

Dear Sir,

RE: Lenasia Cricket Stadium

After a special meeting of Azad Cricket Club called up on 6th December 1985, I have been instructed to write the following letter regarding the Lenasia Cricket Stadium issue:

There is no cricketer belonging to the Transvaal Cricket Board, who wishes to be denied the use of the stadium. However, the manner in which we obtain its use is of significance.

A gentlemen's "agreement", which meant that the use of the "glass house" was out of the question, was reached at the 3rd Council Meeting of the Transvaal Cricket Board held on 4th November, 1985.

The vote at the 4th Council Meeting was taken without giving the rank and file of the players an opportunity to discuss the issue. Therefore the question arises: 'Would we similarly take a vote on inviting the "Australian Rebels" to a dinner organised by the Transvaal Cricket Board?'

The dictatorial manner in which the Chairman conducted the meeting, without allowing debate, is contrary to democratic procedure. On top of it, he ranted and raved for 10 to 15 minutes trying to "legalise" the use of the "glass house" by making illogical comparisons. If that was not "canvassing" then we are afraid he cannot be the "servant" of the Board.

In view of the above:

1. We are not fulfilling fixtures on the 8th December, 1985 as a symbolic protest, and to show solidarity with those of our players who were assaulted and detained by the Security Police on the day the "stadium" was inaugurated.



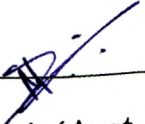
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2. Also that not "collaborating" with the "enemy" is a basis of the struggle for non-racial cricket espoused by the Board, which is *NOT* up for "sale" (vote) like a piece of bread, a non-collaborative strategy be enforced to obtain the use of the stadium.
3. The Johannesburg Cricket Council is unacceptable in terms of the T.C.B. constitution (Clause 39) regarding Double Standards. The vote taken was in violation of the above clause and is therefore unconstitutional. We strongly recommend that we stop using the stadium until such time as a lease is offered by the City Council to the T.C.B.
4. A committee needs to be set up, whose responsibility will be to obtain the stadium legally.

Thanking You

Yours in Sports



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THE SECRETARY
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1st APRIL 1987

Dear Sir,

Azad Cricket Club has been suspended from all activities of the TCB by the present Executive. Our members are concerned that many of the clubs within TCB have not been informed of the true reasons behind the Executive's decision to suspend us. We are even more concerned that certain rumours have been spread that Azad Cricket Club's differences with the Executive of the TCB stem from the fact that some of our members who were past Officials of the TCB were not reelected to office. Players of other clubs in discussion with some of our members have implied that the differences between our club and the Executive are based on sectarian/racist grounds and this has deeply distressed us especially when it appears that such rumours emanate from senior Officials of the TCB.

We are therefore writing to you to outline the facts and events that have led up to our suspension so that your club may decide for itself whether our suspension is justified or not.

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Azad Cricket Club was among those clubs that questioned some of the items in the Financial Statements for the previous Season 1985/6 at the Annual General Meeting of the TCB held on 7th September 1986. You will find details of these questions in the attached Memorandum sent to the TCB Executive calling for the upliftment of our suspension.

The President and Treasurer of our Board could not answer these questions on the day of the AGM but promised to answer them at the next meeting. The answers were not forthcoming at the next meeting. We then wrote letters to the Executive restating our questions and these were met with total silence. At least 8 letters were sent to the Executive between 5th October 1986 and 31st December 1986 and our questions were still not dealt with.

At the 3rd Council Meeting of our club, held on 9th December 1986, our members took a decision to withhold our fees to the TCB until the Executive answered the questions that we had raised regarding the Finances of our Board. We felt that we could not justify paying more money to a body that was not prepared to account for the money that it had taken from us and spent in the preceding season.

It should be noted that on 31st July 1985, accumulated funds of the board stood at R38000 and that in the space of one year up to 30th June 1986, the Executive had spent some R78000, leaving a net deficit of about R3000. This expenditure EXCLUDED about R20000 which was required for the purchase of raffle prizes and meant that our Board had moved from +R38000 to -R23000.

The Executive was informed of our decision to withhold our fees in yet another letter and in this letter we once again outlined the main issues that we were concerned about. For clarity, there were three main issues that we raised and these were;

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- 1) Details of the venue, date and time of the TCB Raffle Draw. After postponing the draw from April 1986, the Executive did not inform our club of this. (We believe that no other club was informed either) We requested the names, addresses and ticket numbers of the winners as well as details of who was present at the alleged draw.
- 2) A bank account was opened in the name of the TCB in the last Season.

Firstly our Constitution states that an account can only be opened with the approval of a Council meeting of the TCB and not by the executive of the TCB. This is a basic protection that most democratic organisations build into their constitution to prevent office bearers from misappropriating funds. Nevertheless our Constitution was violated and this was questioned.

Secondly, no mention was made of this bank account in the Financial Statements that were presented at the Annual General Meeting of the TCB and our club dared to ask why. The President stated that the Auditor knew of the existence of the bank account. The Treasurer disagreed, saying that the auditor was not told of the account. The House decided to clarify the matter by mandating the TCB Secretary to write to the auditor to ask him whether he was told of the account. Our letters requesting a copy of the Auditor's reply were ignored.

- 3) The TCB Executive entered into an agreement with the Johannesburg City Council to use the M.R. Varachia Cricket Stadium and its associated facilities during the Season 1985/6. Details of this agreement were kept secret and our club requested details of all financial obligations that our Board had in respect of the past and future use of this Stadium.

on 13th January 1987, for the first time, we received a reply from the Executive. They informed us of the venue, date and time of the alleged Raffle draw and asked us to "...attend to payment in full of all monies owing to the Board as a matter of urgency".

At the 4th Council Meeting of our club, held on 19th January 1987, our members once again felt that since none of the questions had been answered, we had no choice but to withhold our fees.

The Executive suspended Azad Cricket Club from all activities of the Transvaal Cricket Board on Saturday 31st January 1987 and the attached document calling for the uplifting of our suspension was conveyed to them on 1st February 1987. On Monday 2nd February 1987, a letter was received from the Executive assuring us that all our questions would be answered at the 3rd Council Meeting of the TCB which was to be held on that day. Needless to say, the questions were not dealt with.

Azad Cricket Club believe that we have been singled out and victimised by the Executive for exercising our democratic right to call on those we have elected to account to us, to explain why they have violated and shown contempt for our Constitution, to explain in detail how they have spent our funds and to explain why some of the monies of our Board were hidden away in a secret account. We are suspended for withholding our fees pending a proper explanation while other clubs have "paid by post-dated cheques, a method which does not actually constitute payment. It should be noted that those clubs who have paid their fees by way of post-dated cheques should also have been suspended, yet that has not happened.

Since our suspension the following has occurred and documentation is attached supporting this:

1. Mr. Abu Manack, TCB Selector, resigned calling for the resignation of the President.

2. Mr. Yusuf Rajah, the TCB Match Secretary, resigned. Among the reasons for his resignation were the fact that some clubs, who were prepared to testify to this effect, had NOT paid their fees. These clubs had not been suspended while Azad Cricket Club had been suspended.
3. More seriously, the it appears that receipts had been issued by the President showing that these clubs had paid, yet Officials of the clubs had no knowledge of this. (Where did the money come from to pay these club's fees?)
4. In a reply to a concerned member of the public, Mr Mangera answered one of the questions that Azad had been raising since August 1986. This related to WHO was present at the TCB Raffle draw. The answer was that the President, his Secretary (Ali Osmany) and the owners and staff of "Something Fishy" in Lenasia were present at the draw. Also present were a few members of the public, who probably happened to be buying food at the time. Was your club informed of the time and venue of the draw? Should the Treasurer not have been there?

We therefore request that at the next meeting of your club, the questions we have taken up with the Executive of our Board be discussed. We feel that the unwillingness of the Executive to address these questions indicates that there has been serious financial mismanagement and raises doubts in any fair minded person about the integrity of some of our Officials in their handling of our finances. Indeed, we do not rule out the possibility of fraud and we are prepared to take this matter to the highest level to seek justice. In the interest of democracy, accountability and justice we ask for your support.

Yours in Sport,

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3rd APRIL 1987

Dear Sir,

RE: THE INDICATOR 24-31 MARCH 1987 EDITION

Azad Cricket Club commends The Indicator for publishing the articles relating to the state of affairs within the Transvaal Cricket Board.

Mr. Mangera, the TCB President, in his own words and in a public forum has confirmed our worst fears. Many readers were holders of tickets for the TCB raffle and they could well imagine the scene of the TCB raffle draw on the 31st. August 1986. There was the President himself, Mr Ali Osmany (The President's General Secretary), the staff of the Something Fishy fast food outlet in Lenasia and, in Mr Mangera's own words, "a few members of the public". The latter, no doubt, happened to be buying fish at the time.

Why was the Treasurer not present? We are reminded of another occasion (published in The Indicator 24-31 April 1987) when the Treasurer was on holiday and the receipt books were in the possession of the President and the General Secretary. Receipts were issued for three teams and the money deposited into the coffers of the TCB. Nothing strange about this except for the fact that NONE of the three teams concerned have any knowledge of paying. Conveniently, this left Azad Cricket Club as the only club on the books of the TCB that had not paid and we were duly suspended.

Why did it require a letter from a member of the public to prod the President into providing answers to questions we had begun to ask only one week after the draw? Why were we not informed of the venue and time of the draw? If any reader had bought tickets for this raffle, do they feel satisfied that the draw was carried out fairly?

We invite readers to comment whether they feel our club is justified in pursuing this issue. While we have been deprived of the pleasure of playing cricket, the feeling amongst the members of our club is that, on the issue of the Raffle alone, we cannot justify paying the fees demanded by the very people who appear to be squandering not only the funds of members but of the public as well. Is the public aware that some of the revenue generated from this raffle was used recently to hire a Mercedes Benz for the Executive to travel to Ladysmith to watch the Transvaal cricket team lose against Natal.

Our club is convinced that the TCB is a bad example of a body that claims to uphold the principles of non-racial sport.

We feel vindicated for taking a stand against corruption and maladministration by the Executive Committee of the TCB.

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