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Sports boycott against S.A. opposed

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THE West Indian cricketer Conrad Hunte has confirmed a report stating that he opposed a sports boycott against South Africa as a protest against that nation's racial policies.

Mr. Hunte, who is sports director of the Moral Rearmament Movement, said: 'I disagree with the policy of apartheid, but I do not think we will answer it by imposing a laager attitude. A boycott would cement apartheid, but more contact between South African sportsmen and those of other countries might help to soften the South African attitude.'

SIR LEARY'S VIEWS

Asked if he was aware that his views apparently conflicted with those of a fellow West Indian, Sir Leary Constantine, Mr. Hunte said: 'I do not wish to comment on the views of Sir Leary, who has performed a yeoman service to sport.'

The cricketer said he approved of the decision of the Maori Council of New Zealand to greet the South African rugby players to their country as this would promote contact between people of different races. — Sapa-Reuter.