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## New Zealand professor joins local rugby protest

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Britain, said he stopped over in the United States to speak out against the appearance of the Springboks. He is on a "study leave" from his teaching job, he said.

Clara Satterfield of the Albany coalition said Saturday that each week — the group is meeting every Saturday — new groups are joining the coalition.

John W. Moore of the Irish Coalition of the Capital District announced at the press conference that his group has joined.

"People must be treated humanely and given equality and justice," Moore said.

The protesters claim the Springboks tour is a propaganda move by the South African government to win approval for apartheid, a policy of racial separation.

On Friday a match scheduled for Rochester was canceled by its sponsor, leaving Albany as the only city in the state willing to host the controversial squad. A New York City appearance fell through when Mayor Koch withdrew the use of a city-owned field.

Last week Mayor Erastus Corning II announced he would allow the game to be played at Bleecker Stadium, setting off an intense effort by the opponents to organize a large protest.

Satterfield said she is starting to get information concerning busloads of

demonstrators which are expected to come to Albany on the day of the game, but she declined to give any details.

The organizers of the rally, to be held at Swinburne Park next to Bleecker Stadium, said they hope to attract as many as 10,000 people.

Satterfield said she understands that ticket sales are down for the contest — which pits the Springboks against an all-star team from the Eastern Rugby Union — indicating "we have had some effect."

National speakers will be invited to the rally, but the leaders aren't releasing names as yet.

Harington, who said he will speak in Chicago Monday, where a Springboks game is also scheduled, said he advised the Albany coalition "to offer a constant and solid affirmation of anti-apartheid presence in America."

On Saturday, fights in New Zealand raged for two hours before the 6,000 demonstrators marched away from the city's Eden Park Stadium after failing to carry out their threat to charge the playing field and stop the game.

At least three people were arrested in the street fighting, a police spokesman said, adding police were more interested in keeping the protesters out of the stadium than in making arrests.

Demonstrations also flared up in other New Zealand cities.

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# Vote swaps anti- for pro-rugby resolution

The Albany Common Council's Law Committee has tossed aside a resolution condemning the use of city-owned Blecker Stadium for a rugby match featuring a team of South Africans.

Instead, by a 4-1 vote Tuesday night, the committee recommended council adoption of a resolution saying it would be "wrong" to cancel the rugby match.

The new resolution supports the position taken by Mayor Erastus Corning II in refusing to cancel the match. In fact, the wording of the committee's resolution and the reasoning behind it appeared to be lifted directly from Corning's Aug. 24 statement on the issue.

Alderman Philip DiPace, the committee chairman, said the new resolution would be introduced at Thursday's council meeting.

But Alderman Nebraska Brace, sponsor of the original resolution condemning the match, said he was "shocked" by the committee's action and

promised to raise questions at Thursday's meeting about the committee's handling of the matter.

"I'm not going to sit there and let them railroad me like that," Brace said today.

The only dissenting vote at Tuesday's committee session was cast by Alderman Nancy Burton, who said today: "It was a travesty to come out with a resolution that's simply the opposite of what Nebraska introduced."

"It really makes us all seem like parrots," Ms. Burton added.

A few hours before the Law Committee met, Thomas Selfridge, the man instrumental in bringing the South African Springboks team to Albany, met with Corning in the mayor's office for about 30 minutes.

"If you want to know what we were talking about, ask the mayor if he wants to tell you," Selfridge, president of the Schenectady-based Eastern Rugby

Union, said afterward.

"Ditto," was Corning's response when told of Selfridge's comment and asked the substance of their conversation.

Selfridge was also closemouthed about an alternative site for the Springboks Sept. 26 game, first scheduled for New York City, later moved to Rochester, and at present without an announced stadium.

He has said the game will be played at a private stadium, but he has declined to disclose the city or state in which the game will be played.

"It's not appropriate at this time," was all Selfridge would say when asked why he would not discuss the location of the Sept. 26 game.

Meanwhile, the organizers of what is expected to be a major demonstration in Albany to coincide with the Sept. 22 game announced Tuesday a vigil will be held Friday evening in New York City in memory of a South African black leader who died in police custody. Friday is also the date of the final match being played in New Zealand by the Springboks team.

The vigil, as well as the Albany protest, is being sponsored by the Stop the Apartheid Rugby Tour, which opposes the South African apartheid policy of segregation of races.

After the vigil, demonstrators are scheduled to gather at Carnegie Hall to protest the appearance there of Frank Sinatra, who recently performed in South Africa.

In a related matter, an organizer of a rugby match scheduled for Chicago featuring the Springboks said "we don't want any part" of a local neo-Nazi group's plans to provide about 100 party members as guards at the Sept. 19 event.

Michael Allen, a spokesman for the National Socialist Party of America, said Tuesday that group members dressed in street clothes and armed "with what's legal" will be scattered through the crowds during the Springboks match against players from various Midwestern rugby clubs.

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Meanwhile, in Chicago:

# South Africans 'here to play'

By Nancy Connell  
Staff Writer

CHICAGO — The South African Springbok rugby players expected to meet trouble in this country, but they are prepared to stay as long as their hosts will have them, the manager of the team said here Thursday.

"As far as I am concerned, we're here to play," said manager Johann Claassen, standing in a pelting rain in Grant Park, where the team had gone for a workout.

"To be quite frank, I think we anticipated something like this," Claassen said, referring to the protestors who have dogged the team since they arrived in Chicago Monday.

Claassen, a university professor in South Africa, went on the offensive when asked about apartheid, the country's system of laws that denies blacks and coloreds the right to vote, restricts where they may live and work and monitors their movements with an elaborate passbook system.

"But it happens here," Claassen said. "I'll take you in Chicago and I'll show you the same thing we are accused of doing."

When a reporter noted that in South Africa such conditions are the law, not a violation of the law, Claassen responded simply, "Yes, that is the difference."

However, Claassen said, efforts are being made to change things in South Africa.

"We are busy with changes now and it will take time," he said. "You can't change a community overnight."

As to the protestors, Claassen said, "I think America is a democracy like our country is a democracy. The protestors have their right to protest. I also think the American people have the right to play their sport."

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"We represent the South African Rugby Board. That is a sporting body. That is not a political body. The South African Rugby Board's policy is sports integration," Claassen said.

Anti-apartheid spokesmen, however, contend sports integration in South Africa is more appearance than reality, a trade-off to keep the core of apartheid intact.

The team members, braving a wet and windy Chicago afternoon, had ducked out of the Chicago Athletic Association by an alley door Thursday afternoon to try to walk unnoticed to Grant Park, a city green about five or six blocks from where they are staying.

But even at the back door, the team was met by the troupe of reporters who had staked out the six-story granite and brick building in an attempt to find where the team will play Saturday.

The location of the Chicago area game had been kept a closely guarded secret by the Midwest Rugby Union, which is sponsoring the game.

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## South African rugby team is 'here to play'

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On Tuesday, however, the Rev. Jesse Jackson announced he had discovered the match would be in Lake Geneva, Wis., a resort area about 75 miles from Chicago. Once the announcement was made, the team was denied access to a high school playing field in the area and a motel cancelled the players' reservations. The changes have led to questions about whether the game will be played at all, but Claassen declined to speculate. "We are here as the guests of the American rugby people," Claassen said.

"They are the people who will decide if we play or not play."

The team arrived in Chicago Monday after an eight-week tour in New Zealand that ended in a fierce clash last Saturday. Forty-three people were injured and 148 arrested in what has been called the worst violence at a sporting event in New Zealand's history.

Despite the trouble, players seemed to share Claassen's philosophical attitude about the disturbances.

"It does not bother us," said a 28-year-old

player and wine farmer on his way to the practice session.

The player also repeated Claassen's assessment of the future of racial equality in South Africa.

"We are busy changing," he said. "Individual cultures are very important."

But asked for his name, the farmer declined.

"We have reporters asking us all kinds of political questions," a teammate spoke for him. "We are not politicians. To protect ourselves, our manager has asked us to direct questions to him."

# Albany's police brace for a huge

By SUSAN SCHULMAN

Knickerbocker News Reporter

Although Albany police say they don't anticipate any violence during a huge demonstration expected to accompany the Sept. 22 rugby match featuring the South African Springboks, the city's entire 365-member police force — excluding officers on vacation or sick leave — will be on duty the day of the game.

"All days off for that day will be canceled," Police Capt. John Dale said Wednesday.

Organizers of the demonstration, to be staged in protest of South Africa's apartheid policy of racial separation, have said thousands of people are expected to take part, with demonstrators to be bused in from cities throughout the Northeast.

Dale said police haven't determined the number of officers being called in on their day off or the overtime cost of the beefed-up force.

Albany Mayor Erastus Corning II previously has said police overtime

costs to the city were not a factor when he was deciding whether to permit the Springboks to play at municipally owned Bleecker Stadium.

Corning also said that while he didn't know how much it would cost to provide security for the game, the city could pay for however much security was necessary.

"As the capital city, we've had a number of demonstrations here in the past and haven't had any problems and don't expect any this time," Dale said. "Everyone concerned has said it will be a peaceful demonstration, and we believe it."

Dale said details of the Police Department's security plan for the rugby match between the Springboks and the United States Eastern Rugby Union team haven't been completed.

He said the number of officers who will be available to cover the rugby game and protest hasn't been determined.

In addition to police called in on their day off, Dale said, some officers

already scheduled to work Sept. 22 will have their shifts changed so they are available for the rally.

Dale said police will also be providing normal coverage in the rest of the city while the rugby game and protest are taking place.

It is expected police and the protest organizers will be working together the day of the event to avert any problems.

Michael Dollard, spokesman for the Capital District anti-apartheid group, said he has been in contact with Police Chief Thomas Burke and expects to meet with police again next week.

Dollard said a liaison between the two groups may be set up to improve communication between police and demonstration organizers during the rally.

"Cooperation is in our mutual interest," Dollard said.

He said protesters will meet outside the state capital at 5 p.m. Sept. 22, then march to Swinburne Park, next to Bleecker Stadium.

The rugby game is scheduled to start at 7 p.m., according to Thomas Selfridge, president of the Schenectady-based Eastern Rugby Union.

Dollard said the protesters have received permits to parade through city streets and to rally at the park. Corning said Wednesday he approved the permit requests last week.

Dollard said police will be directing buses as they enter Albany and will direct the buses to a designated parking area.

He said politicians and nationally known entertainers are being invited to the rally.

Brooklyn's Democratic Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm has agreed to attend the rally, and folk singer Pete Seeger has also been invited. Poets and a gospel group are also expected to attend, according to Richard Lapchick, a spokesperson for the New York-based Stop the Apartheid Rugby Tour Coalition, which is organizing the rally.

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# rugby protest

Protest organizers say apartheid — South Africa's policy of separation of the races — is their focus, rather than the rugby game or the individual members of the rugby team.

They say South Africa is using its rugby team as a propaganda tool, and that Albany is promoting the racist policy by permitting the Springboks to play at a municipal stadium.

Officials of the Eastern Rugby Union argue that sports and politics should not be mixed, and that the protesters should be focusing their anger at the U.S. government, which sets the country's foreign policy.

When announcing he would permit the Springboks to play at Bleecker Stadium, Corning cited the constitutional right for the game to be held and the constitutional right of opponents to protest the game.

Dale noted that police will be at the rally staged by the anti-apartheid groups "not only because of their demonstration, but also to defend their right to do it."

The anti-apartheid groups will also conduct a vigil outside NAACP headquarters on Livingston Avenue at 1:30 p.m. Saturday in memory of Steve Biko, a South African student leader who died in a South African prison.

Albany is one of three cities on the Springboks' controversial rugby tour of the United States. The game scheduled for Chicago is being held at a private facility and is also expected to be met with huge protests.

The site of the third game has not been disclosed. It was originally scheduled to be played at a municipal facility in New York City until Mayor Edward Koch, citing high security costs, revoked permission for use of the stadium.

The game was then moved to a municipal facility in Rochester, but permission was again revoked in the wake of protests by anti-apartheid groups.

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## Police to be out in force at Albany rugby match

All Albany police officers scheduled to be off on Tuesday, Sept. 22, will be told to report for duty that day to provide security for the South African rugby match at Blecker Stadium, a police spokesman said Wednesday.

Following a departmental meeting Wednesday, Capt. John Dale said the exact police manpower schedule for the night of the rugby match featuring the Springboks still was to be worked out but added that a number of officers will be asked to work overtime that day.

Organizers of a demonstration against the match and South Africa's apartheid policy of racial separation have said thousands of people are scheduled to show up for the demonstration outside Blecker Stadium, with demonstrators to be bused in from throughout the Northeast.

Dale said that as of Wednesday no vacations had been canceled, but the department has "tentatively" decided to call in officers who would normally be off Sept. 22.

"Right now we are just trying to see who is available," Dale said.

In a related matter, Albany Mayor Erastus Corning II said Wednesday there was "very little substance" to a meeting he had Tuesday with Thomas Selfridge, president of the Schenectady-based Eastern Rugby Union.

The rugby union arranged the game with the South African Springboks at the stadium.

"I believe the rugby game was discussed," Corning said, "but very little came out of the meeting (with Selfridge)."



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City Council Says

It's OK to Play Ball

By PHIL BLANCHARD  
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ALBANY — A resolution supporting Mayor Erastus Corning's decision to allow the South African Springboks rugby team to play in Bleecker Stadium was approved last night by the Common Council.

Second Ward Alderman Marvin Tanksley, one of two blacks on the council, abstained from voting on the matter.

The resolution came to the floor from the council's Law Committee, to which Alderman Nebraska Brace's resolution condemning the game had been sent two weeks ago.

The committee, though, discarded Brace's resolution and substituted the one approved last night.

Brace, who was involved in a primary fight to keep his council seat last night, left council chambers for his campaign headquarters before the vote.

Prior to leaving, though, he chastised the committee for altering his resolution.

"My resolution was a test of your conscience," Brace told his fellow aldermen. "It was a chance for you to show your true colors, but you failed," he said.

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City Preparing to  
Police Rugby Game

By PHIL BLANCHARD  
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ALBANY — City police officials have not yet planned how to deal with the expected anti-apartheid demonstration at Bleecker Stadium Sept. 22, but they have taken steps to ensure there will be enough police officers on hand to deal with whatever occurs.

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Capt. John Dale, the department's community relations officer, said yesterday that all officers who had planned to take the day off have been told to report for duty.

The order does not affect officers who are scheduled to be on vacation or leave that day.

Officers who are normally off-duty during the 8 p.m. to 4 a.m. shift can expect to be called in, Dale said, although it's not yet known how many officers will be needed to keep order outside the stadium.

Dale said the department's strategy for policing the demonstration will be worked out in coming days. "We still have

plenty of time," he said.

The South African Springboks rugby team is scheduled to play an all-star team organized by the Eastern Rugby Union at 7 p.m. that evening.

Because the game will be the only one of three scheduled Springboks appearances in the United States this month to be played in a municipally owned stadium, it has been targeted by anti-apartheid groups as the site of a national demonstration.

The city will absorb possible overtime costs for police coverage at the demonstration, Dale said. This is usual for demonstrations, with which Albany police are familiar as the force in a capital city.

Security inside the stadium, however, is the responsibility of the sponsor. Usually, Dale said, arrangements are made for off-duty policemen to earn extra money by working such duty. No arrangements have yet been made with the Eastern Rugby Union and, because of the demonstration, it isn't certain off-duty officers will be available.

## Unions asked to join Albany rugby protest

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Opponents of the upcoming Springboks rugby game are organizing Capital District labor unions to join the thousands of demonstrators expected to rally against the South African team's Sept. 22 match in Albany.

Union leaders from 20 labor organizations were expected to meet today to discuss whether their memberships will be encouraged to attend the upcoming rally at Swinburne Park, according to Andrew Hugos of the Albany chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and a member of the Capital District Committee Against Apartheid labor committee.

Next Tuesday's protest is expected to attract thousands of persons from the Northeast objecting to South Africa's

apartheid policy, which requires separation of races.

Locally, opposition to the Springboks' tour and support of the rally appear to be growing.

The FOCUS executive council representing four churches in downtown Albany — Emmanuel Baptist, First United Presbyterian, Trinity United Methodist, and Westminster United Presbyterian — is calling on its membership to attend the demonstration.

The FOCUS council adopted a resolution earlier this week, released Friday, that reads in part: "Whereas we regard the tour of the Springboks team as a way of gaining respectability for the notorious and brutalizing system of apartheid in South Africa, and whereas we wish to identify with enlightened and humane forces around the world who have universally condemned South Africa's racial policies, we strongly

endorse the protest demonstration planned for Sept. 22 in Swinburne Park and urge the peaceful participation of our fellow citizens."

Also released Friday was a statement from the board of directors of Albany's Neighborhood Resource Center opposing Mayor Erastus Corning II's decision to allow the Springboks to play at Bleecker Stadium, a municipally-owned facility.

The issue of the Springboks tour and its relation to the South African government as well as the Reagan administration will be the topic of a lecture being offered at the College of Saint Rose Tuesday afternoon. The speaker will be Dennis Brutus, a black South African poet who was exiled from his country in the 1960s for organizing a committee that attempted to integrate South African sports.

Brutus is visiting professor of Ameri-

can literature at Amherst College and for several years has taught African Literature at Northwestern University.

Brutus' free public lecture starts at 2:30 p.m. in St. Joseph's auditorium, 985 Madison Ave.

In its effort to attract labor unions to the rally, Hugos said leaders from unions including the New York State United Teachers; the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees; and the International Union of Electricians have been contacted.

Hugos said labor unions have traditionally spoken out for civil rights, adding that the symbol of the labor movement's 100th anniversary in America is a black and white hand joined together.

The Springboks are to play an all-star team of the Eastern Rugby Union,

which is sponsoring the match.

ERU President Thomas Selfridge has said inviting the Springboks to the United States is not an endorsement of apartheid. He has said sports and politics should not be mixed.

Similarly, in allowing the Springboks to use Bleecker Stadium, Corning has cited the team's constitutional rights.

The Albany Common Council has gone on record supporting Corning's position.

Because Albany is the only one of the three cities on the Springboks' American tour allowing the team to use a municipal facility, the match has become the target of a national demonstration organized by the New York City-based Stop the Apartheid Rugby Tour. SART representatives have been in Albany in the past two weeks helping the local anti-apartheid group organize the rally.

# Journalist banned in S. Africa to

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An internationally-known journalist banned in South Africa for his political views has been invited to speak in Albany next week to a group which will include Albany Mayor Erastus Corning II and Tom Seltridge, president of the Eastern Rugby Union, mayoral hopeful Charles Touhey said Friday.

Touhey said he invited Donald Woods, a South African writer now living in England, to Albany in an effort to open dialog about the ramifications of a planned appearance by the South African Springbok rugby team in city-owned Bleeker Stadium Sept. 22.

Touhey said he did not invite Woods in an attempt to change Corning's mind about granting permission for the team to play in Albany.

Meanwhile, Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley, concerned over a possible boycott of the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics by African nations, Friday called for the withdrawal of visas granted to members of a South African rugby team.

Bradley, in a letter sent Wednesday to U.S. Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig Jr., said the tour could turn violent because of strong American feelings against South Africa's apartheid policy.

Bradley, considering a race to become the first black elected governor in U.S. history, told

Haig: "I'm sure you are aware of the controversy which has arisen over the proposed rugby matches in Chicago, Albany and New York City involving the Springboks in mid-September. If the team is allowed to play the matches in this country, it would be in violation of a United Nations sports boycott against South Africa."

Woods, an outspoken critic of the South African policy of apartheid, will address the Interfaith Cabinet, an ecumenical group of church leaders, in a closed meeting Tuesday morning. Woods will later conduct a press conference.

Touhey said Corning and Seltridge had accepted the invitation, but neither man could be reached Friday night for comment.

## Speak in Albany

Corning has given his permission for the South African Springbok rugby team to play in Bleeker Stadium, despite the protests of community groups.

Seltridge invited the team to the United States and is responsible for the arrangements for the game in Albany and a second match in an as-yet undisclosed location.

The third mayoral hopeful, Citizens Party candidate Fred Dusenbury, has also expressed his opposition to the match.

Woods was put under house arrest in South Africa for his views. He wrote a book entitled *Biko* about South Africa student leader Steve Biko, whose death in a South African jail sparked a much-publicized investigation about

police brutality.

The Albany Coalition Against Apartheid has scheduled a memorial for Biko today as the latest in its series of events drawing attention to the apartheid issue and the upcoming match. The memorial will be held at 1 p.m. outside the headquarters of the Albany Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People on Livingston Avenue.

In addition, four downtown Albany churches, the First Presbyterian, the Emmanuel Baptist, Trinity United Methodist and Westminster Presbyterian announced Friday they will urge their members to participate in the anti-apartheid rally scheduled for the day of the match.

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### **Churches in area asked to protest rugby match**

The Capital Area Council of Churches has asked its more than 100 member churches to urge a protest of a scheduled rugby match between a local team and a South African squad.

The council's board of directors voted unanimously this week to ask member churches to send contingents to a rally and protest march the day of the match, set for Sept. 22.

The board also urged Albany Mayor Erastus Corning II to reconsider his decision to let the South African team play at the city-owned Bleeker Stadium.

Protesters from across the state have planned to rally against the South African Springboks team. Scheduled matches with local teams in Rochester and New York City have been canceled because officials feared violence might erupt during the protests.

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# Area unions to join in anti-apartheid

By Carol DeMare

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Area labor unions decided Saturday to urge rank-and-file members to participate in the anti-apartheid rally Sept. 22, the day a South African rugby team is scheduled to play in Albany, according to steelworker Larry Lane.

Members of the Albany Coalition Against Apartheid continued planning Saturday for the demonstration, which they hope will draw as many as 10,000 to Swinburne Park, next to Blecker Stadium, where the Springbok rugby team is scheduled to meet an all-star American team from the Eastern Rugby Union.

Saturday Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley sent telegrams urging Albany Mayor Erastus Corning II and Chicago Mayor Jayne Byrne to cancel matches with the South African rugby team, warning their appearance in this country could lead to a boycott of the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles.

Meanwhile, 2,000 people protested the South African team's appearance in its last game in New Zealand Saturday. And in Chicago, about 350 people protested the Sept. 19 scheduled match.

In Albany, Lane sharply attacked South Africa's policies of racial separation. There exists the "savage exploitation of black labor by the multi-national corporations," said Lane, chairman of the civil rights committee of United Steelworkers Union Local 12770 of Troy.

Lane, an employee of Teledyne Inc. of Troy, said it was decided at a Saturday morning meeting of labor union leaders at the Arbor Hill Community Center that leaflets would be distributed on chartered buses traveling to Washington this weekend for a massive national demonstration by organized labor outside the White House.

## rally

The leaflet will contain a reprint from the August issue of Solidarity, the official publication of the United Automobile Workers Union, explaining why organized labor is opposed to apartheid, Lane said. On the back side would be a "call to participate on the 22nd" at the rally, he said.

Union locals in Albany, Troy and Schenectady have chartered between

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**MEMORIAL SERVICE** — Lis Rivkin, a South African political refugee, speaks at a memorial service for Steve Biko, a black student leader who died in a South African jail, conducted outside the headquarters of the Albany Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People Saturday.

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## Unions join anti-apartheid bid

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35 and 50 buses, for the trip to Washington, Lane said. He estimated approximately 1,500 to 2,000 local union members would be going.

Black workers in South Africa earn "a fraction of the salary of white workers, less than 25 percent," he said.

The Albany Coalition Against Apartheid interrupted its weekly meeting Saturday for about an hour to hold a public memorial for Steve Biko outside the headquarters of the Albany Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People on Livingston Avenue.

Biko was a black South African student leader, whose death four years ago Saturday in a South African jail sparked a much-publicized investigation into police brutality.

It took three minutes for a coroner's inquest into his death to determine that several South African police and government officials were not responsible. Michael Dollard of the Albany Coalition told a gathering at the service.

Biko, a medical student who was an organizer and one of the first leaders of the South African Student Organization, was tortured and suffered several blows to his head during an interrogation in a prison, Dollard said. He died six days later.

E. J. Josey, first vice president of the Albany NAACP chapter and member of the Albany Coalition steering committee, opened the service by saying "let us hope that what he did for us and the life he gave will not be in vain."

After the service Dollard told reporters the rally organizers are not encouraging violence.

## Rugby Promoter Picketed At His Glenville Home

By PHIL BLANCHARD  
Gazette Reporter

Anti-apartheid demonstrators picketed the Glenville home of Eastern Rugby Union president Thomas Selfridge yesterday morning but dispersed when threatened with arrest.

The picketers were protesting Selfridge's role in scheduling the controversial U.S. tour of the South African Springboks rugby team. The team is scheduled to play a game at Albany's Bleecker Stadium next week.

A demonstration at the city-owned stadium is planned by local anti-apartheid groups and the New York City-based Stop the Apartheid

Rugby Tour organization.

About 20 demonstrators went to Selfridge's home on Mountainwood Drive in Glenville around 10 a.m. yesterday. Frank Fitzgerald, one of the demonstrators, said Glenville police had been alerted the night before of the group's intentions and he was told that the demonstrators' actions might constitute "harassment."

Glenville police said Selfridge called them to his home after the demonstrators congregated. They were told they could be arrested for harassment or disorderly conduct if they did not leave.

Fitzgerald said the group conferred with an attorney, Anita Thayer, and decided to leave rather than submit to arrest.

Mountainwood Lane is not a heavily travelled route and a demonstration there would not attract many onlookers, but Fitzgerald said the group contacted area television sta-

tions in advance to request coverage.

"We felt that if he (Selfridge) was going to bring his thing to Albany, we should bring some of the shame to his neighborhood," Fitzgerald said.

Selfridge could not be reached for comment.

## Repression In S. Africa Is Poet's Topic

ALBANY — Dr. Dennis Brutus, a black South African poet, will lecture on "Rugby, Reagan and Repression in South Africa," at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday in St. Joseph's Auditorium, 985 Madison Ave.

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A film on the resistance movement in South Africa will follow the lecture. Admission is free.

In the sixties, Dr. Brutus was exiled from South Africa for organizing SANROC, the South African Non-Racial Olympic Committee, which attempted to integrate South African sports. He is currently visiting professor of American literature at Amherst College and for several years has taught African literature at Northwestern University.

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# Albany officials gird for rugby protest

By Nancy Cornell  
Staff Writer

As the South African rugby team arrived in Chicago on the first leg of its American tour, organizers on all sides of the issue geared up Monday for next week's game in Albany. They produced a flurry of activity...

The organizer of the tour met with the Albany police chief; it was learned that Albany Police Court is preparing for an all-day session the day after the match and anti-apartheid speakers are announcing appearances on area college campuses to muster support for a protest the day of the game, which is set for Sept. 22.

Tom Selfridge, president of the Eastern Rugby Union and the organizer of the American tour, met with Albany Police Chief Thomas Burke Monday, but neither side would say what was discussed.

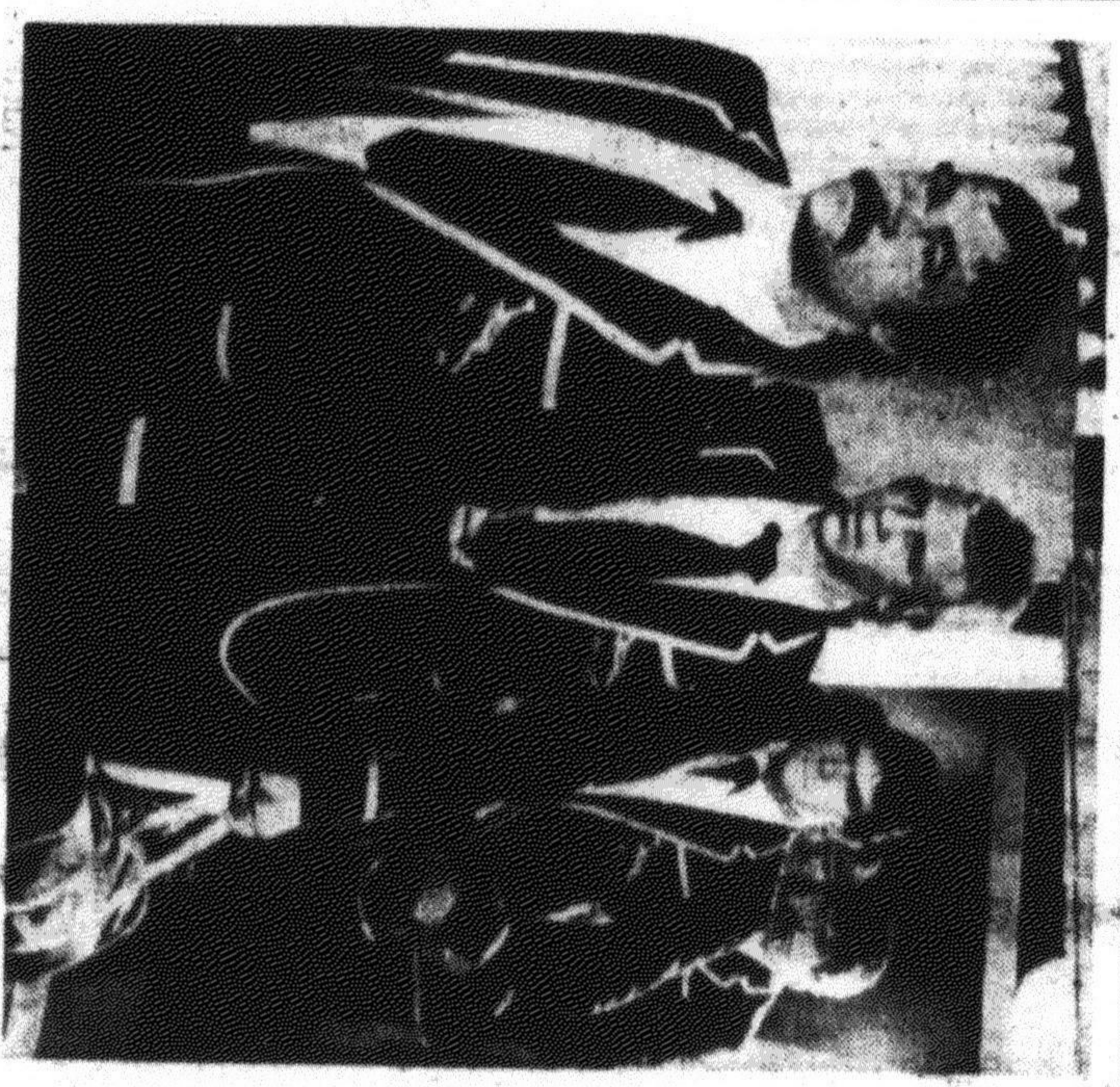
It will be up to the Eastern Rugby Union to provide security inside Blecker Stadium the night of the match while the city will patrol outside the stadium.

The police department has canceled days off for the day of the game, but no further details were available about the number of men expected to work that night.

Albany Police Court Justice Thomas Keegan said court will be in session as long as necessary after the event. "We will be available if needed," Keegan said. "I sincerely hope it isn't necessary."

Court employees said they were told to be prepared for a 24-hour court session to process possible arrests during the demonstration.

Meanwhile, the coalition of anti-apartheid groups organizing the demonstration was working to See ALBANY, Page 4



Associated Press  
**IN CHICAGO** — Members of South Africa's Springbok rugby team arrive in Chicago Monday as Albany officials continue preparations for the team's Sept. 22 game in Blecker Stadium.

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## Albany police, courts gird for rugby game and protest

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produce a large turnout for the protests the night of the game. These include a rally at the Capitol at 5 p.m., a march to Swinburne Park at 6 p.m. and a rally at the park, adjacent to the stadium, at 8:30 p.m.

Activities include a number of appearances by South African speakers to denounce apartheid, the South African policy of racial separation.

Johnstone Maktin, chief representative of the African National Congress' observer mission to the United Nations, will appear in Albany Wednesday and Thursday to speak to college and community groups about apartheid. Dr. Dennis Brutus, a black South African poet exiled from South Africa for organizing the South African non-Racial Olympic Committee, will lecture on "Reagan, Rugby and Repression in South Africa" at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday in St. Joseph's Auditorium on the College of St. Rose Campus.

Richard Lapchick, one of the organizers of the New York City-based Stop the Apartheid Rugby Tour, said Monday that he expected students will be the biggest group of protesters at the Sept. 22 match.

Today, Donald Woods, a journalist banned from South Africa because of his anti-apartheid views, plans to speak against the Springboks game before the Interfaith Cabinet of Albany, a gathering which Albany Mayor Eratus Corning II said Monday he would attend.

Virtually all of the region's religious leaders, both of Corning's opponents in the mayoral election, labor unions and other groups have issued statements condemning the decision to allow the South Africans to use city facilities for their game.

On Monday, State University Chancellor Clifton R. Wharton Jr. joined the chorus of dissent, with a statement that said, "the government of South Africa continues to endorse and enforce a ruthless, inhu-

mane policy of apartheid."

Wharton, who is black, said that only in "an ideal world" could sports be divorced from politics.

But, "In an ideal world, there would be no apartheid. In the real world, international sporting events do have political overtones."

Corning, while denouncing apartheid as "vicious," said he told Wharton what he has been telling foes of the Springboks match for weeks, that the Rugby team has a constitutional right to play in Albany.

Meanwhile, the board of directors of the Capital Region of the Civil Service Employees Association announced that it had "strongly urged" its members to boycott the Springboks game and had called on its members to participate in protests against the event.

The union, which did not urge Corning to cancel the match, also directed its leadership to schedule an official "union participation" in the anti-Springboks protest.

In Chicago, meanwhile, the City Council voted unanimously Monday, 37-0, to denounce the South African rugby team, shortly after the team arrived in the city. The council passed a resolution introduced by Mayor Jane Byrne to "publicly denounce the intent of the South African Springboks to play in Chicago."

Earlier Monday, the Springboks — 36 players, coaches and managers — had arrived at Chicago's O'Hare Airport to light applause and none of the jeers that greeted them during a brief stop in Los Angeles.

The South Africans are scheduled to play a match Saturday against players from various clubs in the Midwest during the first leg of their U.S. tour.

"We are not very much concerned about the controversy," Springboks manager Johan Claassen said at O'Hare. "We are sportsmen, not politicians. We represent the South African Rugby Board, not exactly the South African government."

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## Strategy session scheduled on handling rugby protest

By SUSAN SCHULMAN  
Knickerbocker News Reporter

Public safety officials for the city, county and state are scheduled to meet Wednesday with Albany Mayor Erastus Corning II and members of the Capital District group helping to organize a major protest when the South African Springboks play rugby in Albany next week.

The meeting, scheduled for 10 a.m. in Corning's office, was set up at the request of the Capital District Coalition Against Apartheid as an organizational session in preparation for next Tuesday's rugby game at Bleecker Stadium and a simultaneous anti-apartheid protest at Swinburne Park.

Corning said he would be meeting with representatives of the coalition, city police, the county Sheriff's Department, Capitol Police and state troopers.

Officials of the latter group said state police would only be called in at Corning's request if local and county police are unable to control the crowd.

They said it would be Corning's responsibility as mayor to ask Gov. Hugh Carey for state police assistance if he felt it was necessary.

Corning said Monday that he wouldn't attend next Tuesday's demonstration, but that he would be "on duty." He repeated he didn't expect any violence, but was concerned about the demonstration.

"Of course I'm concerned," Corning said. "I have always been concerned. I'm going to do everything I know how to make sure there is no violence."

The Springboks arrived Monday in Chicago, where the first match of the South African team's U.S. tour is scheduled for next Sunday.

The 36-member team landed at O'Hare International Airport and was greeted by about 15 supporters and no demonstrators.

Later Monday, the Chicago City Council unanimously passed a resolution introduced by Mayor Jane Byrne to "publicly denounce the intent of the

South African Springboks to play in Chicago."

The council did not, however, attempt to stop the game, scheduled to be played at Soldier Field, a facility owned and operated by the city's Park District, according to a spokesman for the mayor's office.

The spokesman said the mayor felt that while the city government should condemn the game, a legislative body in a democratic country should not act to prevent the match.

Also on Monday, Albany city officials said Police Court would be open all day next Tuesday in anticipation of possible arrests during a major demonstration planned during the Springboks game in Albany.

And several people and groups throughout the Capital District added their support for the demonstration.

Among them was SUNY Chancellor Clifton R. Wharton Jr., who described South Africa's apartheid policy of racial segregation as "de facto slavery."

"Black South Africans are not a people merely kept apart; they are a people systematically brutalized, denied education, housing, freedom of speech and assembly, the right to vote, and more," he said.

The Capital District Black Students Coalition, representing students at area colleges, including State University at Albany, Union, Siena, St. Rose and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, announced a press conference for Wednesday morning.

Members of the Capital District Irish Coalition announced they would participate in the anti-apartheid demonstration.

The Council of Albany Neighborhoods Association voted at its meeting Sunday night to protest the city's decision to permit the Springboks to play at a municipal facility, Bleecker Stadium.

Michael Dollard of the Capital District Coalition Against Apartheid said Johnstone Makatino, the chief representative to the United Nations from the African National Congress, will be

in Albany this week and will be one of the speakers at next Tuesday's rally.

Donald Woods, an internationally known journalist banned in South Africa for his political views, was scheduled to speak in Albany today.

Albany officials as well as protest organizers have said they don't anticipate any violence erupting during the rugby game and anti-apartheid protest.

Organizers of the protest, in fact, have been calling the upcoming rally "a peaceful protest."

But as the day for the game draws nearer, city officials seem to be taking additional precautions to prevent the type of violence that erupted when the Springboks played in New Zealand earlier this month.

And many of the statements released by religious, civic and educational groups supporting the rally urge the demonstrators to rally peacefully.

Albany police have previously announced the city's entire 365-member force — excluding officers on vacation

and sick leave — will be working the day of the rally.

Corning said Monday that he had not received the Mailgram from Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley asking that the Springboks' Albany game be canceled.

Bradley, who is reportedly vacationing in New York City, said he is concerned the rugby tour will prompt a boycott of the 1984 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles.

Corning repeated that while he personally abhors apartheid, he believed his decision to permit the South African team use of Bleecker Stadium was the right one.

"I believe they have a right to be here," Corning said. "You cannot take away someone's rights because someone else threatens violence."

Asked how he feels about the South African team coming to Albany, Corning said: "I don't think anybody in his right mind thinks I want them here. No, I don't want them here, but they have a right to play here."

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## Protests Urged—

# Albany's Rugby Match Draws Fire

ALBANY (UPI) — Protests against a planned rugby match against a team from South Africa in Albany Sept. 22 mounted Monday with the chancellor of the State University and a labor group calling for peaceful protest.

The protests have centered on South Africa's policy of apartheid, a system of strict racial segregation. Mayor Erastus Corning II has rejected requests that he withdraw permission for South Africa's Springboks rugby team to play an American team in city-owned Bleecker stadium.

SUNY Chancellor Clifton Wharton Jr., in a prepared statement, said he supported requests for cancellation of the game, but cautioned against any violence at a planned protest rally outside the stadium.

"Let us stand fast in our rejection of apartheid and in our rejection of the violent and undemocratic force upon which it rests. Let us defend human rights by our example as well as by our words," Wharton said.

SUNY has a large campus in Albany.

The Capital Region of the Civil Service Employees Association urged a boycott of the game and participation by CSEA members "in any peaceful, lawful demonstrations."

The Student Senate of the City University of New York asked the Legislature to prevent the match. It said the lawmakers could act Wednesday during a special session called to set New York City's primary election for Sept. 22.

Earlier, Corning rejected a plea by Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley to cancel the game.

In a telegram, Bradley asked Corning to reconsider because of fears that the Springboks' United States tour could lead to a boycott of the 1984 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles.

Corning said Sunday that while he had not yet received Bradley's message, it would not change his stand that the South Africans have a right to play in Albany under Constitutional guarantees of freedom of speech and expression.

Corning said he would reconsider, "only if Bradley can prove to me that the Los Angeles Olympics are more important than the U.S. Constitution."

Corning said the fact that a boycott of the Olympics might prove financially detrimental to Los Angeles was not reason enough to cancel the game.

"Which comes first, the Los Angeles Olympics or the Constitution of the United States?" Corning asked.

Corning has said that he would urge those opposed to South Africa's racial policies to stage peaceful demonstrations at the Sept. 22 game.

Opposition groups have promised a large protest at the contest.

A scheduled game in New York City was canceled by Mayor Edward Koch. The game was moved to Rochester, where officials also canceled it but said the contest would be played "somewhere."

Opposition to another game in Chicago is also drawing protests.

The New Zealand leg of the Springboks' tour has sparked several demonstrations and some violence.

## Chicago Council Rips Rugby Game

CHICAGO (AP) — The City Council voted unanimously Monday to denounce a South African rugby team scheduled to play here in protest of South Africa's apartheid policy of racial separation.

The 37-member Council passed a resolution introduced by Mayor Jane Byrne to "publicly denounce the intent of the South African Springboks to play in Chicago" on Sept. 19 against a team sponsored by the Midwest Rugby Union.

The South African team,

made up of the best players from the private South African Rugby Union, is going ahead with its U.S. tour despite suggestions that it might lead to a boycott by black African nations of the 1984 summer Olympics in Los Angeles.

And The Washington Post reported Saturday that the Soviet Union will ask the International Olympic Committee to move the 1984 games out of Los Angeles if the Springbok tour goes ahead.

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## In Albany, The Issue Is Security

By PHIL BLANCHARD  
Gazette Reporter

ALBANY — Security at the anti-apartheid demonstration planned to coincide with next Tuesday's rugby game at Bleecker Stadium will be the subject of a meeting today among Mayor Erastus Corning II, city, county and state police officials, and demonstration organizers.

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A week before the game, expected to draw national attention because of the South Africa Springboks' participation, security both inside the stadium and out was still very much up in the air.

Corning said yesterday that he told Gov. Hugh L. Carey that he might request backup assistance from the state police or even the National Guard should the demonstration get too big to handle.

Meanwhile, Corning reiterated that it is the responsibility of the Eastern Rugby Union, sponsors of the Springboks' U.S. tour, to arrange for security inside Bleecker. Corning has, he said, discussed this matter with ERU President Thomas Selfridge.

"He has agreed he will have security for his players and ticketed spectators," Corning said.

Selfridge hasn't disclosed his plans for security. However, the traditional providers of stadium security, off-duty Albany police officers, won't be available for hire next Tuesday night, Corning said.

All available city police officers will be on duty the day of the game.

Protest organizers said they plan to assign at least one marshal, "trained in keeping order and peace," to each of the many chartered buses expected to bring demonstrators to Albany next Tuesday.

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William Robinson of the New York-based Stop the Rugby Tour organization, said buses are already chartered in New York, Boston, New Haven, Hartford, Philadelphia, Buffalo, Ithaca, Syracuse and other cities.

The demonstrators plan to gather at the State Capitol at 5 p.m. and march to Bleecker Stadium, where the Springboks' game against an ERU-organized all-star team is to begin at 7.

All necessary permits for the demonstration have been issued, the mayor's office said.

Robinson said a number of prominent politicians and musicians are scheduled to attend the demonstration. Among the names he listed were Rep. Shirley Chisholm, NAACP Executive Director Benjamin Hooks, entertainers Ossie Davis and Ruby Dee, and musician Gil Scott-Herron.

## Chicago's Rugby Match a Crucial Factor—

# Carey May Override Corning's Decision

By GEOFF TAYLOR  
and  
STEVE NELSON  
Gazette Reporters

ALBANY — Gov. Hugh Carey yesterday suggested he may use his executive powers to cancel next week's rugby match involving a South African team if city police can't handle security inside and out at Blecker Stadium.

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The governor and other officials fear violence may erupt during protests planned against South Africa's apartheid policy.

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State police are expected to give Carey a recommendation today as to whether there is adequate security available.

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If the finding is such that the local police force cannot handle security inside as well as outside Blecker Stadium, then I would anticipate some possible injuries to spectators or demonstrators," Carey said.

"Far and away, it is the hardest decision I've ever made," says Albany Mayor Erastus Corning, who has made many hard decisions in the 40 years he has been mayor. Of the rugby issue he says: "I gave this a helluva lot of thought."

"Not wanting that to happen, I'll see what I can do under the police powers available to me," the Governor told reporters at a news conference.

Carey and his aides, however, aren't sure whether Carey has the power to stop the match.

"I think the power is implied (in the state constitution)," said Carey's top aide, Robert Morgando.

But Morgando declined to discuss how the governor would go about using that power if state police find security is inadequate.

"I, as an American citizen, simply can't understand what the team is doing here," Carey said. "I don't know how they got

visas. I think the steps that have been taken in other places to condemn this kind of representation in sports in our country are appropriate. I had a discussion with the mayor. I hope the match doesn't take place."

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Discussions between Carey and Mayor Corning were held Monday and again yesterday after the press conference.

Jill Schuker, press secretary to the Governor, said no conclusions were reached, but both men agreed more information was needed from city and state police.

Some Carey aides privately suggested no decision could be made until after Saturday, when

the South African Springboks play in Chicago. The reactions from that city would help police assess what problems could be in store for Albany.

Carey said he respected the mayor's authority and his constitutional responsibility to allow for freedom of assembly, but claimed he had overall responsibility if the city police force proves inadequate.

"I'd have to be assured that the state police ... would not themselves be exposed to personal endangerment, needless personal endangerment," Carey said.

"One of my major concerns is, while I understand the local police will be responsible for security outside Blecker Stadium, what I've read, what was indicated to me, is the interior — where spectators would be and the players — that that security would be solely the responsibility of Eastern Rugby Football League. Now, I'm not certain I'd have to be assured that they have the money, the resources, the personnel to maintain that security. I doubt if they do."

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"I called him yesterday to tell him about it (the match)," Corning said yesterday when asked about Carey's condemnation of the Sept. 23 rugby match.

"He's been on vacation and I was alerting him to the possibility of it (trouble) happening."

The mayor said he discussed with the governor the possibility of bringing in the state police or even the national guard to back the security already planned for the Blecker Stadium match.

Corning would not respond directly to Carey's criticism to the Springboks visit nor would he comment on the reactions to the match exhibited by the Democratic mayors of Los Angeles, Chicago and New York City.

He made it clear that regardless of who said what, Corning would not change his mind or alter his decision.

"If you know in your heart you are right..." he said, "It makes no difference what harm it might do me. I'm stuck. I'm convinced I'm right."

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He said he had talked to infinite number of people whose opinions he admires and respects before making the decision. He insists it was not an easy one to make.

"Far and away, it is the hardest decision I've ever made," said Corning, who has made many hard decisions in the 40 years he has been mayor of the Albany.

He said: "I gave this a helluva lot of thought."

About the only organization that has sided with Corning's constitutional defense for allowing the match to be played in a publicly-owned facility is the American Civil Liberties Union. And they were dismayed at Carey's position.

"The governor has an excellent civil liberties record," said Sarah Birn, NYCLU associate legislative director in Albany. "I would hope in this case he not be part of what we call a heckler's veto."

Birn said the planned demonstration is the proper response to the rugby match, not cancellation. "It will cost the city money, but that's the price of democracy."

"Nobody likes these gang. Nobody wants them played. Birn said. "What I hope would happen in Albany is that a magnificent message be sent indicating our abhorrence of apartheid."

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By ERIC FREEDMAN  
and SUSAN SCHULMAN

Knickerbocker News Reporters

Gov. Hugh Carey said today he may "request" cancellation of next Tuesday's controversial Sept. 22 rugby game in Albany against a South African team if Albany Mayor Erastus Corning II is unable to provide adequate security for spectators, players and demonstrators.

Carey told an afternoon press conference in the Red Room of the Capitol "I hope the match doesn't take place" between the Springboks and an Eastern Rugby Union Team at Bleecker Stadium.

However, the governor emphasized that it is Corning as "chief magistrate" of the city who will decide whether or not to cancel the match at the municipal stadium.

Carey said he is talking with Corning and looking into whether "adequate protection" can be provided.

Carey could direct the state police or National Guard to supplement the Albany Police force, if Corning requested such assistance. But Carey said, he'd "like to know why" such additional security would be necessary. A number of organizations — both local and national — are planning to participate in protest demonstrations outside Bleecker Stadium the day of the match.

Carey described himself as a "forthright foe of apartheid in any form," and said, "as an American citizen, I can't understand what the South African team is doing here."

He also said that he has "an overall responsibility" for public safety, which includes preventing injuries to those attending or protesting the match.

Corning, who was not available for comment at press time, has said the city would be able to provide adequate security the day of the game.

Albany Police Chief Thomas Burke would not comment on the governor's

statement, but also has stated before that security would be sufficient.

Earlier today, an exiled South African journalist said blacks and whites in that country are being told that the Springboks tour is being met with "official acceptance" in Albany.

While wire reports on the American people's reaction to the South African rugby tour are sent to South Africa from the United States, those reports are only carried in newspapers with a relatively small circulation, Donald Woods, a white journalist exiled in 1977 said.

In addition to some newspapers, television and radio in South Africa is state run, he said. And, as a result, reports of the games back to the South African people are controlled by the government.

Protests against the Springboks when the team played in New Zealand earlier this month were reported through the government-run media as small outbursts by Communist-type groups planted at the game. Woods anticipates a similar situation will crop up in the South African press with the American tour, including the Bleecker Stadium match.

Woods said Corning's decision to give the Springboks use of city-owned Bleecker Stadium is seen by the South African government as "official acceptance" of the Springboks.

He said the rugby team is part of the South African government's massive propaganda campaign to earn international acceptance, despite the government's apartheid policies endorsing racial segregation.

"They (South African government) care what you think of them," Woods said.

Woods made his comments in an editorial board meeting of *The Knickerbocker News* and *The Times-Union*.

Woods was in Albany at the request of mayoral candidate Charles Touhey and was scheduled to meet with Corning and the president of the Eastern Rugby Union today.

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## Klan among groups to appear

By Fredric U. Dicker  
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*Staff Writers*

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A State Police report submitted to Gov. Hugh L. Carey Wednesday concludes that hundreds of State Police, and perhaps National Guard troops, would be required to provide adequate security for the planned rugby game featuring a South African team in Albany's Bleecker stadium.

Carey ordered the report Tuesday, after stating that he might call on Albany Mayor Erastus Corning II to withdraw permission for use of the city-owned stadium because of the potential for trouble at the Sept. 22 game.

The report also states:

- Ku Klux Klan members from Connecticut, and Communist Workers Party officials from New York City are mobilizing for what State Police theorize could be a confrontation at the game. Those two groups have clashed violently in the past, most notably in Greensboro, N.C., where violence at an anti-Klan rally left five dead in 1979.

- Albany city police would probably be unable to

provide protection sufficient to guarantee the safety of demonstrators and spectators. It says that "hundreds" of additional security forces would likely be needed at the match to supplement the local police.

The report was prepared under the supervision of State Police Superintendent William G. Connelie. Details of the report were disclosed to *The Times-Union* by Robert J. Morgado, secretary to the governor.

Aides to the governor raised the possibility that Carey would call on Corning to cancel the match in the interest of public safety, telling Corning that the state would not be able to provide all the protection needed to protect players, spectators and demonstrators at the event.

Late Wednesday evening, Corning said he was not aware of the State Police report. He said he planned to speak to Carey today about it.

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## Report: More security needed for rugby

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He said he "certainly" was concerned at the KKK-Communist Workers Party aspect. But asked what he would do if the governor failed to supply the necessary state police protection, he replied:

"I'll cross that bridge when I come to it."

Earlier, Morgado said, "The report indicated the potential for some serious problems at the match and concluded that the local police probably could not handle it."

In addition, he said the State Police had discovered that "KKK groups from Connecticut will be coming to demonstrate on behalf of the team and the Communist Workers Party is organizing buses and marches (against the match) in New York City."

Morgado also disclosed that Corning previously had asked the state to provide State Police and/or National Guardsmen to help police the match.

Whether the state would provide the necessary security was unclear. Carey was said to be working on an announcement on the matter.

Corning has insisted he would not withdraw the permit for the game because the rugby teams had a "constitutional" right to play. Whether Corning might reconsider, if the governor refuses to provide the extra security the State Police report said was necessary, was not clear.

If permission to use the city facility were withdrawn, the organizers of the match, the Schenectady-based Eastern Rugby Union, would probably schedule the game for a private site, as they have in Chicago.

"We have always had alternative sites, but I am not going to get into speculation regarding Blecker Stadium," said Tom Selfridge, president of the rugby union. "We expect to use Blecker Stadium."

Carey, meanwhile, indicated Wednesday morning that he would back away from his threat to try to halt the match himself.

"It is not entirely clear how I can make a decision in one part of the state (Albany), because I would then be making decisions all over the state on matters of local jurisdiction."

However, he also insisted that "my overall residual power is as governor to intervene where I see there is a threat to life and limb and a threat to general order."

Albany police intensified their security planning Wednesday for the rugby game, but there appeared to be some confusion between Mayor Corning and the police over who would provide security inside the stadium.

Local and state groups opposed to South Africa's racial policies have said as many as 10,000 demonstrators will be in Albany the night of the game.

Corning had said earlier Wednesday that, while Albany police will be providing security outside the stadium, there are no plans "at this time" for police officers to provide security inside the stadium.

However, police sources said Wednesday the department's security plan calls for officers to be stationed inside the stadium.

Police Chief Thomas Burke refused to comment on the department's security plans.

It also was learned that every city police officer has been told to report for duty the day of the game, and that even officers who act as attendants in Police Court have been told to be in uniform for duty at the rugby demonstration.

The officers' uniform is expected to include new riot helmets, which several officers were trying on for the first time Wednesday.

Although police officials have said the decision to order new riot helmets for the first time in about 15 years was unrelated to the rugby demonstration, advertisements for bids on the helmet purchase were authorized only a few days after it was announced the rugby team from South Africa would be playing in Albany.

Corning said he was assured by promoters of the game that a private security force for inside the stadium would be provided and that the people making up this force would

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**SECURITY SHAKE** — Albany Mayor Erastus Corning talks with Clara Satterfield of the Albany NAACP, the organizer of the local protest at the planned South African Springboks rugby game.

be trained individuals "with police experience."

But when contacted by telephone, spokesmen for three of the four largest security agencies in the area said Wednesday they would refuse to provide the necessary security inside Bleecker Stadium because of the volatile nature of situation.

A spokesman for Pinkerton's Inc., the fourth agency, simply said the agency had not been asked to provide security.

Anthony Roggio, manager of the security agency Hudson Valley Patrol Inc., said "they couldn't pay us enough money" to accept the assignment of providing security inside the stadium.

He said the game "is a real hot potato" and that he would be too concerned for the safety of his personnel and the agency's liability to accept the job.

Selfridge, of the game-sponsoring Eastern Rugby Union, said the union would hire security personnel for the game.

He said the union would assume responsibility for "insuring fans, checking seating, etc.," but added that "Albany retains all police power" both inside and outside the stadium.

Selfridge also said his security personnel would not be armed.

Meanwhile, Police Capt. John Dale said he was not aware of any plans for a private security force inside Bleecker Stadium and added that the police department assumes "the ultimate responsibility" for security both inside and outside the stadium.

During the day Wednesday, rugby match protesters intensified their planning in Albany.

The Capital District Black Students Coalition — a group of local college students organized as a result of the planned rugby match — predicted 400 to 600 black students from local colleges would participate in Tuesday's rally and march, while Clara Satterfield, protest organizer from Albany's NAACP, reiterated her prediction that 6,000 to 10,000 persons from across the country would attend the rally.

Michael Dollard, a local protest organizer, said folk singer Pete Seeger and entertainers Ossie Davis and Ruby Dee have agreed to attend the rally.

He said he has received confirmation that demonstrators will come from Washington, Philadelphia, western Mass., Ohio, Rochester, New York City, and several other locations in the state, but declined to estimate the number of persons he expects at the rally.

"The great bulk of the people will be out of this region," he said. "How many people they (organizers) will mobilize, I can't tell you."

Immediately after a meeting with Corning, Albany Police Chief Burke, Albany County Sheriff George Enfante, a Capitol Police spokesman and several protest organizers, Satterfield said:

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"We are going to have a peaceful demonstration on Sept. 22. Those who don't want to be peaceful will have to deal with the law enforcement authorities."

Satterfield declined comment on the security arrangements for the match, but said she was "satisfied that there will be adequate protection."

\* Corning also declined to comment on security arrangements and said he could not give Albany residents any assurance that no one would be injured during the demonstration.

"No one can offer assurances of that nature," the mayor said. "We cannot guarantee it, there is no guarantee that people will not cause violence."

Selfridgesaid he is concerned that the demonstrations Tuesday will become violent.

\* "I'm concerned that the type of people we're working with have displayed a total disregard for American values," Sulfridge said. "I don't believe the coalition of SART (Stop Apartheid Rugby Tour) is as dedicated to peaceful protest as Dr. (Martin Luther) King was."

Dollard denied a charge made by Sulfridge that Communist Party members were behind the protest organizing.

"I've heard similar statements," Dollard said. "To me it sounds like the typical right-wing defense against any kind of liberal issue."

"This is a local organization and a local demonstration," Dollard said. "It is our organization here that has done the bulk of the work."

In afternoon appearances at the College of St. Rose and SUNY-Albany, Dennis Brutus, a South African who said he was shot by South African security police, jailed, and then exiled, said the South African government has called the rugby team its "unofficial ambassadors" and for that reason the games should be cancelled.

He said the United States' recently restated support of South Africa is "the beginning of a friendship in which we'll condemn the people of this country to a tragic involvement in a bloody mess."

Johnstone Makatini, chief representative of the African National Congress to the United Nations, told 100 students at the SUNY-Albany teach-in that "it's really only the American people who can stop this unholy alliance (between the two governments)."

In a related matter, the Rt. Rev. Wilbur E. Hogg, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Albany, issued a letter in which he reiterated his earlier statement of opposition to holding the rugby match in Albany.

"The Springbok rugby team represents, directly or indirectly and I think the difference is slight, the Republic of South Africa," Hogg wrote.

In another letter, John P. DeLuca, who said he is "one of the founders of the Albany Knickerbocker Rugby Football Club," said he also opposes the scheduled match.

"Win, lose or draw it will be a bleak day for America and American rugby if the South African Springboks play at Bleecker Stadium," DeLuca said in a letter to *The Times-Union*.

Through all of this, the Springbok team — just arrived from a tumultuous tour in New Zealand — was in Chicago, where rugby tour organizers have scheduled a game at an undisclosed site for Saturday.

In that city, an anonymous woman telephoned a radio station Wednesday and said a bomb had been planted at the exclusive Chicago Athletic Association club, which is housing the Springboks team. No bomb was found.

Protesters marched around the building Wednesday for the third straight day to protest the scheduled Saturday match between the Springboks and the Chicago Lions.

The Rev. Jesse Jackson, national president of Operation PUSH and a leader in the Chicago protest, said his followers are "fully committed to civil disorder, if necessary" to stop the match.

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# Constitutional question

By Carol Polsky  
Staff writer

Do South African rugby players have a constitutional right to play in Albany's public stadium next Tuesday despite the potential of violence erupting at a rally scheduled by groups opposed to that country's system of apartheid?

Mayor Erastus Corning II has said "yes."

In approving the team's use of city-owned Blecker stadium, Corning said, "Our Constitution guarantees an individual the right to publicly espouse an unpopular cause, and the same right to a number of individuals in peaceful assembly. For that reason, it is wrong to prohibit an individual or group from taking part in a public athletic event because of their beliefs or the policies of their government."

But that has not been the position of Gov. Hugh L. Carey or of any other American mayor in cities where the

Springboks had been scheduled to play. Constitutional law experts are in no more agreement than the public officials who must deal with the consequences of President Reagan's decision to grant the team visas to enter the country for an exhibition tour. It's a controversy nobody is particularly happy about.

The State Department "didn't have to let them into the country. Reagan scores points with the South African government and leaves it to the American mayors to clean up after him," said Burt Neuborne, a constitutional law professor at New York University.

The constitutional issues are threefold:

- Does a sports event fall under the protection of the First Amendment?
- Can the threat of violence be used as an excuse to bar a constitutionally protected activity?

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Staff photo by Fred McManey  
**RALLY ORGANIZERS** — Cliff Thornton and Elizabeth Thaele-Fivkin tell a Wednesday news conference that the Capital District Black Student Coalition is urging some 400 to 600 black students to join the rugby protest.

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## Experts ponder 1st Amendment ramifications

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● Should the government be denying equal access to a public facility on the basis of a consideration such as race or politics?

Law professors like to point to the frequent 5-4 votes on the U.S. Supreme Court to demonstrate the lack of a clear-cut consensus on various constitutional questions. Opinions, at least among the professors, are equally divided now.

"Is (Corning) required to allow the South African rugby team to play? No," said Benno Schmidt, constitutional law professor at Columbia University law school and a First Amendment authority.

"I do not believe that for the purposes of a rugby match the team can look to the Constitution of the United States or a constitutional right to play," he said.

However, Alan Dershowitz, a constitutional law professor at Harvard University, said, "The First Amendment covers the right to communicate, communicate anything. (And) even if rugby is not covered by the first amendment, denying rugby players the right to play because of an anticipated response raises First Amendment issues."

And several experts, including Floyd Abrams, a first amendment attorney, said that the political nature of the opposition to the event gave it a political nature.

"Censorship by threat of violence is an extremely dangerous precedent under the Constitution," Dershowitz said. "If a rugby match is going to provoke violence, then the police should arrest those who commit violence."

Robert Morgado, secretary to Carey, said Wednesday a report prepared for the governor by the State Police indicated "the potential for some serious problems at the match and concluded that the local police probably could not handle it."

However, in First Amendment cases, said Neuborne, law professor at New York University, there is a heavy burden on the authorities to prove, first, that there would be violence and that their police forces could not control or limit it.

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Any meeting can be prohibited if you can show there is an overwhelming danger of violence that cannot be stopped in any other way," he said. "But it isn't enough to say there is a possibility. The danger is that people use it as a cover to (prevent) meetings they don't like."

Such an argument of violence was used by Skokie, Ill., officials when they attempted to deny a permit to the U.S. Nazi Party to stage a march through a predominantly Jewish suburb, and had been frequent excuse by Southern authorities to deny permits to civil rights marchers in what Neuborne called "the heckler's veto."

The Supreme Court, Neuborne said, has repeatedly "you have to demonstrate that you tried everything to control the violence before you can call (the event) off."

Moreover, he said, it is unconstitutional for a authority to "pick and choose" in allowing an event to take place in a public facility one day, and not allow a similar event to take place the next because of considerations of race or politics.

"It wasn't so long ago that Pete Seeger was banned from singing in public places because he was a leftist," he said.

At the heart of the constitutional debate is whether a sports event, as opposed to a political speech or demonstration, is entitled to the same protection under the First Amendment right "peaceably to assemble."

It is a legal debate over how broadly to interpret the First Amendment.

Those like Schmidt who favor a narrow interpretation say the amendment protects only gatherings which have as their purpose First Amendment rights such as free speech, religion and petitioning the government for redress of grievances.

Paul Brest, law professor at Stanford University, said, "To say that a rugby match is assembly within the meaning of the First Amendment is implausible. A rugby game for the purpose of entertaining people is at the fringes or beyond of the First Amendment."

"If it's just politics, then it's not such an easy answer on that," he said. "but if damage and violence will result (from an event) that is not designed to express, just to entertain, then I think the city has a lot of power (to prohibit it)."

But Abrams, who represents such clients as the New York Times, CBS and NBC, said that the Supreme Court had ruled that such "expressions" as nude dancing and long hair fall under the protection of the First Amendment, and he found it hard to understand why sports would not be.

The match, he said, had to be considered in its larger context: opposition to it is based on political reasons and therefore the match itself has political significance.

"There is a political element because of the nature of the objections," he said.

## Carey May Be Told Scope of Power Today

By STEVE NELSON  
Gazette Reporter

ALBANY — Governor Hugh L. Carey may announce today whether the state constitution gives him the power to stop the controversial match Sept. 22 at Bleecker Stadium between the South African Springboks rugby club and an all-star team organized by the Eastern Rugby Union.

"He may have something to say by tomorrow," said Jill Shuker yesterday from the governor's press office. "His counsel is still looking at the issue."

During a press conference Tuesday, Carey questioned why the South African team had been allowed into the country considering the country's apartheid policy. He asked Mayor Erastus Corning II to reconsider his decision to allow the match to take place in the city's publicly-owned stadium.

Corning, claiming his approval of the game is based on the Constitution and not any love for the South African system of racial discrimination, has refused to reconsider.

The mayor met yesterday with organizers of the large demonstration opposing planned for the day of the contest.

Police Chief Thomas Burke, Deputy Police chief John Reid, Albany County Sheriff George Infante and Capital Police Chief Richard Hahn attended the session as well, to map out security for the match.

"We were all very much interested in it (the demonstration) being peaceful," said

pate in the protest.

"I'm confident that the Albany police will do all in their power to handle it," Corning said.

Detective James L. Tuffey, president of the Police Benevolent Association, said he would have no comment "right now" on the security aspects of the rugby match.

The mayor would not reveal what involvement the sheriff's department or the Capitol Police might have in the security arrangements.

Infante said all details regarding security would have to come from Corning. Chief Hahn could not be reached for comment.

William Robinson, organizer for SART (Stop the Apartheid Rugby Tour) said the meeting with the mayor was "very constructive and productive."

"We don't expect anything by a peaceful demonstration," Robinson said. "We don't even see where violence would enter into the demonstration."

"We view the apartheid as the source of violence and the Springboks are the ambassadors of that system," he said. "Apartheid is the policy of segregation and economic and political discrimination against non-European groups in the Republic of South Africa."

## Exile Says—

# Springboks Last Hope of S. Africa

By PHIL BLANCHARD  
Gazette Reporter

ALBANY — The Springboks rugby team was depicted by an exiled South African sports activist yesterday as that country's last hope for acceptance in the international sports community.

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Dr. Dennis Brutus, who was kicked out of South Africa in the 1960s for his campaign to get blacks on the country's Olympic team, told a College of Saint Rose audience that South Africa is "isolated from 22 of the 26 major sports in the world."

"In each of those sports, South Africa is a leper," said Brutus.

With the country barred from participation in the Olympics and in Davis Cup tennis competition, Brutus said, "they're now left with rugby."

Brutus, who was among several prominent anti-apartheid speakers brought to Albany in recent weeks to drum up opposition to Tuesday's Springboks appearance at Bleecker Stadium, said:

"It is in the hands of the people of Albany...to see that the match does not take place, and failing that, send a message to South Africa that the people here do not find racism and repression acceptable."

Before South Africa's expulsion from Davis Cup play, Brutus said, students were in the vanguard of worldwide opposition to their participation. "In Oslo, students sat in on the courts. In England, students tossed five-pound bags of flour on the courts, obliterating the lines. In Sweden, the students threw balloons filled with oil on the courts."

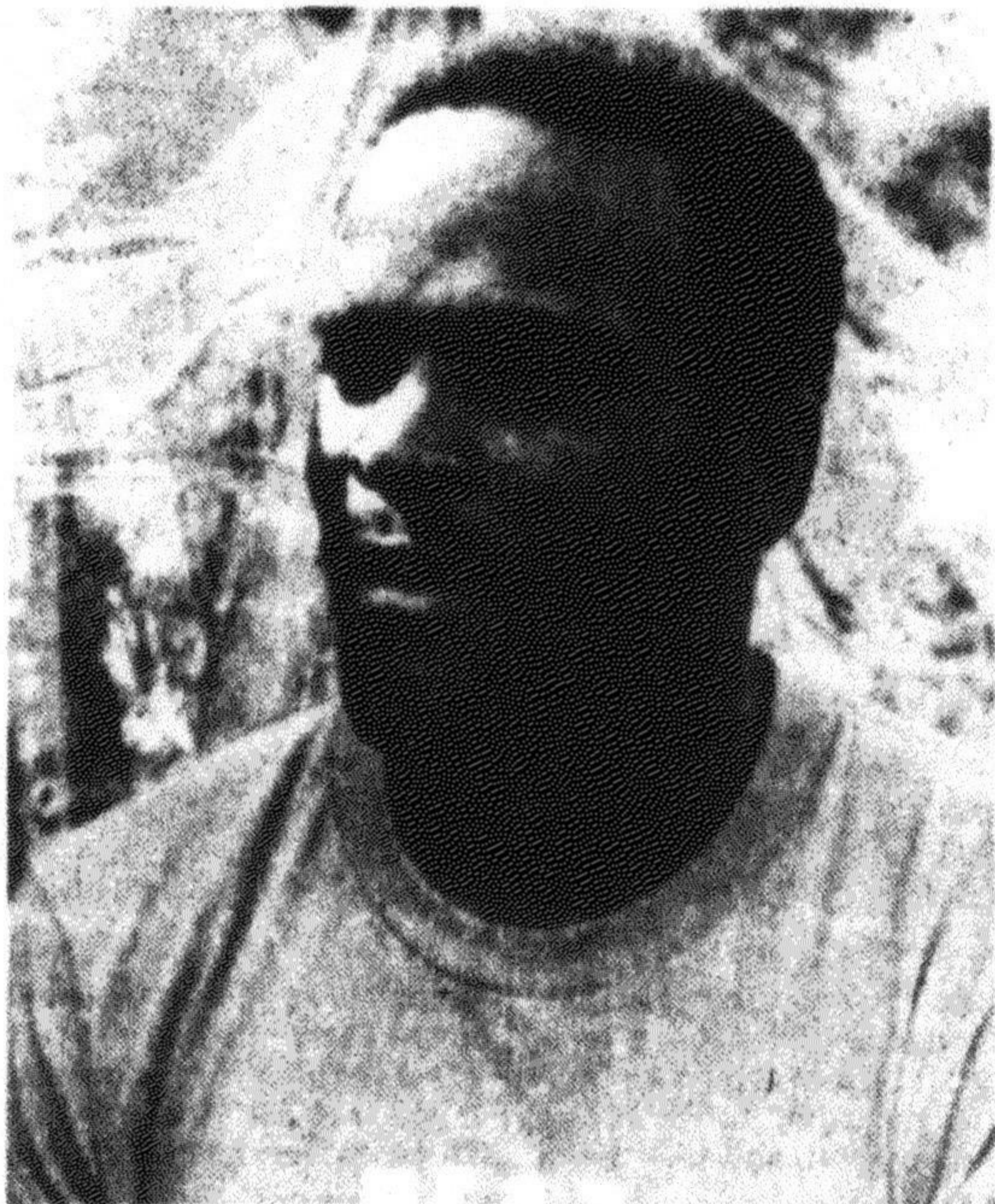
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Brutus said the acceptance of the Springboks tour is a signal of friendship to the South African government.

Yesterday's appearance by Brutus was sponsored by CSR's Division of Social Sciences.

After his remarks, a college representative issued a statement that said, "the visit by Dr. Dennis Brutus to the campus of the College of St. Rose is in response to the need by students and faculty in an academic environment to be fully informed and gather data on current events...His views are his own and do not reflect ny official opinion by the College of Saint Rose on the matters discussed."

On May 14, 1804, Meriwether Lewis and William Clark set out from St. Louis on their exploratory expedition to the Pacific Coast.



ONE MAY NOT, ONE CAN'T, PLAY — Lt. Cmdr. Lin Walton of Rhode Island (left), says he may not play against the South African rugby team in Albany next week "for personal reasons"; and Chimere Okeize of New York

City (right, kicking the ball) cannot play with the Eastern Rugby Union team on Tuesday against the Springboks. He has an injured foot.

## 2 US Rugby Players Talk About Game

By PHIL BLANCHARD  
Gazette Reporter

ALBANY — One of the two black rugby players named to an all-star team that will oppose the South African Springboks in Albany next Tuesday is injured and cannot play, and the other says he may not play for personal reasons.

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Chimere Okeize of New York City, named to the team by the Eastern Rugby Union, has a foot injury and "there's no way I will be able to play before next January or February."

Okeize, a 25 year-old senior at Columbia University, also said that even if he weren't injured, he probably wouldn't participate in the game because of "some requests from Nigeria I received through relatives."

Okeize, who was born in the United States, holds dual citizenship because his parents were Nigerian.

He said his Nigerian relatives told him "it would not be to my advantage to play against South Africa."

Okeize said he had mixed feelings about the Springboks' American tour.

"As an athlete, it's always great to play good teams. But, speaking as Chimere Okeize, I would not be for the tour."

Okeize said he told Thomas Selfridge, President of the Eastern Rugby Union, a week ago that his injury would preclude his playing and that he probably wouldn't play in the game anyhow.

Yet, the names of Okeize and Lt. Cmdr. Lin Walton were included in a release prepared Tuesday to promote the game.

Okeize said "He (Selfridge) might have named Walton and me just to show that blacks play rugby here."

Selfridge could not be reached for comment last night.

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Walton said there is a possibility, for "personal reasons," that he may not play. He declined to say why, although he did say it had nothing to do with his military status or the turmoil associated with the Springboks.

Walton is a student at the Naval War College in Newport, R.I. He plays club rugby in Boston and earlier this year played on a U.S. team in a match against the Canadian national rugby team.

Reached by telephone yesterday in Newport, Walton seemed oblivious to the controversy surrounding the tour. "I really don't have an opinion," Walton said. "It's just a game. It's just rugby."

"I'm not a politician, I'm an athlete," Walton said.

Walton declined further comment on the matter.