

LETTER TO THE EDITOR: ZOLA BUDD

Dear Sir,

The Newspapers have again given extensive news coverage to Zola Budd. The News Media has been attempting to invite sympathy and compassion for the action taken against this South African athlete from Bloemfontein who became a British subject.

It must be remembered that Zola Budd has lived and thrived on the fruits of apartheid. Hence Miss Budd has refused to denounce apartheid. Her selfish opportunism has caught up with her, and it does not warrant any sympathy or understanding from the oppressed. She is now back in South Africa. She is reported as saying that she will not run under British colours again and that her immediate plan is to enrol at the University of Orange Free State next year to study languages.

Margaret Thatcher who at all times supported Zola Budd and who recently came up with an emotional outburst in the British Parliament because of the action against Zola Budd should take note.

Ironically Zola Budd is a victim of apartheid.

**"Oppressed Athlete"
Durban**

BRAVE DOCTORS

The appalling conditions at the Baragwanath Hospital which caters for black people have been exposed by a band of brave and dedicated doctors who work in that Hospital. In acting as they did, these doctors were upholding the highest and noblest tradition of their profession. The doctors concerned publicly stood up in defence of their patients and criticised the Hospital Administration for allowing the shocking conditions existing in the largest hospital in Southern Africa.

Instead of commending and congratulating the doctors for their vigilance and concern, the Hospital Authorities demanded an apology from these doctors and made threats of disciplinary action against them. Under pressure, some of the doctors whose moral calibre is suspect sent in apologies. How these weaklings are going to make peace with their conscience will provide entertaining gymnastics. Others, however, stood their ground and flatly refused to apologise for speaking the truth. To these brave doctors we say: **BRAVO !!**