

trying to introduce politics by saying that if the Government of South Africa participates, we will not? It is not the Government of South Africa which is participating but the sportsmen of South Africa? So why we should stick to this stand because our sportsmen only are going to participate?

DR. TRIGUNA SEN : I am sorry. That is the policy of Government. If he calls it politics, he may do so. But it is the definite policy of Government that so long as the ramifications of the South African Government's pernicious policy of apartheid permeates the field of sports, we should not join.

SHRI A. SREEDHARAN : As usual, on this issue also the attitude of the Government of India is negative and non-aligned. There are a number of Afro-Asian countries which are determinedly fighting racialism. Will Government advise the Indian Olympic Committee to contact the Olympic Committees of other Afro-Asian countries and also protest against this move to include South Africa in the Olympic Games?

DR. TRIGUNA SEN : I can tell the hon. Member that when the President of the Indian Olympic Association was written to, he replied assuring us that the views of the IOA are similar to those of Government with regard to this policy. He further stated that he expressed his views in the meeting of the IOC held in Teheran in May 1967. With the approval of the Government, the President of the IOA had also circulated in August 1967 to all the National Olympic Committees a resolution passed by the IOA to oppose any move to allow South Africa to take part in the games at Mexico.

SHRI BARROW : Is it not a fact that we took part in the Davis Cup tournament in which South Africa also took part?

Is there a change of policy now?

DR. TRIGUNA SEN : I am sorry—I do not know about the Davis Cup.

SHRI SWELL : The Minister has made it abundantly clear that he will stand in the way of the Indian Olympic Games in Mexico. I would like to

know whether, for the sake of consistency, this Government would boycott every other international body of which South Africa is a member.

DR. TRIGUNA SEN : I think a decision will be taken on the merit of each case.

SHRI HEM BARUA : Since more and more countries of the world have seen sense and have boycotted the International Olympic Games at Mexico because of the obnoxious racialist policy pursued by South Africa, may I know whether our Government have made it abundantly clear to the Indian Olympic Association that if it violates Government's directions, it will be the painful duty of Government not to allot any foreign exchange to them?

DR. TRIGUNA SEN : We have not advised the Association exactly as the hon. member suggests, but we have informed them of the mind of the Government.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

AID FROM U.K.

*542. **SHI CHITTRANJAN ROY :**
SHRI N. K. P. SALVE :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that the British Government announced that British aid to developing countries will be pegged at this year's rate;

(b) if so, whether Government have assessed its effect on the Indian economy; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take in the matter?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI MORARJI DESAI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Britain's economic assistance to India for 1968-69 has not yet been indicated. An assessment of the effects, if any, on the Indian economy of the British Government's announcement referred to by the Hon'ble Member is, therefore, not possible at this stage.

(c) Does not arise.