

Cricket plea by a Gandhi

NEW DELHI. — Mr. Rajmohan Gandhi, grandson of Mahatma Gandhi, has asked Indians and anti-apartheid organizations in Britain to call off demonstrations against the South African cricket tour.

Instead of organizing hostile demonstrations against the South Africans, Mr. Gandhi suggests that non-Whites in Britain might change the cricketers' attitudes by greeting them with placards reading

"Welcome to Britain, home of multi-racial society."

Writing in his weekly magazine "Himmat," Mr. Gandhi says: "I have a suggestion for those who are opposed to South Africa's apartheid policy. Instead of being criticized, obstructed or accused, the cricketers should be invited by those in Britain, of all races who oppose apartheid to their homes."

Dealing with the bitter demonstrations against apartheid, Mr. Gandhi says an increasing number of people everywhere are beginning to realize that these are likely to defeat their own purpose.

Warm friendship is likely to produce better results than slogans, he says.

"It is noteworthy that the exclusively negative posture of some genuine idealists has

failed to bring a change among South African Whites."

Mr. Gandhi also calls on Indian and West Indian cricket stars who may be visiting Britain to meet the South Africans.

"It will be hard for the South Africans to refuse an invitation to meet some of the West Indian stars. And that sort of encounter can only improve relations between the races."