

Keep links with S.A., says W. Indian

From Our Correspondent

WELLINGTON. — Conrad Hunte, the former West Indies opening batsman, believes sporting relations with South Africa should be maintained.

"From New Zealand's point of view, I cannot say whether or not you should invite them," he said in Christchurch.

"But if they come, you could show them a vigorous, harmonious society which is really working, and it might give them the opinion that they could do the same thing.

"This would do more to break down apartheid and build a bridge with South Africa than any number of anti-apartheid slogans and demonstrations."

Hunte felt the sending of a multi-racial All Blacks team to South Africa was a step in the right direction and could help to foster the right sort of relationships in that country. Basically, he said, maintaining cultural and sporting associations with South Africa was an advantage.