

Foreword

Three years have passed since the trial of Peter Hain for conspiracy to stop the white South African rugby and cricket tours of Britain, yet the case remains a landmark in the history of protest and the law of conspiracy.

Publication of this book was delayed by time taken to reach the appeal in the case of R.V. Kamara (the Sierra Leone Embassy take-over) which was crucial to the law of conspiracy to trespass. Thus the final adjudication of the Hain case awaited the Kamara judgement... and the wheels of justice turn slowly.

By the time we were ready to publish an economic blizzard had hit the printing world, adding greatly to our problems, but it has been worth the wait to get on record one of the most curious trials in modern times which was the aftermath of the mass Stop-The-Seventy-Cricket-Tour campaign.

The evidence of the trial has many interesting aspects. Amongst them are the first full accounts of how it feels to be demonstrated against (in the words of the Springbok rugby players) and the declarations of the moral philosophy of the people who took quite uncharacteristic actions to show their abhorrence of racialism.

London, March, 1975. Derek Humphry