

Rugby Team Visit Strongly Opposed

Editor: As a member of the Buffalo Old Boys Rugby Football Club which in turn is a member of the Eastern Rugby Union (ERU), I take strong exception to ERU President Thomas Selfridge's unilateral decision to invite the Springboks — South Africa's national rugby team — to play several exhibition matches in the United States.

Unlike Mr. Selfridge — whose actions inevitably reflect upon the ERU in its entirety — my opinions are my own and are not intended to represent the position of my club or our union. However, I am aware of no efforts on Mr. Selfridge's part to canvas ERU member-clubs to solicit their opinion prior to extending his invitation.

Mr. Selfridge has let it be known in a recent Rugby magazine article that he has aspirations of one day running for the United States Senate. If his decision to invite the Springboks is any indication of his position on foreign policy matters, we New Yorkers may have much more to worry about in the future than an international rugby match.

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