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Pre-war Davis Cup star hits at club

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H. W. "BUNNY" AUSTIN — pre-war British Davis Cup star, today accused the all-England lawn tennis club at Wimbledon of discrimination and suggested his membership of the club had been ended because of his connection with the Moral Rearmament Movement.

Addressing the Leeds Luncheon Club here, Austin claimed he was still suffering from the all-England club's discrimination against him.

He said that during the war he served with the United States Air Force and was also publicly associated with M.R.A. during that period he failed to pay his subscriptions to the all-England Club.

"When I mentioned this to a former team-mate, he said 'Who did?' As a result my membership was terminated and on my re-applying I was not re-instated.

"I consider this an attitude totally out of keeping with the traditions of a country that has always prided itself on fair play. I was told there were other people more eligible than myself."

Some people suggested his loss of membership was due to his identification with M.R.A., he said.

Austin, now 58, helped Britain win the Davis Cup four times between 1933 and 1936 and was twice a defeated finalist at Wimbledon.

He told the Leeds Club that amateur lawn tennis players today were not turning professional "because, I am told, they make more money as amateurs . . . shamateurism is gross hypocrisy . . ." — Sapa-Reuter.