

Sullivan: Jack.

NZ rugby fans will remember brilliant All Black

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Wellington
WHEN Jack Sullivan, with an All Black jersey and a primary school education as testimonials, applied for a driver's job with Caltex Oil in New Plymouth in 1939 he said he was keen to find a permanent position with a future.

Twenty-eight years later he was managing director of the company in New Zealand.

John Lorraine Sullivan, CBE, died in Wellington yesterday morning, aged 75, a veteran of 48 years in the oil industry — from which he retired in 1980 — and with a record as one of the most brilliant running backs in rugby history and as New Zealand's top rugby administrator.

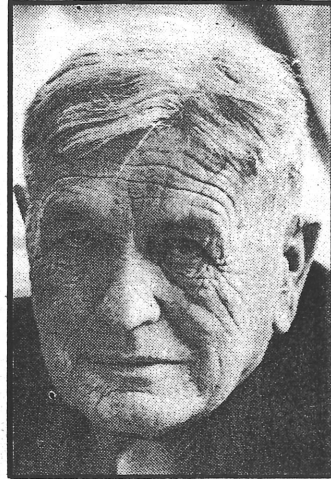
To a New Zealand public more interested in rugby than oil, he became known as a taciturn strong-man for the New

Zealand Rugby Union when his term as chairman coincided with powerful political intercession on contacts with South Africa.

The great Springboks of 1937 judged him to be the most brilliant three-quarter in rugby.

He first played for Taranaki in 1934, scoring seven tries in his first three representative matches. He went into the All Blacks in 1936 and in 1938 was the star of one of the finest backlines ever to play for New Zealand.

Once during World War II he was whisked away from the front on the judgement of the New Zealand commander, Major-General Sir Bernard Freyberg, that he was indispensable to the New Zealand Army team to play the South Africans. Later, he was severely wounded.



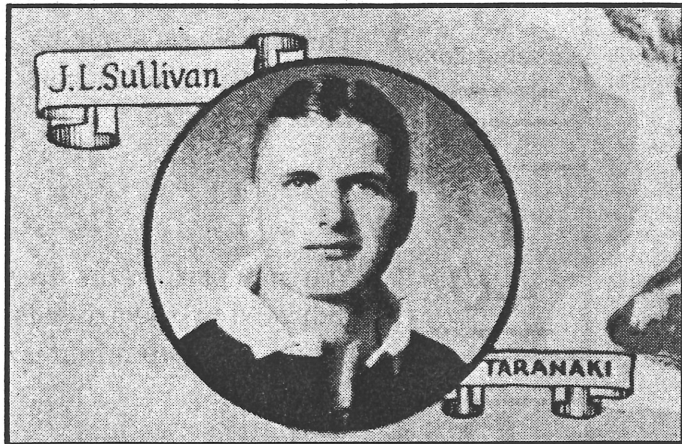
Jack Sullivan, president, life member of the TRU

As a rugby administrator, he could not concede that the South Africans he played with and fought beside should be outcasts of sport, and it was his contention that South African sportsmen were light-years ahead of politicians in attention to race issues.

He was a New Zealand selector in 1954-60 and coach of the 1960 All Blacks in South Africa, president and life member of the Taranaki Rugby Union, on the New Zealand Rugby Union council from 1962-65 and 1967-77, the last eight years as chairman.

Jack Sullivan was president, then joint patron of the New Zealand Paraplegic and Physically Handicapped Federation and chairman of the IHC trusteeship scheme.

He was awarded the Queen's Jubilee Medal in 1977 and made a CBE in 1978. He is survived by his wife Mary, a son and daughter. NZPA



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"Rugby was his great love. He dedicated himself to his province and his country," Mr Burke said.

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John Sullivan (left), grandnephew, (left), and I

Whangamomona publican had a glass thrown at his head, was punched, then kicked on the ground, was jailed for one year.

Krishane Hiroti (23), pruner, admitted the May 19 charge of assaulting Peter Henry Saunders with intent to injure.

Defence counsel John Rowan, Wanganui, said Hiroti had drunk about 10 bottles of beer at the Whanga-

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