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WITS: The reason he left Wits as he told No.1, was that he was so disgusted with the White paternalism of students. Told No.1 on first occasion and subsequently again. Told No.3 as well on first meeting at BPC Semicon at Hammanskraal. Told No.1 that at Wits he was associated with the Afro-Asian society on the campus which pushed a B.C. line. Published a newsletter called "Chocholoza" dd. April, in which he has published an article on B.C. and a poem. Told No.1 he was a member of JHB Central Branch of BPC together with FAROUK ASVAT (WITS/Afro-Asian Society) and DON MATTERA. Told No.1 on that first occasion, that he had recited poetry for the Cultural League in Lenasia of which the leading light is EBRAHIM SALOJEE (LAC).

WALLY The following recited petry on that occasion SOLLT SEROTE; DON AGIMED DANGOR MATTERA, FAROUK FASVAT; AGMAD DANGI(?) and NEELAN PILLAY.

D. MATTERA A. DANGER

128/17

Via H.Singh. The truth is as above, as he told

Acc. No.1. (The truth is he came to No.1's flat in

May, 1974 - NOT March, 1974 as at 128/28 - and

introduced himself. Vino was present. He said he

had been atctive in BPC Jo'burg and referred to

\$F ASVAT and said he was told No.1's address by

Miss Shameem Meer, his cousin.

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Told No.1 he lived with his uncle in Madena

Palace, Brickfield Road. No.1 pointed out
that H.Singh lived nearby and gave BAWA
H.Singh's address at Mila Rosa.) The statement that he met No.1 - at 128/18 - concerning
BAWU is untrue.

We do not know anything about his alleged
Bolton Hall activities but he did tell No.1
that he was disenchanted with the White
paternalism of the Bolton Hall crowd.

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No.1 disputes that he was n in any way incharge.

MABANDLA was the Sec. and in charge. No.1 did

considerable work to establish the books etc.

at the BAWU office and was also frequently there,
but had no official position.

130/13 met No.1 at his flat as stated above not at BAWU offices.

130/5 NB: BAWU had as its aim the building up of bargaining powfer. This was a similar strategy to that which in fact BPC pursues as a central policy aiming to build up Black Organizations on a national basis in order to bargain on a national basis.

130/28 : It is untrue that he heard about BPC from H.Singh and No.1 as he states here. See above.

(No.3 will pull out BPC publications illustrating that it is not a racist organization but rather anti-racist).

131/30: It is untrue to say that the main method spreading BC was Art. In fact during 1974 BPC did not employ Art in any way to spread B.C.

The method employed was person to person, meetings, branches, statements, publications. Groups like the Dashiki who played at our functions were purely entertainment and as a benefit for these particular groups. The point is that Art is not the "main method", b while it may be used as a method of

132/3: This is untrue. Theatre was NEVER used by BPC. Poetry reading was NOT used by BPC.

(If you ask witness examples of "theatre" and "poetry" of BPC he will be lost). PET and TECON were independent organizations which furthered B.C. via Art but these ceased functioning in 1973.

132/20 : Not quite true.

132/2726 : NO Art of BPC were there instances relating to Carltonville or Sharpeville. What is he referring to?

133/3: What "audience" is he referring to?
This is quite untrue, and we don't know what he is talking about in the lines that follow.

133/3: There is no specific purpose in dealing strageties with the *trageties etc. on heroes day and Day of Compassion. We express what we feel and what Black people feel. Everyone knows already about the past tragety. (See the note on conclusions of experts).

134/10: In 1974 there were very few pamphlets, if any. One wonders therefore what pamphlets he saw.

135/25: Our feeling is that if he was associated with BPC in Johannesburg he would know the address vis. Chancler House, 25 Fox Street.

136/6: Meetings were not held at BAWU offices, so far as we know (it is possible, however). A meeting was held at the YMCA. Occasionally BPC members happened to meet informally at No.1's and may H.Singh's. Overport branch/have had meetings at H.Singh's place.

137/20: In fact the Constitution lays down that the National Exe. meets once every two months.

139/11: NB that the witness was at that time a student at the UNB ## and was therefore ipso facto a member of SASO.

140/13: In fact BAWA had met No.3 and travelled with him from Hammanskraal to Durban.

142/20: The claim to be ignorant of who No.6 was is inconsiderate with subsequent evidence to this effect "I was not present for No.5's speech. I cannot recall what No.6 said".

MIATULA143/30: Rev. MAYTULA was NOT "the Adviser to the
National Executive". He was in fact Chairman
of the Mapumulo Branch and had earlier been
interim President in about 1972. (See separate

MAYATULA

interim President in about 1972. (See separate note for membership BPC National Exec. 1972, 1973 and 1974). Rev. MIATULA had nothing to do with

the Executive in 1972, 1973 and 1974.

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145/1: This meeting was not arranged by SASO.

It was arranged by the SRC of UNB. 1 NB:

We must establish an alibi through this witness.

This meeting was held on the 21st March. On that day No.2 alleged to be in Cape Town. (Count 9).

NB: No Poetry was read. There were 3 speeches.

BANJAMIN FRANK, SEC President,

THABO SESEANE (former SRC President)

No. 2.

To support allegation that <u>SRC</u> arranged. Remind him of the <u>SRC</u> pamphlets distributed the day before. See also line 27.

NB: (Not for this witness)

But, in fact, Day of Compassion was something started at UNB in 1971 not by SASO. Taken over by SASO in 1972.

147/13: We have no information as to what happened in the kombi but suggest the following:

- 1. Miatula is quite capable of saying what BAWA has attributed to him. He is an inconsistent, cranky, loqueious and is usually self contradictory and inconsistent. He also had illusions of grandue and says "I will tell Vorster get off man".
- 2. He manopolises all discussion.
- 3. The very fact that he spoke as alleged (if true) shows his full hardiness as at least 3 people in the van must have been strangers to him, namely BAWA, SAM and COASTAL.
- 4. He also calls himself the Black Masia and the Black Liberator.
- 5. At the symposium at the Kajee Hall at which BAWA was present (in part(?)) he publickly said he has no fear of going to Robben Island. He asked for a "mandate" and says with that mandate he'll tell Vorster to "Man man get off".

See the Daily Mail of the following morning as to what he said.

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148/19: The reasons there were no discussions was that everybody knew that CASTRO was blowing off again.

(It is worth noting that BPC set itself a 1 000 000 recruiting programme to be completed in 3 years. This is known as the membership drive. He used to say to members, e.g. No.8, the third year is coming near get on with it. In that sense he used to talk of phases the working resolution. He has NEVER spoken to anybody amongst the Accused in the terms suggested by BAWA, that is a phased programme, but note on the contrary that he used to speak to No.9 about phases incorporating to a certain extent the phases referred to in Vol.4 of War and Peace, page 14. His idea was that the phase of confrontation in its initial form would terminate with a National strike. "Tools Down". At the 1973 BPC # ### 2nd National congress at Hammanskraal SWAPO reps. referred to a projected National Tools Down. This idea was picked up by MIATULA, who had invited these to SWAPO himself.

150/12: No.3 would likely to put that BAWA cannot deny that No.3 was specifically invited to Semicon.

152/10: The National Exec. did not meet. It was the National Council which comprises all National Exec. in S.A.

NOTE: H.Singh was not on the National Exec. He was present in his capacity as National Council member (as Chairman of Overport Branch).

Council
153/10: Others who went into the National/Meeting
was Y. NAIDOO; MAYATULA; VIS PILLAY; PAUL TSOTSI;
VELA MVULANE; SIGASA; BAFANA and T. ZANI.

(Counsel should not reveal these names as these
people may be picked up).

NOTE: Correct the impression that he was kept out as if it were seeking - simply he was not entitled to go in because he was not a Branch Chairman.

KOKA is a Pedi and not a Zulu.

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His version of KOKA's introductory speech is also contradicted by the Minutes which disclose with some detail (pages 138 and 139) the matters discussed.

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His version of his attendance is also incorrect. He implies that he left shortly after the beginning or opening. From the Minutes it appears that he was there at the stage when the meeting reconvened (top of page 139) that is at 5.30. He was not there in the earlier session.

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If he left early he would not have been there at the end when the resolutions were made as to who was to perform what jobs.

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He says the Minutes of the ATR meeting was sent to him awhile after. This cannot be true. Minutes are not circulated. They are typed and prepared for the records and are read out at the following conference meeting.

See 540

Only congress mins. may be sent to branches of those who attended. In fact, Drake Koka, during the office of the Interim Exec., was rapped by lev. M., the Chairman, for not sending out Minutes before the next meeting. But the

(d) of the European Assala 10. or Commission was led by

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A3 was prepared and circulated and sent to hundreds of people through the post by Nos. 1 and 4. (He could be confusing receiving A3 and A2 through the post). Certainly A3 was not prepared at that conference - it was the advertisement for the conference.

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There were approximately 250 people at the conference.

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KOKA did not lead an administration commission. There was in fact no such commission and this person is confusing it with the December conference at Hammanskraal (where he did not attend).

13.

The commissions were led as follows :-

- (a) The General Planning and Organization Commission by Accused No.4, BIKO, MOERANE.
- (b) The Urban and Palitics Commission led by M. DLAMINI and DAVID MODIBA.

(c) /

- (c) The Economic Development Commission was led by
 KOKA (who was a specialist in Trade Union and
 Economic matters).
- (d) Black Education Commission was led by No.9.
- (e) The Community Works Programme Commission by

 KOAPA and B.PITYANA.

 (f) M.T. Moerane read a paper: "Bl. Communication" Our Philosophy"

No such commission was ever appointed. Confusion with Liaison Commission of Dec at Hammanskool & dealt with internal of external relations.

There was no planning commission led by NENGWEKHULU. Again this evidence appears to refer to the Hammanskraal conference where there was such a commission.

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The Economic commission did not report, inter alia, on how to "ctipple" the economy - see the agenda in Exhibit A3 indicating the orientation of the discussion and see the report of the economic development commission which makes no mention of crippling the economy. The idea of the RPC organizing strikes or national strikes is foreign to its

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thinking. (See the notes of No.3 in this regard. The idea was that the BPC would assist workers to set themselves up in Trade Unions. There was no question of the BPC controlling formally or informally these unions. The idea is self help and self organization is part Black Consciousness and black development. It is part of the view that creativity the and development are liberating concepts). Many witnesses could be called to say that there was no question of an underlying desire to cripple the economy.

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The suggestian that the report of the International and Internal Commission was that the BPC would have nothing to dowith Organizations working within the system is also false, such a resolution was in fact taken (see page 35). The resolution moved by MASEBUKU and S. COOPER. This from IMBULG arose out of the presence of NIC members and the objection to their presence. The NIC work with the SAIC, a Government creative body and also attacked B.C. as being racist. This was especially true of these NIC members from IMB.

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There was no question of the General Planning and
Organization Commission referring to the BPC working towards
steering the worker in any way it wanted. Such an aspect

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Development Commission with KOKA who was an expert in

Trade Union matters. The leaders of the planning

commission were ignorant of such matters. See the

Minutes in this regard which disprove the witness'

evidence. No.4 is categorical that his commission did

in no way touch on Trade Union matters. Day and we re-

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Suggestion that a 1 000 000 persons should be recruited within three years was put up by No.1 and adopted. It was a sort of working slogan. There was no reference to confrontation whatsoever except that the conference resolved that there should be no confrontation whatsoever.

(See the Report of the Planning Commission, phase 2, paragraph (c)). There was no question of thereafter embarking on a national strike. This has never been suggested at any conference and has never appeared in any Minute.

20.

Re the General Planning Commission Report : This was drawn up by Accused No.4. The use of the word

"phase" is entirely inappropriate and was never intended as such. The report itself though it refers to phases

obviously /

(See pages 44 and 45), and Agenda.

Numerous witnesses to the conference can be called to testify in this regard. The discussion about the 3 year membership drive took place in full conference

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(it is also of interest to note that the convention did not consider itself sufficiently representative of the Black population at that stage because there were No insufficient branches represented hence the decision not to take any very important decisions such as on the question of internal relations).

See page 45, the Resolution of SHEZI and PITAYANA.

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The witnesses description of what is contemplated by crises and "situation" in phase 4 of the Planning Commission report

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The witness did not participate in the Coronation Brick and

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Tile strike and was notinvolved with the pamphlets
associated with that strike. It is to be remembered
that round about this time and the time of the Chatsworth boycott this witness was kept at bay because he
was considered to be an informer and was twice
confronted by No.1 in this regard. (See notes to
Harry Singh).

24.

No.1 feels that he did not distribute the pamphlets in regard to the Chatsworth boycott. No.1 disputes ever having discussed the formulation of the pamphlets with Harri Singh.

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(It is felt that the Special Branch might have put pressure on him via three items :-

- (i) his connection to DR. DADU;
- (ii) his attempt to burn down MRS. MEER's house; and
- (iii) his attempt to throw petrol bombs on Stadtler's car.
 (iv) his cell activity (?)

26.

The original Minutes for the various BPC conferences are in our possession. See the file.

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