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MANDELA AND SISULU GUILTY ON ALL CHARGES

Only Bernstein freed —and then rearrested

By a Staff Reporter

SEVEN of the nine accused in the Rivonia sabotage trial were found guilty on all four counts in the Pretoria Supreme Court today.

The Judge-President, Mr. Justice de Wet, found that one accused, Ahmed Kathrada, was guilty on count two. He found that Lionel Bernstein was not guilty and he was discharged.

Before Bernstein could leave the court he was rearrested to the anguished cry of his wife, Hilda. Col. Fred van Niekerk, of the Security Branch, said that Bernstein had been detained "on a warrant."

Those found guilty on all four counts were Nelson Mandela, Walter Sisulu, Dennis Goldberg, Govan Mbeki, Raymond Mhlaba, Elias Mokoaleli and Andrew Mlangeni.

The proceedings lasted only three minutes.

The court had been filled to capacity from the time the doors were opened an hour and a half before the judge took the bench. Mr. Justice de Wet entered the court at exactly 10 a.m.

Reasons recorded

The registrar called the case of "The State against Mandela and others."

The judge said: "I have recorded the reasons for the conclusions I have come to. I do not propose to read them out."

He added: "Accused No. 1 (Mandela) is guilty on all four counts" . . . and so on down the list of the accused.

Each of the nine accused stood impassively in the specially built dock as the judge announced his finding.

Mr. Justice de Wet continued: "I do not propose to deal with the question of sentence today. The State and the defence will be given opportunities to make any submissions they wish tomorrow."

The court then adjourned.

The four counts

Briefly, the first two of the four counts relate to charges of sabotage, in that the accused, or organizations to which they belonged, recruited men for instruction and training, both within and outside South Africa, prepared and made explosives for sabotage and actually committed acts of sabotage.

Count No. 9 also charges sabotage and overlaps Count No. 1 in a number of respects.

The third count alleges that the men furthered the aims of the Communist Party and the fourth that the men had something to do with the financial background of the sabotage campaign and the recruiting of trainees.

The men received the verdicts impassively, and smiled and waved to friends in the gallery as they went back down the steps to their cells, each accompanied by his own police guard.

Among those in court were representatives of the Japanese, United Kingdom, United States and the Netherlands Embassies.

NOT TRUE!
 Angry - not anguished!

ASSEMBLY TOLD OF VERDICT

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, Thursday.—The Minister of Justice, Mr. Vorster, announced the judgment in the Rivonia trial in the House today.

The first speaker when the Justice Vote was resumed today was Mr. M. L. Mitchell (U.P., Durban North).

When the Minister rose to reply to points raised by Mr. Mitchell, he said it might be of interest to the committee to learn what the outcome of the trial had been.

There was no reaction from members when the Minister read the details.—Sapa.

Police road blocks

All major roads to Pretoria had traffic inspectors and police on watch. Motorists going to Pretoria had to pass through a road check by the police before they could continue. Several cars were stopped, some containing Africans.

White motorists were also stopped and the traffic police checked their vehicles for road-worthiness.

A news cameraman from Johannesburg, Mr. E. Christie, who stopped to take photographs of the police at the roadside was involved in some argument with them before he carried on to cover the trial.

Bernstein faces Red allegations

The Star's Pretoria Bureau

LIONEL BERNSTEIN, freed on all counts in the Rivonia trial, was immediately rearrested at the conclusion of the judgment today.

At the court



Mrs. Hilda Bernstein (right) and her daughter Toni, photographed outside the Palace of Justice in Pretoria today.



MRS. WINNIE MANDELA (right), wife of Nelson Mandela, walks towards the court with Nelson Mandela's aged mother. Earlier, Mrs. Mandela had tried to lead a crowd of Africans across the street and into the Palace of Justice. She was stopped, but the police later allowed her and Nelson Mandela's mother to go inside.

Wilson will be at vigil

From Our Correspondent

LONDON, Thursday.—Labour leader Mr. Harold Wilson and singer Tommy Steele will be among politicians, authors, men of religion and from other walks of life who will sit tonight in silence for five hours in St. Paul's Cathedral in honour of Nelson Mandela and his eight compatriots.

A five-hour "vigil of sympathy and penitence" will also be held at St. Paul's tomorrow.

A recording of Mandela's defence speech is to be played three times during the vigil.

No formal service has been laid down and people attending the vigil will be able to come and go as they please.

Because they were unable to get a recording of actor Peter Finch reading an abridged version of Mandela's defence speech — four people including the Bishop of Llandaff, Dr. Glyn Simon, will read it at Llandaff Cathedral, Cardiff, tomorrow night.

Bernstein will appear in Johannesburg tomorrow charged with alleged offences under the Suppression of Communism Act, according to a Security Police headquarters spokesman in Pretoria.

Mrs. Hilda Bernstein, wife of Lionel Bernstein, cried out "He's been arrested again" as she watched her husband being led down the steps of the court to the cells below.

LED AWAY

Mrs. Bernstein and her daughter Toni were near to tears as they heard the Judge acquit Bernstein.

Mrs. Bernstein ran forward from the public gallery to the well of the court.

She touched her husband on the arm and then cried out as plain-clothes policemen led him away after the others.

A few minutes later she was allowed to go below the court accompanied by an attorney.

Her daughter burst into tears.

The weather

TRANSVAAL (till 6 p.m. tomorrow). — Fine and mild, but cold in the early morning.

CITY TEMPERATURES.—At Joubert Park: Today, 8 a.m. 48.5; 3 p.m. 61; yesterday's maximum, 60.8; minimum, 44. Wind, North-west.

LOCAL SUNSET today, 5.23; sunrise tomorrow, 6.51; sunset tomorrow, 5.23.

DURBAN.—Sunny. Noon temperature, 61.

FREE STATE.—Fine and cold. Noon temperature in Bloemfontein 61.

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