

MEMORANDUM ON DET/CONST: MARKRAM. (50)

This witness in reporting speeches, keeps a good, intelligible note thereof. It is clear, of course, that he is only able to record a portion of what is said - see for example meeting No. 259, which lasted 4½ hrs. and is reported on 5½ pages of double spaced type-script. Most of the speeches other than those made by Sechoareng are recorded in the Afrikaans language. It would appear that Sechoareng always spoke English., and that when speakers used the vernacular no interpreters were provided by the organisers of the meeting and in that case Assegai (a nat. const) used to interpret for the witness. Hence it is clear that all the ~~speeches~~ ^{speeches} which have been recorded in Afrikaans were probably made in one or other of the African languages and that the witness has had to rely on Assegai's interpretation. See p. 3841 to 3894. (V.20).

Witness says he has attended a great many meetings since 1952 and has often heard speakers reudiate the use of violence. and urge racial unity. - pp. 3842 & 385 3843, V.20).

At the meeting to which the witness testifies several speakers adopt a strongly religious tone. See

Meeting No. 260. Ex. G. 441, p.1.,
" 259, Ex. 440. p. 4
" 258 Ex. 439, p.2.
" 257 Ex. 438, p.1.
" 261, Ex. 442, p.3.

NON - VIOLENCE. ETC.

WHOMBEKA (N.A.):

"Hulle het Kommuniëte onder ons kom soek en ons het nie so iets nie". Ex. G. 438. p.3.

SEGOARENG: (158).

"If we want to get freedom we must not fight these people. We must fool them - if we fight them they will shoot us. The A.N.C. teaches us to be passive. You must pray every morning".

Ex. G. 438, p.4.

"The police came at Kliptown armed to the teeth,you could see they were ready to shoot. The 1000s of Africans etc. got up and showed the police they did not come to fight".

Ex. G. 438. p.4.

"The Dutch people are searching us every day to prevent peace. This peace that we want, they don't want it". Ex. G. 438. p.6.

BOIKANYE (B.A.):

"Toe die polisie op Kliptown aangekom het, het ons nie oproerig geword nie". G. 438, p.6.

"The A.N.C. is an organization opposed to fighting- it is non-violent". Ex. G. 438. p.7.

"Ons is nie Kommuniste of agitators nie...die boers was ook net so behandel deur die Engelse, maar hulle het hulle self opgewerk en vandag is hulle baas". Ex. G. 438. p.7.

A. CHELS (N.A.):

"Die enigste oorlog wat A.N.C. maak is net teen Wette". Ex. G. 440. p.1.

ITHOLENG (N.A.):

"Ons sal nie die witmense weg ja nie. Ons wil saam met hulle wette maak. Ons het Christian harts - ...Ons vra sonder enige baklyery. Ons wil mekaar mooi verstaan". Ex. G. 444, pp. 4 & 5.

SECHOARENG (158):

"We do not mean you must riot and throw stones - you will receive instructions and you must act on it". Ex. G. 441, p.5.

BOIKANYO (N.A.):

"Congress is a non-violent organization. Whatever we do we do by mouth and petition. Julle word nie gesê om die mense met klippe te gooi nie - julle word gesê julle moet net Congress join". Ex. G. 442 - p.1.

KHOMOHAKA (N.A.):

"Ons moet die waarheid praat. Al die nasies wat sonder oorlog geveg het is vry. Glo Jesus Christus het ook waargelyd gepraat en hy het ook swaar gekry". Ex. G. 442 - p.3.

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