

MEMORANDUM ON DOUGLAS NDABA - AFRICAN DETECTIVE.

A difficult and recalcitrant witness who is not prepared to make concessions unless forced to do so - see his replies under cross-examination to questions put concerning the theme of peace and racial harmony between black and white at pp. 1739-174(. (V.9).

The witness is also not always truthful: see 1). See his evidence when he says on two different occasions that he wrote down everything the speakers said, p.2453 (V.13) Meeting 67. and p.2439 (V.13). Meeting 98/2. but compare this with p.2780 (V.14).

In any event it is quite apparent that the witness is untruthful in this respect if one examines his notes. Meeting 4 lasted 2½ hrs. and was recorded on 2 pages of typescript and took 11 minutes to read in Court. (p.1742. V.9.)

Meeting 67 lasted 2½ hrs, and was recorded on 80 lines. (p.2435, V.13).

Meeting 98/2 lasted 3 hrs. and was recorded on 47 lines. (p. 2439, V.13).

Meeting 99 lasted 3½ hrs. and was recorded on + 100 lines.

2). See witness's evidence re leaving portions of paper blank and using both pen and pencil to record. (p. 2780-1, V.14).

3). See witness's evidence at pp.1737 & 8 (V.9.) as to his reason for tearing up his notes on 7/3/54 and compare this with his evidence at p.4935 (V.25) when he says that at the meeting reported on the

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latter page, i.e. a meeting prior to 7/3/54, viz. 24/1/54, he handed his notes in. Suspicious circumstances surround the occasional non-production of notes.

The witness is a poor reporter, illiterate and in many instances his notes are quite unintelligible - for examples see:

Ex. G. 109 (p.1,2,3, & 4).

p. 2630, 1 & 2, (V.14).

p. 2658~~7~~ & 8 (V.14).

p. 2659,60 & 61. (V.14).

Ex. G. 187, (p. 1,2, & 3).

p. 2763, (V.14).

Meeting No. 4
of 7/3/54:

See Kotana's reference to Mau-Mau in Kenya - it seems probable (I have no instructions as yet) that he was pointing out that after martial law had been declared the Kenya African Union was banned and that thereafter the Mau-Mau took over with the unhappy results known to all. He probably went on to state that similarly in S.A. as a result of unrest due to the legitimate complaints of the non-Europeans a similar state of affairs could develop here if care be not taken and the A.M.C. is destroyed - that already the Transvaaler was talking about Cheesa-Cheesa. It is obvious that a great deal has been omitted by Mbada from Kotane's speech and possibly he should be examined thereon.- after
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adequate instructions have been obtained from Kotane. See pp.1728 & 1742 (V.9).

Meeting No. 98/2
of 13/3/54.

Meeting was an anti-A.H.C. meeting as is apparent from the speeches and witness concedes this. (p. 2438, V.13).

Meeting No. 99
of 19/6/55.

See illiteracy of recording. Resha's speech at this meeting was quoted by Pirow (see Coaker's memo p. 22). It is by no means clear what they thought Resha was trying to express. witness should be cross-examined hereon as parts of this speech are reported in quite unintelligible manner and one doubts whether witness will be able to explain what he wrote. (see p. 2659 & 2660, V.14).

Meeting No.114
of 14/8/55

At this meeting a number of speakers are reported as having advocated violence, but such advocacy of violence is quite meaningless and out of context. The reporting of this meeting is particularly bad and the witness should be referred to those unintelligible portions contained in the speeches and asked to explain if he can. (see Ex. G. 187).

Meeting No.431
of 24/1/54

Ask what is meant by "we are not fighting white people because we don't want to stay with" (p. 4936, (V.25).

The notes to this meeting are also missing and only the report has been put in.

Meeting No.534
of 22/11/56

Identified voices of Tshabalala (77), and Shope (68) on the tape recorder played over to him by Sgt. Diedericks. (p.7371 V.37)
I do not think it is possible to identify voices on a tape recorder unless there is something peculiar or outstanding about the voice of a certain speaker. If anything turns on this the witness might be tested on his alleged ability so to identify voices.

re NON-VIOLENCE. ETC.

M.KOTANE
(16).

"We African people are prepared to stay in peace with the white people.
p. 1727 (V.9).

ELIZABETH
NODRKEWE

"God did not say here is a nation which will be above another....We don't say we want to be above the whites". p.2436 (V.13)

KUMALO (17)

"We are not fighting for any colour but for everybody". Ex. G. 171 (p.1.).

H.TSHABALALA
(77).

"The A.N.C. say we must live in peace in this country". p.2658. (V.14).

H. TYIKI (75).

"We must not hate the Dutch, we must teach them to stay in peace with us." Ex.G.187, (p.1.).

J.KUMALO (17)

"The African people will want march forward to freedom without bloodshed". p.4937 (V25)

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