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Phillip Kgosana, the young African, who left the march into Cape Town on March 30, told the Langa inquiry yesterday how he was arrested under the Emergency Regulations.

He said that on the afternoon after the "promise" made him by Col. Terblance, that he would be granted an interview with the Minister of Justice, he went to Caledon Square.

There he was told by the FD, the Minister was not interested in seeing him.

"He said a State of Emergency had been declared, and I was immediately arrested."

Another witness, Elliott Madwengshu, a PAC office-bearer, said when he tried to plead with the police before they broke up a meeting at Langa on March 21, he was told to "voertsek" and was struck by a baton.

He said he was asking the policeman for longer than three minutes to disperse.

Both Madwengshu and Kgosane said they had repeatedly emphasised that the campaign was to be carried out without violence.

Kgosana said he and other PAC leaders had gone round to various hospitals after the riots to find out how many casualties there had been. They also went to the police in Cape Town, where they learned for the first time that meetings had been banned in the Western Cape area that day.

Kgosana said he and other PAC leaders addressed other meetings at Nyanga East and West, and early on the morning of March 21, a meeting was held at the new flats at Langa with a view to marching to the police station to invite arrest for non-possession of passes.

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