

Mem. on Det. Const. STRYDOM.

his witness reported 4 meetings - all in longhand. He ^{is not very} ~~appears to be fairly~~ efficient as a reporter. He concedes that it is impossible to write down all that was said, (p. 2023, V.11), that his notes show numbers of omissions and incompleting sentences. His notes also indicate that in a number of instances that which he has written is unintelligible. (see pp. 2018, 19, 20, 21 (V.11).) even when recording a literate and educated speaker such as Mokwe.

Meeting No.23:

at p.2011,
(V.11).

At this meeting Resha (63) spoke on W.A. removal scheme. The Crown might endeavour to cite this speech as evidence of Resha's "double-talk" - no direct incitement to violence but nevertheless speech has an under-current from which an invitation to violent opposition may perhaps be inferred.

In course of his speech Resha says "we of the A.N.C. believe white and black can live happily together in this country". (p.2013, V.11). The speech, can, however, also be interpreted as being consistent with the oft expressed theme that A.N.C. anticipates that violence will be used against the Africans who fight against oppression and oppressive laws, that they should not be afraid, that they should passively allow violence so to be used and should be prepared to go to jail, but that/.

that in the end the people's resistance will triumph.

Meeting No.24:

at p. 2016, Resha (63) also addressed this meeting -
(V. 11). p.2021 (V.11). and here again one finds
evidence of what I have termed "double-talk".
(see p.2022, V.11).

Meeting No.434:

at p. 4981 This was a meeting of F.S.U. and attention
(V. 15). is directed to the recording thereof, when
regard is had to the manner in which the
witness was able to record other meetings -
the occasional unintelligible sentence, the
more frequent omissions and incompleting sen-
tences and the general imperfections thereof,
it seems difficult to believe that the re-
cording of this particular meeting is genuine
and not retouched. See particularly his
recording of L. Bernstein's speech.
This meeting was also addressed by Resha (63)
whose speech was referred to by Birow, (see
Coaker's memo., p. 53) on which I have nothing
to comment, but I think that the line taken
by Bernstein - whose speech was not referred
to by the Crown - is one which appears to be
dangerously close to being an advocacy of
communism. Bernstein should be precognized
in regard thereto.
I am instructed that Kathrada (18) is still in
possession of his written notes from which he
delivered his speech. These should be obtained

for the purpose of comparison with witness's transcript.

Meeting No. 517
at p. 7667,
(V.39).

Document found on table round which several people sitting and in front of Dr. Iress. Was identified by witness as having been taken from Dr. Iress - but in x-examination he admits that Press denied ownership. (see x-examination, p. 7668 (V.39).)

NON - VIOLENCE. ETC.

R.RESHA
(63).

"We of the A.N.C. believe that black and white can live happily together in this country". (p. 2013, V.11).

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