

--- Dit is korrek.

Watter tipe sak was die bruin sak? --- Dit was 'n dames handsak gewees.

GEEN VERDERE VRA.

GEEN HERONDERVRAGING.

ISAAK DANIEL DE VRIES; beëdig verklaar:

ONDERVRA DEUR AANELAAR: Mnr. de Vries u is verbonde aan die departement Staatsleer by die Randse Afrikaanse Universiteit, is dit korrek? --- Dit is korrek.

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Watter hoedanigheid? --- Ek is 'n lektor in die Staatsleer.

Mnr. de Vries wat is u kwalifikasie? --- Ek het 'n magistergraad, 'n meestersgraad in Staatsleer. Wat basies gehandel het oor rewolusionêre groepe in Suid-Wes Afrika in 'n sekere tydperk.

Mnr. de Vries, adjudant offisier Bezuidenhout het sekere items, die kledingstukke voor die hof aan u oorhandig asook 'n sekere publikasie. U is gevra om kommentaar daaroor te lewer en u is versoek om in te gaan op die aspek of daar 'n verband is tussen die items en die verbode organisasie die African National Congress. Is dit korrek? --- Dit is korrek, ja. Ek moet miskien net ter inleiding tot wie ek is byvoeg dat ek is nou vir 'n paar jaar besig om die rewolusionêre organisasies van Suid-Afrika by name die African National Congress die ANC, die PAC of die Pan African Congress en die Suid-Afrikaanse kommunistiese party die SAMP te bestudeer. Wil u hê ek moet dit nou maar aan die hof uitlees.

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DEUR DIE HOF: Ja, laat ons net, is dit die klere hierdie?

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--- Ja, op hierdie afstand lyk dit vir my na -.

/Kom .....

THE COURT RESUMES ON THE 14th NOVEMBER, 1978.

LAURENCE NTLOKOA: sworn states: (Through Interpreter)

EXAMINATION BY MR SKEWEYIYA: When were you born? -- In September 1957 the 20th.

And where were you born? -- In Munsieville Location, Krugersdorp.

Where did you go to school? -- At St Mary's Primary School and then I proceeded to Masupatsela Secondary School.

When did you proceed to Masupatsela School? -- I started at Masupatsela in 1974. (10)

Until which year and month did you attend school at Masupatsela? -- Until June, 1976.

And what did you do after - did you leave school after that? -- Yes, I then left school.

And did you then get employment? -- Yes, I did.

By who were you employed? -- The Catholic Bishops Conference of South Africa.

In what capacity? -- As a youth organiser.

And until when did you remain employed by the Bishops Conference? -- Until 2nd September, 1977. (20)

What happened on the 2nd September, 1977? -- I was detained under Section 6.

Until which date were you so detained? -- Until the 12th January, 1978.

And what happened on the 12th January, 1978? -- I was taken to court where I appeared before the Court charged with public violence and some other charges.

Which court was this? -- The Krugersdorp court.

And who were your co-accused in that case? -- Themba Mazibuko, Frank Chikane, Hilton. (30)

Makhaphela? -- Hilton Makhaphela, yes. The other Themba.

BY THE COURT: Who is the other Themba?

MR SKWEYIYA: Do you remember the surname? -- No, I do not remember the surname.

It is not our Themba, M'Lord. -- And two other people. We were altogether seven in all.

And what happened to you ultimately on the 12th January? -- We were granted bail of R200 each. The case was remanded to the 18th.

Of January, 1978? -- Yes.

Yes? -- The other six were taken by the police early (10) the morning of the 18th. We went into the court and the charges were withdrawn against five of my co-accused, this leaving me and Themba Mazibuko.

And thereafter were you remanded on a few occasions until you appeared in court on the 9th May, 1978? -- That is correct.

And on the 9th May, 1978 were you then sentenced? -- Yes, I was given a sentence of 2 years' imprisonment which was suspended for 5 years.

Did you then go back to work? -- I went back to work.

Until what date were you at work? -- From May I (20) worked until the 12th June which was the following month.

What happened on the 12th June? -- I was again detained under Section 6.

And were you so detained right through up to now? -- I was detained in terms of Section 6 until the 20th December - September. I was then transferred and detained in terms of Section 10 until this last Saturday. I was then served with a restriction order restricting me to the magistrate's district of Krugersdorp.

That is after being released on the 11th of this month? -- That is correct. (30)

And/...

And look at the back of the court. Do you know Mike Matsobane, accused No. 13 in this case? -- I do know him, yes.

When did you come to know him for the first time? -- I met him or rather saw him for the first time when he had come to a meeting at Masupatsela School.

And what was the purpose of this meeting or this visit to your school? -- He had come to introduced a movement, YACM, meaning Young African Christian Movement.

More or less when was this so far as you can recollect?

BY THE COURT: Well we know hen it was. You may lead him (10 on that. It was March, wasn't it?

MR SKWEYIYA: About March/April, is that correct? -- About March/April.

And was he alone when he came to your school? -- He was together with another man. I do not know what the second man's name is.

And were you at that meeting until it ended? -- Yes.

And where were you sitting in the hall? -- I was seated at the back of the hall.

How did that meeting end? (2

BY THE COURT: Is this the same meeting we have been hearing about?

MR SKWEYIYA: Yes, M'Lord.

BY THE COURT: It is the one in March?

MR SKWEYIYA: That is correct, M'Lord. -- This organisation, YACM, was introduced. We were told of its aims.

Yes? -- And then it was said those of the students who were interested in joining should come forward so that their names should be written on paper.

Did some students go forward to your knowledge? -- Yes, ( some went to join.

Do you know who they went to? -- One of the two, either Lathli or Themba.

— And what happened to you? -- I did not - I was not interested in joining so I left without giving my name to be written.

— Now, other than being present at this meeting when YACM was introduced at your school, did you have any other connection with YACM or YARM at all? -- No.

And do you know anything about its activities? -- I have none. (10)

— And do you know a person known as Zeph Mothopeng? -- Only the name but not the person.

BY THE COURT: You have not met him? -- Never.

MR SKWEIYA: When did you hear this name and where? -- I heard this name during my interrogation by the police.

I take it that by saying that you do not know of him, you have never attended any meeting with him at any time anywhere? -- Never.

Does the meeting where accused No. 13, Mike Matsobane, was, the only meeting which you attended where he was present? (20)

BY THE COURT: Do you mean at Masupatsela?

MR SKWEIYA: And anywhere else. -- This was at Tsoletsega Higher Primary School.

BY THE COURT: Is that on the 5th August?

MR SKWEIYA: Yes, M'Lord, 5th August. -- The 5th August, yes.

BY THE COURT: Were you at that meeting? -- That is correct.

Were you one of the representatives from Masupatsela? -- That is correct.

MR SKWEIYA: About how many were you of you who went from your school to Tsoletsega School? -- About ten. (30)

And how did you come to go to Tsoletsega School? -- All the delegates who left from Masupatsela were elected by the student body.

BY THE COURT: By the students at Masupatsela to go? -- Yes, the students at Masupatsela. I still remember who the person was who raised my name, who nominated me as a result of which I was elected.

MR SKWEYIYA: What was his name? -- Thomas Hobbs.

Now, if it were to be said that the people who went to Tsoletsega School as delegates from Masupatsela were (1) chosen by Themba, all of them, what would be your reaction to that? Themba Hlatswayo. -- I would say that is not true.

And at the meeting at Tsoletsega School was a person known as Sejanamane there? -- Yes, he was present.

And it is common cause that the students at that meeting voiced their grievances. Is that correct? -- It is correct.

And it is also common cause that the proceedings of that meeting were being noted by somebody there. -- That is correct.

Are you able to tell the Court what the name of that person is? -- A teacher at Tsholetsega School, his name (2) is Gwangwa.

What role did Sejanamane play at this meeting, if any? -- He introduced the meeting, by this I mean he was the first speaker.

Did he make introductory remarks in other words? -- That is correct.

Did Sejanamane at any stage say at that meeting that students must go on rioting? -- No, what I remember him saying is that he was sympathising with the students, but if he said such a thing I would be in a position to remember it because (3) it would have been a principal saying this.

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It is also common cause that certain students were elected to form an SRC at that meeting. -- This is correct.

Now we know of the people from your school who were elected into that SRC. Are you able to give us names of students from other schools who were elected into that SRC?

Yes, at St Peter's Primary School.

BY THE COURT: Wait a minute. Are we talking about the SRC that was elected at?

MR SKWEYIYA: Tsholetsega.

BY THE COURT: Who are the people? (10)

MR SKWEYIYA: I am asking about the people other than those from Masupatsela.

BY THE COURT: Can you just give me the names of the ones at Masupatsela? -- Themba (No. 15), Rodney.

MR SKWEYIYA: No. 17. -- Lathi.

No. 16. -- Felicia Sehume and Bonaventure Malaza.

BY THE COURT: Then the other ones now Mr Skweyiya wants.

MR SKWEYIYA: The others? -- I remember Aletta Suping.

From St Peters. -- From St Peters. And another male student from St Peters - sorry, another female student (20) from St Peters whose surname I do not know. Two from Tsholetsega, Mosai.

Do you know his first name? -- We used to call him Mzi.

Mzi Mosai, also known as Bruno? -- Bruno, that is correct.

Yes, who else was elected? -- A young student from Kagiso, he used to be a boxer and he was generally known as Apollo.

BY THE COURT: Was he also from Tsholetsega? -- Yes.

Apollo, a boxer. -- Yes.

Yes? -- From the Kagiso Junior Secondary School two: one, Mogorosi - I do not know the name of the other student. (30)

MR SKWEYIYA: It is also common cause that a parents' association committee/...

committee was formed and members were elected at that meeting.

-- That is so.

And it was called KAPA. -- Yes.

Are you able to remember some of the people who were elected into KAPA? -- Mrs Mogojoe, Mr Sejanamane, Bro Mike.

Is Bro Mike accused No. 13? -- No. 13 accused. And two others.

And how did this meeting end? -- Those who were elected remained and those of us who were not elected left the meeting and went to a different home. (10)

Other than seeing accused No. 13, Mike Matsobane, at the two meetings you have mentioned, namely the one at Masupatsela and the one at Tsholetsega, did you have occasion to be at a meeting with him anywhere at any time whatsoever? -- No.

Have you ever been to accused No. 13's house, Mike Matsobane? -- Never been there.

Never had any dealings with him whatsoever other than being with him at those two meetings you have mentioned? -- No.

Now, do you know a person known as Johnson Nyathi? -- (20) Not the person, but I have heard of his name.

BY THE COURT: You do not know him? -- I do not know him.

MR SKWEYIYA: Do you know Themba Hlatswayo? -- Yes, I do know him.

He was at the same school as you. Is that correct? -- That is correct.

Would you say that he was a friend of yours? -- I would say a colleague rather than a friend.

BY THE COURT: Was he in the same class as you? -- Not in the same class. He was in the senior classes. (30)

MR SKWEYIYA: Is there any organisation to which you belonged

both/...



both of you? Or any association? -- There was at school a debating team. Themba was a member of the debating team and I was also in the debating team and whenever we met there that is where I used to see him.

Other, than having dealings with him at school and seeing him at school as a colleague, did you have any dealings with him outside school? -- No, excepting when we happened to just meet in the street I would greet him.

And who were the other members of the debating team? -- In our class we had Bonaventure Malaza, Papuis Seroka, (10) Adam Kunupi. In the other classes we had Themba Mazibuko, Themba Hiatswayo, Rodney Tsoletsane, Jonas Letswalo. And there were others I do not remember. B.G. was also one, he was the chairman.

How did this debating team function? -- We had a teacher who was running this debating team. This teacher was chosen by the principal and other school authorities. He was the person who suggested topics or if we had to discuss a topic we had to consult him first before we could do anything.

Now, you also know Lathli, a person who is called (20) in this case Lathli, No. 16. -- Yes, I do know him.

Was he a friend of yours? -- No, I would say the same applies as to Themba. We used to meet in the debating.

What about accused No. 17, Rodney? -- The position is still the same.

Do you know Dan Matsobane, accused No. 18 in this case? -- I have known him only by sight, I have seen him in Kagiso. I know his name as well.

Other than seeing him at Kagiso, have you ever been at a meeting with him? -- No. (3)

Ever had any dealings with him whatsoever? -- I had

no dealings with him whatsoever.

It is also common cause that at some stage there was a meeting which I shall refer to as a SASM meeting behind the laboratories or classroom which was held at Masupatsela. Did you attend that meeting? -- I attended that meeting.

Are you able to tell the Court who the people are who attended that meeting? -- In our class I was there, Bonaventure, Adam Kunupi, Violet Ngenge, Martha Raikane and Papuis Seroka. Also present was Themba Hlatswayo, Lathli, B.G., Tshentsha. (10

Was accused No. 17 at this meeting, Rodney? -- He was there.

Now Felicia Sehume was your classmate. Is that right? -- That is correct.

Was she present at this meeting? -- No, she was not.

Violet was also your classmate? -- She was also my classmate.

So was Martha. -- Yes.

Now, what happened at this meeting which was held behind the classroom or laboratory? -- We did not have leadership in this school and the idea there was to form a body like SASM which is a national body so as to affiliate to the mother body. I understand that Themba and Lathli attended a meeting at the St Ansgars which was a SASM conference. (20

And was the idea at this meeting to introduce SASM at your school? -- The idea was, yes, to introduce SASM after what they called or referred to as the resolutions of SASM.

And was anything said about a constitution of SASM at that meeting? -- Yes, there was a discussion about the constitution. (30

Was it there produced at the meeting? -- It was produced,

yes.

And do you know what happened to this constitution after the end of the meeting? -- There was one copy of this constitution. It was there decided it should be handed to Papuis Seroka who would in turn circulate it amongst the students to read.

Was anything said at that meeting about SASM working hand in hand with YACM or YARM? -- No.

Was anything said about PAC at that meeting? -- No, we only spoke there about SASM. (10)

Was anything said about Mike Matsobane? -- No mention was made.

Now it is also common cause that Adam Kunupi was detained by police and then released and after his release he then found that there was a meeting in progress at Masupatsela. Do you know about that meeting? -- Yes, I am aware of it.

Who had organised this meeting? -- Our school was divided into three blocks. The former Students Representative Council occupied one block which we came to nickname 'The Hostel'.

By former are you referring to the SRC which was elected at Tsholetsega? -- That is so. (20)

Yes? -- The form 1, 2 and 3 students were in the other two blocks. That is we, the students of the classes I have just named, were not content about the SRC which was chosen which was elected at Tsholetsega.

Then you formed a new SRC. Is that correct? -- That is correct.

And I will refer to that as the rival SRC. Did this rival SRC have anything to do with this meeting which Adam found in progress? -- This meeting which Kunupi found in progress was called by the rival, the new SRC. (30)

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It is also common cause that Adam Kunupi made a certain report there. -- Yes, Adam told us that the police detained him for a few hours and released him and that during his detention he was asked by the police to work together with them and that he was not willing to do so.

What were the reasons for the formation of the new SRC? -- Firstly there were students arrested, about 87 students were arrested in Kagiso. The former SRC negotiated with the district magistrate and the police for the release of these students. It was said by the students that this kind of action is collaborating with the authorities, we wanted to do things our own way and another thing is whenever they have had these meetings with the authorities, they would not in turn come to report to the students and this was the only thing they did during their time. They were not prepared to take action and they could not give us reasons why no action was being taken. And another thing is that they did not want to have a link with the Soweto Students Representative Council

At this point we know that in the Bible there are Ten Commandments. Have you ever heard of an eleventh commandment? -- Yes, that is where I heard of the eleventh commandment at this meeting, that is where it was included.

How did it originate? -- Since we had this idea that these people, the SRC, were collaborating with the authorities, we decided this was not a good thing, it was a bad thing. That is how the 11th commandment came into being, reading as such: thou shall not collaborate with the oppressor.

And did you as the new SRC have several meetings of your own? -- Yes, we had.

And did you hold it at various venues? -- Yes, at various venues like for instance at St Peter's, one was held

just outside Kagiso in the bushes there and sometimes we would meet at school.

— Did Themba, Lathli or Rodney have anything to do with these meetings? -- Nothing to do with those meetings.

Who would you say was your close friend at school and outside school hours? -- Bonaventure Malaza and Adam Kunupi.

And did you share secrets and confide in each other? -- Yes, very much so.

And to your knowledge was Adam Kunupi a friend to Themba Hlatswayo? -- No, I would say the position between them (1) was the same as that existing between me and Themba because this person was a friend of mine.

During the time of your detention did you make contact with Adam Kunupi at all? -- Yes, we were in contact, we even passed messages.

In what form were these messages passed? -- Me, Bonaventure and Thabo Jonas were in the same section of the prison. He was alone in a different section, but we had a common courtyard and the same bathroom. That is we also used the bathroom and exercised in the same courtyard. This is (2) how we started communicating. One would write his message in the bathroom using the soap they gave us. If his time comes to wash, he would read the message given there, wipe it off and then write a reply and later we found the inside portion of a ballpen. What we did was we wrote with the inside of the ballpen on the toilet roll, fold this written toilet paper together with the inside of the ballpen, then hide it underneath the bath and then write on the wall that he should look for a letter there.

Can you think of any specific message which he passed (3) on to you people? -- We received these messages from him,

whenever it was for instance me who went first to wash I would read the message and then pass it over to the others. Amongst other messages we got from him was that he was being forced to give evidence, to be a State witness and that he was not willing to do so and that he had not been eating for three days; that a magistrate came to him to warn him that if he does not - if he goes on without eating he would be charged with trying to commit suicide.

Other than being in contact with Adam Kunupi in the way you have described, did you make contact with any other (10 detainees? -- As I said I used to talk to Thabo and Bonaventure practically every day.

And any other persons? -- After those left, Chris Sompondo and Valdez were brought into this section where they had left.

And then you had contact with them as well? -- Then I had contact with them as well.

Now you say that you are a close friend of Adam Kunupi. To your knowledge was he a member of YARM? -- Not to my knowledge.

And to your knowledge did he take part in the activities (20 of YARM or attend their meetings? -- The members of the new SRC never attended YARM meetings. In fact we thought the former SRC was just a way of furthering the aims and objects of YARM.

Had Adam Kunupi ever said anything to you about the possible introduction of a new body, organisation, at Masupatsela School before the meeting when YACHM was introduced at Masupatsela? -- No, he never mentioned it.

Had he ever tried to recruit you into a body to be formed? That is before the meeting at Masupatsela where YACHM was (30 introduced? -- No.

Have you ever attended a meeting behind the classroom or laboratory where you were present and Adam Kunupi was present, Bonaventure was present, William Motsumi was present, where Themba Hlatswayo used to have as his theme the oppression of the Black people? -- Excepting the SASM meeting which I have already made mention of, I did not attend any other meeting, excepting by meeting in the schoolyard greeting each other, we were not together in any other meeting.

In the same breath I take it that you could not have attended a meeting at which Themba said that the name of YACM had been changed to YARM? -- No. (10)

Did Adam Kunupi ever mention to you having been at Mike Matsobane's place where PAC was discussed or military training was discussed? -- He never mentioned it to me.

And before the uprisings in June, 1976 did Adam ever intimate to you that he had an idea that something was going to take place in the form of rioting? -- No, because the whole thing happened very spontaneously out at Kagiso. We had been reading of what was happening in Soweto up to the 16th and on the 17th a certain car bearing a TJ registration came into Kagiso which started the whole riot. (20)

Did you meet Adam Kunupi after the 16th June? -- Yes, I saw him on the 18th.

And on the 18th when you met him - the 18th June I take it - 1976, and when you met him, did he say anything to you about he having been involved in the uprising or destruction at Kagiso? -- No, he did not tell me any such thing.

Are you aware of any occasion when you and the other members of the new SRC referred Adam Kunupi to a man known as Dr Khoza? -- Doctor was at the junior secondary school. (30)

BY THE COURT: Who?

MR/...

MR SKWEYIYA: Dr Khoza. -- Dr Khoza was at the junior secondary school and at one time we wanted to hold a general meeting with the junior secondary school and the people at the junior secondary school rejected us to an extent where force was used in rejecting us. The principal there even went to the extent of calling the police and we resolved that we shall not in future have anything to do with those people. The same thing applies to Dr Khoza.

M'Lord, the question in relation to Doctor is at page 1 300, Volume 28. The part where Adam Kunupi said from (1) line 1 to 3 that he had a discussion with members of the new SRC and told them that he must leave the country and they, the members of the new SRC, referred him to Dr Khoza. Do you know anything about that? -- No.

CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR WILSON: I would like accused No. 1 to stand up, M'Lord. This is Zeph Mothopeng. Do you know that man? -- I see him now.

Did you know him before? -- Never.

CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR PITMAN: Felicia Sehume gave evidence in this court. She said that you were present at Mike (2) Matsobane's house at a meeting when B.G. Manamela spoke and said he was going for military training. What do you say about that? -- That is a lie. I have never been to Mike's place.

In fact he said this was about March or April, 1976. -- I did not even know Bro Mike at that time.

Have you ever in fact been at any meeting with Felicia Sehume where PAC and military training were discussed? -- Not.

Papuis Seroka, you know him? -- Yes.

He gave evidence. He said you were at a meeting with (3) him at Mike Matsobane's house and he said that the possibility



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of young people skipping the country for military training was discussed and it was said there that the aim of YACM was to revive PAC. -- I was never at any such meeting.

Did Adam Kunupi ever tell you that YACM had shown some of the people in Kagiso there how to make petrol bombs? -- He never mentioned it to me.

Have you mentioned - I cannot remember - have you mentioned a person called Churchill in your evidence? -- Churchill, yes, he was elected to the executive of the new SRC. (10

Is he a person who is Churchill Luvuno? -- I know him as Churchill Booi.

And it was Churchill Booi you say who was elected to the executive of the new SRC? -- Yes.

And he was one of the people - you were also on the new SRC? -- I was in a way an adviser, but not in the executive committee.

The new SRC was critical of the old SRC? -- Very much, yes. And was one of their criticisms the fact that the old SRC was too religious a body too closely allied to YACM? (2 -- Yes, and that was one of the reasons given for their being inactive.

THE COURT ADJOURNS FOR LUNCH.

THE COURT RESUMES AT 14h00.

CHURCHILL LUVUNO: sworn states: (Through Interpreter)

EXAMINATION BY MR PITMAN: What is your age? -- I am 22.

Now let us just get one thing clear. Is your name Churchill Booi or not? -- My right surname is Luvuno, this Booi is my mother's surname. I am also known as Churchill Booi.

And just for purposes of identification, are you the

person/...

person who was elected or put onto the new SRC in Kagiso? --  
I am the person.

Do you know Adam Kunupi? -- I do know him.

Have you ever been a member of YACM or YARM? -- No.

Do you know a person called Mike Matsobane? -- Yes, only  
by sight.

Now, were you at school in 1976 at Masupatsela? -- That  
is correct.

And when did you stop going to that school? -- I left in  
1976. (10

Was that in the middle of the year? -- In the middle of  
the year.

And did you get employment after that? -- I was employed  
in 1977, I got employment in 1977.

Are you employed at present? -- I am still employed.

How did it come about that you were elected onto the new  
SRC? -- The students were against the SRC where Themba  
Hlatswayo was a member.

Why were they against it? -- They were against this SRC  
because they, the SRC, wanted the students to get back (20  
to school whereas the school children wanted to go on boycotting  
and another reason was that this SRC was inclined to work in  
accordance with the .. (inaudible) .. and another thing is  
the students wanted to have a link with those students in  
Soweto.

That is the students who elected the new SRC wanted that  
link with Soweto? -- That is correct.

Now Adam Kunupi you say you knew? -- Yes.

Did you also know Papuis Seroka? -- Yes, I know him.

Were they both on the new SRC with you? -- That is so. (30

And did your new SRC use to have meetings from time to  
time/

time? -- We met at school whenever we met as a whole student body.

And I think it is common cause that your new SRC wanted more action than the old SRC was prepared to give you. -- That is so.

Now did Kunupi or Seroka ever give you the impression that they thought or knew that YACM or YARM was involved in planning the riots in Kagiso? -- No, what they told us is that they were against YARM and that this SRC where Themba was a member, that is the old SRC, frequented the town, they (10) went there to have consultations with the magistrate and some authorities which things they were against.

Now, Kunupi gave evidence in this court and he said that you were at a meeting behind the classrooms or behind the laboratory. Let me just make it clear, at a meeting where SASM was discussed. -- There was some mention of introducing SASM at school. Questions were posed such as is it not political and it was subsequently not accepted. Nothing went.

Were you ever present at any meeting behind the laboratories or behind the school classrooms where that was (20) discussed? -- No, I was in a meeting that was held inside the classroom, where all the students had been invited.

Were you ever at a meeting at the house of accused No. 13, Mike Matsobane? -- No.

CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR WILSON: No questions.

CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR SAAMAN: No questions.

CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR SKWEYIYA: No questions.

THE COURT ADJOURNS.

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THE COURT RESUMES ON THE 15th NOVEMBER, 1978.

LAURENCE NTLOKOA: still under oath:

CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR ACKERMANN: You told us yesterday that you had left Masupatsela School in June, 1976. -- Yes.

Did you then take up employment with the Bishops Conference? -- Yes, that is so.

BY THE COURT: Straight away? -- In November.

MR ACKERMANN: I would like you to explain that despite your departure from Masupatsela School in June, 1976, that you were appointed to the Masupatsela delegation to the meeting on (10 the 5th August, 1976. -- After the disturbances in June, there were no classes being conducted. What I meant is I was not studying at Masupatsela though I was still a student. My reference book was still endorsed as such.

Your evidence was yesterday that you left Masupatsela School in June, 1976. The clear implication is that you did not have anything to do with Masupatsela after you had departed from Masupatsela in June, 1976. -- No, that is not what I said.

What did you say? -- I said I left school in Masupatsela in June but this did not mean that I did not attend school (20 in Masupatsela.

BY THE COURT: But this does not mean? -- That I was not attending school at Masupatsela.

MR PITMAN: M'Lord, the note my Learned Friend has is his evidence was: I attended school until June, 1976. I left school after that.

BY THE COURT: Let me get some clarity. What do you mean? -- This means studying at this Masupatsela School ended in June. That is as far as - I last studied in June at Masupatsela. From June until August I was not going to school at Masupatsela any more. (3

Just a moment. From June until August I was not going to school at Masupatsela at all? -- I was not studying there.

Well, don't let us have any semantic quibbles. Did you go to the school from June to August? -- There is a difference between going to school at Masupatsela and studying at Masupatsela.

Well that is why I say I am not going to argue about that at the moment. I want to know what you did. -- I used to go to school from time to time but not study, until the day this meeting was called. I then attended the meeting (10) at school.

What meeting? -- Where the delegation of Masupatsela was to represent Masupatsela at Tsholetsega I was chosen.

MR ACKERMANN: So you merely stayed on at Masupatsela although you were not studying at that time, that is after August, 1976?

BY THE COURT: No, after June.

MR ACKERMANN: M'Lord, there were no classes from June until August when the schools reopened. -- Yes, that is so.

Despite the fact that the school was reopened in the beginning of August, 1976? -- That is so. (20)

When did you first form the intention to leave Masupatsela? -- In November.

So when the schools reopened in August, 1976 you still wanted to have your schooling at Masupatsela? -- I had not made up my mind whether to leave school or to go back to Masupatsela. I was still registered there and it was only in November that I went there to get a cancellation.

BY THE COURT: I want to get clarity. On the 1st August when the schools reopened, did you go back to classes? -- No, I did not. I went to the meeting. (30)

I do not want to know about the meeting. Did you go back

to classes? -- I would say I went into the class because the meeting was held in this class.

Did you go back to study in August? -- No.

In September? -- I did not.

October? -- No.

November? -- I did not.

MR ACKERMANN: But you did visit the school grounds. -- Yes, even entered the classes I did, though I did not study.

BY THE COURT: What do you mean by that? -- When I used to go into the classes during free periods just to have a discussion with the students. (1)

MR ACKERMANN: What type of discussions? -- General discussion

Did you go back to that school or did you go to the class rooms in order to participate in student politics? -- Well, since I was a student, I was interested in student politics.

You did participate in student politics, because you became a member and/or adviser of the new SRC. -- Yes, it is s

So instead of going back to Masupatsela for education, you went back there for student politics. -- Yes, I agree.

Why? -- I was a student at the time. (2)

BY THE COURT: Did you classify yourself as a student when you did not do any studying? Is that what you want me to believe? -- I was waiting for this Afrikaans issue to be resolved before one could study.

MR SKWEYIYA: Sorry, M'Lord, the witness had said something in the vernacular before Your Lordship intervened that was not interpreted. -- (I have been waiting for Your Lordship to finish writing.)

BY THE COURT: Yes. -- I was waiting for this Afrikaans issue to be resolved before I went to school. All the students were at the time dissatisfied about Bantu Education,

and the use of Afrikaans. I wanted this Afrikaans issue to be resolved for us not to study Afrikaans even in the future.

MR ACKERMANN: Why did you leave school in November, 1976? --

I realised that this thing was not being solved, that there was no solution to this thing. I decided to leave school and took up employment but I was studying privately.

Did you want to try and solve this Afrikaans issue by means of your participation in the activities of the new SRC?

-- That is correct.

In other words your participation in student politics. (1)

-- That is so.

-- So the only reason for staying on after the reopening of the schools in August, 1976 was to try and solve this Afrikaans issue. -- That is so.

By means of activities with the new SRC. -- Yes.

Not to study in the meantime. -- Yes.

You told us that you once schooled at St Mary's. -- That is so.

And that you are now with the Bishops Conference. -- That is so. (2)

Are you upholding .. -- If I may correct this, I am not presently employed. I had been employed up to the time of my detention but since my release I have not gone back.

But nevertheless you took up such employment in November, 1976 with the Bishops Conference. -- That is so.

Are you a Christian? -- I am a Christian.

Have you always been a Christian? -- Yes, all along I have been a Christian.

A very strong believer? -- Yes, I am a strong believer.

And you always tried to uphold Christian beliefs. -- (3)

Yes.

Since the time when you studied at St Mary's. -- Since then, yes.

Now, you also told us that you attended this introductory meeting of Young African Christian Movement in your school hall round about March, 1976. -- Yes.

And you never joined that organisation. -- I did not.

Why not? -- I was then the regional president of an organisation known as Young Christian Students of the Catholic Church and had a lot of commitments, thus I did not want to commit myself with the Young African Christian Movement. (10)

We go over on to another aspect, that is the meeting at Tsholetsega on the 5th August, 1976. Do you remember that meeting? -- I remember that meeting.

Can you remember whether anybody was co-opted onto the executive committee of the parents' association? -- Co-opted in what way?

That at first the executive committee of the parents' association was elected. Thereafter were any other people co-opted to help that executive committee, to assist them? -- I remember such a thing being discussed there, but I do not (20) remember who was co-opted at that meeting.

Was somebody co-opted? -- Yes, there was.

Though you cannot remember the names. -- I do not remember their names.

Evidence was given here by Mr Sejanamane that accused No. 14, Johnson Nyathi, that he was co-opted on that occasion. Are you able to dispute that? -- I have already said I do not know who the names - the person was, I cannot remember. I can as such not dispute that he was a person co-opted.

Then you went on to tell us about the debating team (3) you had at your school, that is Masupatsela. -- Yes, I did.



When did you first start with the activities of this debating team? -- When I was doing form 2, this was in 1975.

Was it in the latter half of 1975 or the first half? -- I joined late in 1975. This was because except the joint school debating team, the form 3's had different debating teams which used to hold competitions amongst each other and we were invited to these competitions.

And were the activities of this debating team ever discontinued while you were at Masupatsela? -- Yes, this came to an end when the school stopped functioning in 1976. (1)

By that do you mean June, 1976? -- In June.

You also told us that B.G. Manamela and Themba Hlatswayo, accused No. 15, that they played a role in this debating organisation or team. -- Yes.

Now what did you discuss in this debating team? -- We used to have different kinds of topics which were chosen by the teacher I have already mentioned who was the master of the debating team. We used to debate about social things, education, economics, politics. By saying politics, I mean if such a topic has been chosen by the teacher, we take what is called a historical background and discuss things. (2)

Is that what you mean by the term politics? -- Yes, politics in the debating team.

You never attended to contemporary politics? -- No.

Why not? Weren't you interested in it? -- The aim of this debating association was to compete with other schools and to promote the language amongst the students and not to promote politics.

Why are you so scared of the topic politics? There is nothing wrong about discussing that. -- I do not want there to be any implication that this implies something. That is w

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