

MEMORANDUM ON NAT/DET/CONST - MAHANYANA.

A dogmatic and not truthful witness who, because of his false identification of Kotane, see below meeting No. 546 - should be x-examined and exposed. This should not be difficult - see notes on meetings reported by witness. His notes do not appear to contain anything of importance other than perhaps the note referring to meeting No. 144/2.

Meeting No. 66:

p. 2430 (V.13). Very brief and scanty report of meeting which Ex. G.107. lasted 3 hrs. and was reported on 1½ pages of typewritten script. Witness hands in report and says his notes were destroyed. date 1/6/55.

Witness says that up until end of 1956 he always destroyed his notes. It was then that instructions were given by Sgt. van Wyk that notes should be kept. p. 2432 (V.13). but see p. 8071 and 8074 (V.41), "told to keep notes in 1955".

Although the report only occupies 1½ pages, witness insists that what he recorded is all that was said by the speakers in the course of a 3 hr. meeting. pp. 2433 & 4, (V.13).

Meeting No. 144/2:

This meeting was held on 22/7/56, but nevertheless witness's notes have been preserved. (see above on meeting 66). At this meeting Mr. Tabuli (N.A.) is recorded as having said, "They say the A.N.C. has got no guns, there are times when force will be applied, how will they defend themselves".

See Ex. G. 252 p2.

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It is clear however, that in the context the speaker was pointing out that force would be applied against the Africans as they have no guns. She asks, "how would they defend themselves?" See the last 4 lines of her speech which clarify and explain the above statement.

Meeting No. 516:

p. 6353 (V.32).

Ex.G. 947. Meeting lasted 3½ hrs. and is reported on 3 pages.

Meeting No. 546:

p. 8058. (V.41).

Ex.G.1198 & 1199. The witness states that M. Kotane (16) spoke at this meeting. This is denied by Kotane and I have no doubt but that Kotane's denial is the truth and that the witness has made a mistake. He has spelled Kotane's name KATANA and it was probably Kathrada who spoke. Witness says the speaker was introduced to the meeting as Kotana and that is why he wrote it that way. It is improbable that witness knew Kotane in 1954, and it would appear that after the meeting when witness came to compile his report he probably mistook when he had written as Kathrada or something to that effect for Kotane and put the words Kotane in his report.

This was a meeting of Colonial Youth- not the sort of meeting Kotane would be asked to address, but eminently a meeting at which Kathrada would make a speech. for x-examination see pp.8070 -4 (V41)

It was suggested in x-examination that the report 1198 was not drawn up by the witness but by someone else. p. 8071 (V.41). If one compares the

language in the report with that used in his notes, Ex. G. 252, the suggestion seems to have some substance.

NON- VIOLENCE. ETC.

MRS. TABULI (N.A.):

"The A.N.C. has not got guns, but Swart has got 2000 police to torment poor Africans. Africans I want no further question about guns if you are weak for a fair fight. You must use your plane. Africa will be free without blood being shed".
Ex. G. 252. p.2.

L. NGUYI (52).

"In 1906 the Govt. said to Indians everybody comes to this country must carry a pass. Ghandi went to each and every house telling Indian wives to go to Pretoria.....Africans let us go to Pretoria in all. " Ex. G. 252. p.2.

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