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NOTES (Mthemba)

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EXAMINATION
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A SPICER PRODUCT

June 61 - 2 meetings - some decision at both meetings.
Towards end of 1961 D. Con. - Report on disabilities of formation & liaison
with existing groups.

Police Committees

Also Special acts by other groups.

HK Announced its existence on 16.12.61

BUT developing beyond

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- 1) Old plan - 1961 30 May.
 - 2) No prints.
 - 3) No effort to destroy plan.

Abel Mthembu

1. A member of the ANC since 1954.
2. He attended 'All-in' Conference at Marburg in 1961
3. How does he know National Executive of ANC decided to carry on with activities after banning. He does not know whether decision carried out because he was in Basutoland from August 1961 until January 1963
4. After his return he met Modise who was a member of the ANC and of the Youth League. Modise told him that MK had been formed and that it was working with ANC. MK had organised sabotage. The custody of ANC had turned to violence because he knew that its previous policy had been non-violent. He was told that "hugger-ups" would explain. He was then taken by Modise to Ruwona where he met Slovo, a Sison. Slovo told him that MK was a Chief of the ANC. It was to carry out sabotage and had to take care that people would not be killed or injured. The decision had been taken by the executive of the ANC in consultation with the Consultative Committee of the Congress Alliance. Mithembu was also in agreement. The struggle was in the second stage which consisted of sabotage without loss of life
5. He was appointed to RC which consisted of Hodgson (Chairman), Frensco, and Aled No 9. He was to be recruiting officer. RC was to control sabotage groups. Modise and No 2 were present at this discussion but he cannot remember what they said
6. NB Subsequently he was taken to Ruwona by Modise where to found Hodgson (who was alone). Hodgson confirmed what Slovo had said — he was to be recruiting officer. No 9 Technical Committee. Hodgson Chairman. No questions were to be asked and secrecy was to be maintained.
7. Next meeting was at 23 Empire Road. Just he and Hodgson. Hodgson said that the groups in Location were under No 9, and the groups in the

under him. 3 groups equals a platoon. He was then instructed how to make black powder. He was told that Hodgson was the contact with the High Command, but he was NOT told where was on the High Command or where it operated from. He was told that further tuition would be given to him by No. 9.

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8. Next meeting was at 23 Empire Road. At this meeting No 9 and No 10 were present. He was introduced to No. 10 as transport officer. Negotiations were asked about this.

9. Next meeting was in new area. No 9 had a scooter. Discussed targets, and committee agreed to various acts.

10. No 9 lived at White City & worked for Dr. Mashloane.

11. Next meeting was in "unknown" house. No 9 said old synagogue had been a technical mistake. Hodgson also reported. Only success was No. 174. Decided that No. 9 had to make a test to see if nationals in order. (Mashloane)

12. Next meeting (last attended by him) he was told by Hodgson to take a message to Ruwona (Hodgson put under house arrest)

13. He went alone to Ruwona. Found No 2 No. 4. No. 5 and Wilton Makuai. No 4 told him he had to meet people at Germiston who were coming from Durban. 3 groups due on 4th 11th & 18th (He thinks May). He went, but did not find them on all these occasions. He did NOT go to No 4 to inform him. (language used)

14. Before he went to Germiston he met Bruno. He was told by No 10 that a SACTO man had come from Durban, Han told us that we could enquire about him from Hodgson. Agreed that No 10 would find out about Bruno. He was told it was all right, but did NOT know what was done

① Deals of sabotage training etc. do not work out.

② Deals of House Arrest.

15. He subsequently saw Bruno at Jeri. His invitation to the party was from No. 2.

16. On Saturday or Sunday Solero told him that Bruno wanted to meet High Command. Told Solero to investigate first. Then in first week he ~~took~~^{took} him to Revonia. Saw rows 4.5 or 5.000. He spoke to No. 4 - he asked, was Bruno alone. Said, Come back tomorrow.

17. On the next day he looked for No. 10. Could not find him. Borrowed car belonging to Domingo Barandas of Sanani to drive. Went with Bruno to Revonia. Nos 2 4 5 or 6000 there. He introduced Bruno. Somebody asked who is other man. He does not remember when he then went back to car. No. 4 told him duty for recruits had been changed.

18. Saw Bruno next week with recruit. Bruno asked for money. Said No. 4 would reimburse him. He gave the money - R10.

19. Does not know anybody in Court other than those he saw at Revonia. Knows false names of accused.

20. Arrested - released on 24 June - then arrested again. Made statement on 23rd October.

21. He went to Revonia when Bruno asked for H.C. because he knew that H.C. was there.

22. He recruited one person who recruited others. He introduced this person to No. 10 before he left.

Blue-gray powder is mixture of Iron Oxide & Aluminium.



METHODS:

BRAND

Petrol Bomb:

- (i) Petrol tin (1 gal). Fill up to halfway with petrol. Plastic tube 1" diameter + 2" long. Close up one end. In closed up end of tube put $\frac{1}{2}$ " mixture of pot. perm. and Al. powder (in equal parts). On top of that a layer of pot. perm. cover that with tissue paper. Put sea sand on top. Ignite at scene by allowing glycerine to seep through sand onto the mixture.

{ Plastic tube must be transparent so that level of sand can be seen }.

Different principle to that described by Craygen.

Detonator same as that described by Craygen just Thermite bomb.

Pry Charge

- (ii) Mixture of 5 parts Iron Oxide to 1 part Aluminium. Detonated by same method as described in 1.

Ken is (Brand).

Petrol Bottle

- (iii) Fill an ordinary bottle with petrol.

Soak a rag in petrol. Tie rag round neck of bottle. Cork bottle. Light rag at scene and throw the bottle.

Dynamite Gelignite Cordtex

- (iv) Dynamite $7\frac{1}{2}$ " long, diameter 1"
Gelignite $4\frac{1}{2}$ " long
Cordtex used to connect dynamite charges
To store dynamite like 4 gal tin. Put dynamite inside. Seal top to keep water out.
Bury this at least 6" below surface.

Burns

- ~~72~~ Coloured Affairs - Petrol Bomb - NOT successful - NOT listed
13 Bank of Aden. Offices, Durban. (Dry charge with iron oxide & aluminium).
74 Cut signal wires at Hammersdale
75 Petrol Bomb in Security Branch
76 Petrol Bomb put on train.
77 Petrol Bomb at Bank of Aden Offices.
89 Dynamite with Safety Fuse & detonator - Pylon (Safety Fuse ignited by tin detonator)
90 " "
91 " "
120 Dynamite
122 Dynamite
123 Dynamite
133 Pipe bomb in post box
134 Pipe bomb on electric signal cable.
135 Railway line attacked with dynamite
137 Pipe bomb in Beta Shoe Co. Offices
139 Dynamite on rick-hold.
147 Pipe bomb in Jordana's room at McCord.
146 'Nataler' attacked with dynamite
154 Pipe bomb in beer hall.
175 (No details)
176 Railway line hit with dynamite near Beza Station
181 Goods train hit with Molotov Cocktail

Dry Charge

(v) ~~Dry Charge~~ Contents in are equal parts of pot. perm. pot Chlor. Flowers of sulphur (or icing sugar). Detonated by capsule of sulphuric acid

Electric Detonator

(vi) Break borax globe. Attach hoovers to battery.

Molotov Cocktail

(vii) Use detonator mixture in one bottle. Sulphuric Acid in another. ^{Amica} Put small bottles to B's bottle of petrol by way of elastoplast. When bottles hit object they break, ignite & cause flame.

Different principle to that described by Crangwynne.

Pipe Bomb

(viii) Same detonator mixture. Enclose it in pipe. Plug end of pipe. Ignited by Sulphuric Acid capsule.

Same principle as pipe bomb on T. 2.

Hand Grenade

(ix) Equal parts of Pot. perm and Al. powder. Put layer of Pot. perm on top. Put glycerine in a plunger. Plunger kept in position by spike. Pull out spike, push down plunger & throw.

Not the same as grenade on T. 2.

B/Powder

Sulphate, Charcoal & Flowers of Sulphur.

$7\frac{1}{2} : 4\frac{1}{2} : 1\frac{1}{2}$

Transverse:

- 167 Derailment: One rail loosened.
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84. Explosion No debris. Assumes sagging jux otherwise wires would have been found.
- 159 Explosion Dynamic. Two lengths of sagging jux. Blasting cartridges & cap jux
- 168 Explosion Dynamic. Two cap jux. Cages NOT connected
- 169 Alt. Explosion 6 Cages of Blasting cartridges. Two cap jux & cord box.
- 174 Alt Explosion Blasting cartridges. Two cap jux.

CAPE:

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Petrol bomb. Broken bottle. Cotton wool in opening. Cotton wool round side. Under necks facing upwards. Smell of benzene on outside cotton wool. Strong smell of petrol in bottle.

83 No details

100 Cable seen off next to pole.

105 } Strong smell of petrol. No cause established

106 }

108 No details

116 Explosion. Pieces of tin found at scene.

121 Cable seen off

81 Petrol Bomb Broken bottle. Strong smell of petrol. Cotton wool on top smell of petrol. 4 necks facing up. Cotton wool on outside > smell of benzene.

109 Cable seen off

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