

MEMORANDUM ON P.J. VAN HEERDEN, DET/CONST.

(93).

Witness appears to report intelligently and intelligibly but candidly admits that he probably does not record more than 5½ of what is said at meetings. p. 5124 (V.26)

Witness does not appear to testify to anything of importance. The meetings which he reports are all meetings of the S.A. Peace Council where the usual, oft-repeated "line" was put forward.

Meeting No. 166:

p.3167, (16). This is the meeting testified to by B. Nyimbana (70), in regard to which he was x-examined on his notes which read that Dr. Press arrived at 2.30 p.m. and when it was suggested that he could not have been in the hall and at the meeting all the time if he saw Dr. Press arrive at that time, inasmuch as the meeting started at 2 p.m. according to Van Heerden.

Put to van Heerden, pp.3172,3,6, in x-examination.

Meeting No. 441:

p. 5055. (V.26).
Ex. G. 710. A meeting of the Peace Council. Witness reports the speeches both in English and in Afrikaans - it is clear he made no attempt to report the words actually used by the speakers.

Interestingly, R. Press (60) is reported as having urged the establishment of cultural and

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sporting relationships between S.A. and USSR,
and the need to send, inter alia, football teams
from S.A. to USSR. A Bisley team is leaving
S.A. in the near future, with Govt.
approval, for the U.S.S.R !

NON - VIOLENCE. ETC.

KATIRADA: (18).

"We don't believe in war - we are not
barbarians like Malan. Peace is close to the
National Liberation movement".

Ex. G. 724. p.1.

"All over Africa the National Liberation
Movement is growing. When we fight malan
we fight for peace". Ex. G. 724. p.2.

(The above was said at meeting of the
Peace Council).

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