

MEMORANDUM ON NAT/DET/SGT - MOKOENA.

A very poor reporter, uneducated, says he passed Std. 8 ! whose English is appalling. He concedes that he is not competent to report in English, p. 2397 (V.12) and it is clear that a great deal of what he has written is unintelligible gibberish. See Ex. G. 103 for examples, see also x-examination p. 2397 to 2400 (V.12). and see also p. 2938 to 3842 (V.15). He concedes also that he may be "mistaken about a lot of what he wrote down" p. 2400 (V.12). and naively states that if two people attend the same meeting their notes will not correspond. p. 2400 (V.12).

He concedes that it was the policy of speakers in A.N.C. platforms to repudiate the use of force and violence and to preach racial harmony - unfortunately he was pressed too far in x-examination and later said some repudiate violence and some urge it. p. 2402. (V.13).

An indication of the unreliability of this witness and of reporters generally of his type, is to be found on pp. 2735 to 7 (V.14-) where certain extracts from the notes of A. Sategha who attended the same meeting were put to him and his attention was drawn to the discrepancies appearing in his report and that of Sategha. The witness also contradicted the latter as to the language in which Sotho would be interpreted and the alleged request made by a detective for a special interpreter. p. 2785 (V.14), and cf. with p. 2777 (V.14).

See also the comparison between witness's notes on Dr. Solanki's speech at meeting 498 at Coetzee's shorthand notes thereof. p. 5723 & 5724, (V.29).

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By Ex. G. 191
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FOR NON-VIOLENCE. ETC.

NYAKALA (N...)

"We are not against these Europeans but we want equal rights and free peaceful". G. 194, p.2.

A. MAHLANGU (24).

"....we are not against these white people but we want they must join our freedom charter".

Ex. G. 207. p.2.

"In 1922 the Dutch were shot by Emute because they were struggling for better wages. to-day they are getting better wages - as we are also going to do the same thing but in other ways not like these Dutch people. when we take over we are not going to purchase these white people away..." Ex.G.847. p.4.

F. ADAMS (1).

"The Govt. is fighting so I think we must stand here and boycott everything and one day we shall take the F. Charter as a constitution of Africa and everybody will have right to go to Parliament".

Ex. G. 847. p.2. .

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