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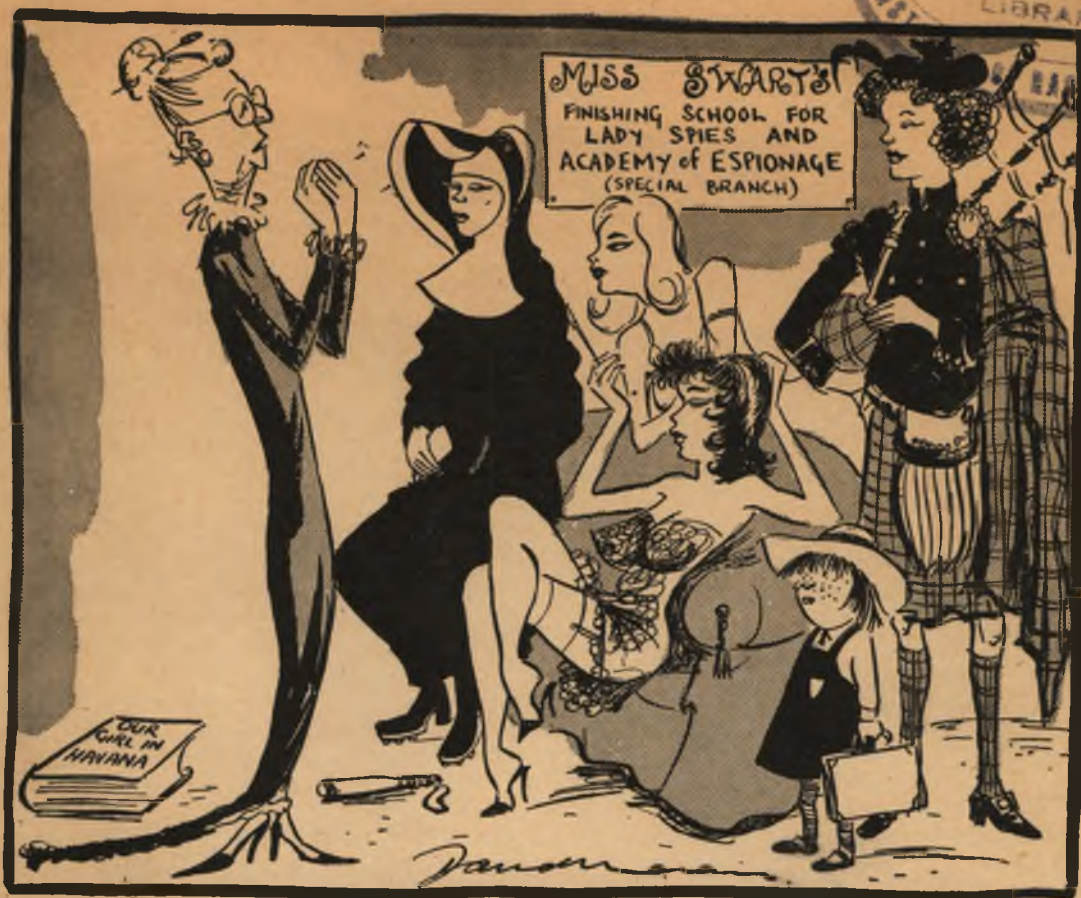
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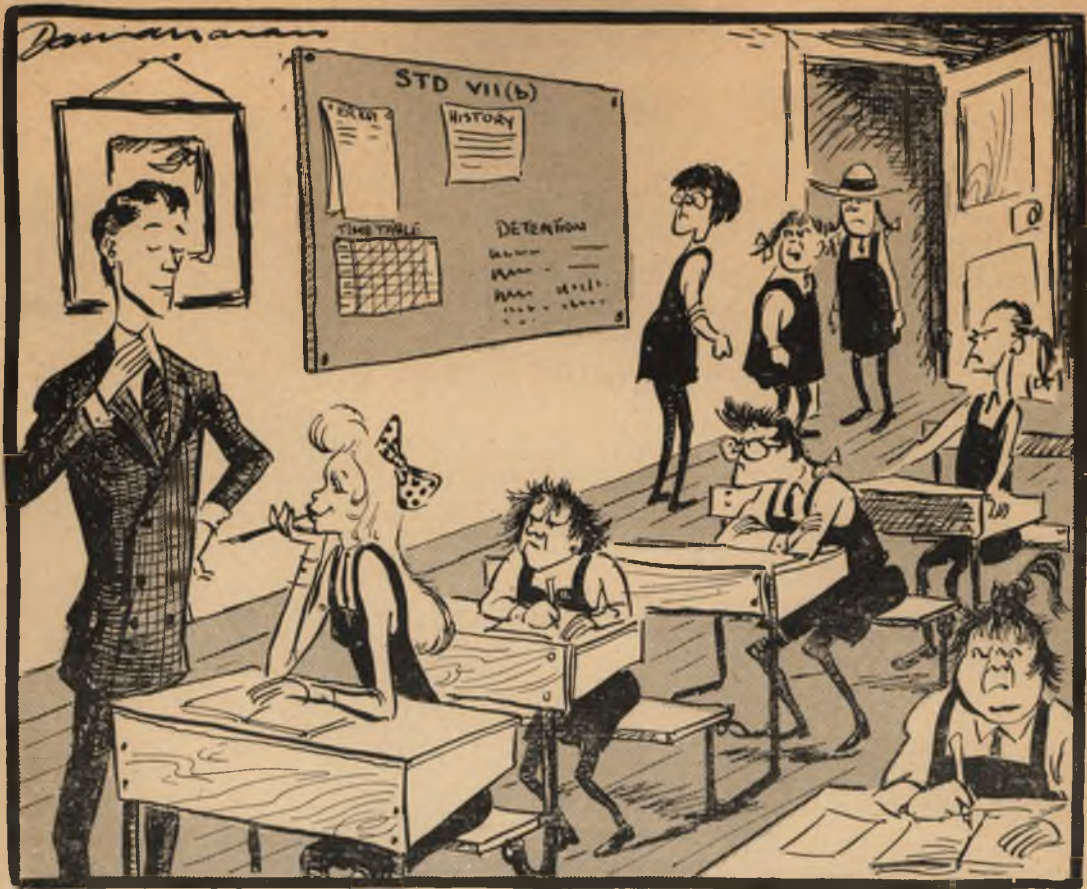
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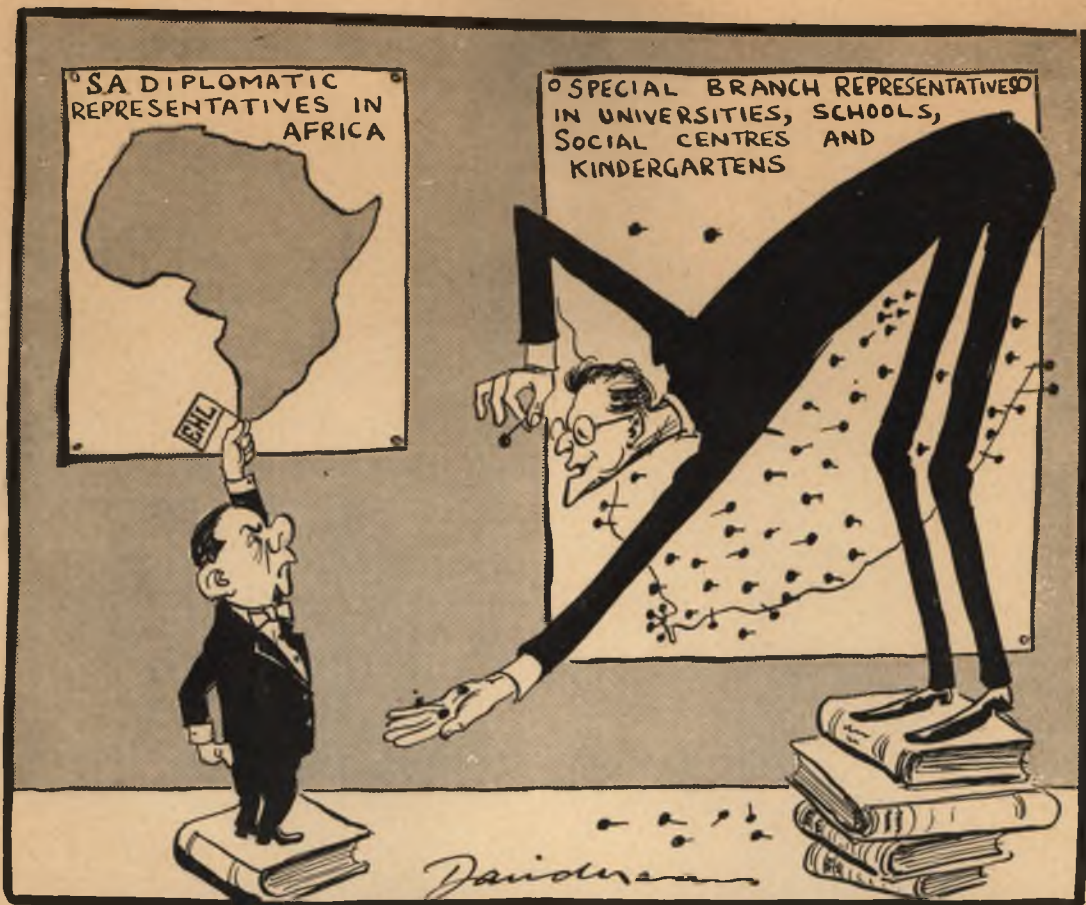
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"Hi, Professor! I am new official Special Branch spy. Wh ere's the university?"



"Short-staffed, Eric? Have some of mine . . . blonde, red-head or brunette?"



SUPPLEMENT ON POLICE ESPIONAGE AT WITS UNIVERSITY

The "Sunday Times" (15.2.59) reported that an attractive girl student of the Univ. of Witwatersrand who, for the past two years had been acting as a police spy, had been caught during the previous week.

The spy, who had just completed her degree, admitted that she (1) reported to the police about the National Union of S.A. Students Congress in Grahamstown last July; (2) took notes on speakers at meetings at the Univ. of Witwatersrand and reported to the police the names of those who attended; (3) watched for signs of "trouble" and for left-wing activities at Wits; (4) paid particular attention to the Students' Representative Council and the now defunct Liberal Association; (5) kept in contact with Sergt. K of the Police Security Branch from whom she received instructions and to whom she made reports

Student leaders had ascertained that she had been paid £5 per month to act as a police informer. When this was put to her, she refused to say whether she had been paid.

Officials of the SRC had confirmed independently that two members of the Security Branch had been keeping watch on the Univ.

The spy drama had reached its climax with a 1½ hour interrogation by Mr J. Shingler, President of the SRC, Mr R. Goldstone, Vice-President and Mr E.M. Wentzel, a former President of NUSAS. Unknown to the spy, the entire interview had been taken down on a tape-recording machine. (C. Times, Burger 17th)

SRC Resolution

Student leaders at the Univ. of Witwatersrand called upon the Minister of Justice, Mr C.R. Swart, to hold a public commission of inquiry into Security Branch activities at the Univ.

An emergency meeting of the SRC expressed grave alarm at police intrusion in the Univ. and demanded an immediate Govt. explanation. (S. Times 15.2.59)

Police Deny Knowledge

Security chiefs in Pretoria and Johannesburg denied any knowledge of the presence of a "blonde police spy" at the Univ. of Witwatersrand. An officer in the office of Col. S. Prinsloo, head of the Security Branch, said that neither he nor Col. Prinsloo knew anything about the matter.

Maj. A.T. Spengler, Security chief of the Rand, commented, "All I know is what I read in the newspapers". (Star 16.2.59).

Students Fly to Minister

Two student leaders of the Univ. of Witwatersrand flew to Cape Town to ask about police spying. "We are taking the matter seriously," said Mr R.J. Goldstone. "Everyone at the Univ. has been shocked by the disclosures. It is not certain yet if we will try to see any Cabinet Ministers. That depends on the replies from the Govt. Our mission is a fact-finding one." (Star, C. Argus 16.2.59).

Necessary: Police Chief

Questions in Parliament about press reports about an alleged policy spy at Wits Univ. would not get very far, said the Commissioner of Police, Maj.Gen. C.I. Rademeyer.

"They will not get very far because this appears to be a matter involving Communistic activities and the Security Police. Communism in this country is enemy activity - and the Security Police, like their counterparts in any other country, are here to prevent its spread in every way possible.

"I personally know that there is a certain element at the Wits Univ. which needs watching - one has to keep one's ear to the ground there. I am not

reflecting in any way on the Principal or the teaching staff or the students as a whole. Our investigations concern only a certain element." (Star 17.2.59 . E. Post 17.2.59, R.D. Mail 18.2.59)

Denial

The President of the SRC at Witwatersrand Univ. said in Cape Town that Maj.Gen. Rademeyer had taken up a threatening attitude towards the student leaders and appeared to allege that they are Communist-inclined, which was certainly not true.

"There seems to be some confusion in the Commissioner's mind. He denies any knowledge of the spy, but then goes on to justify the existence and use of spies at Univs." (Star 17.2.59)

Cloak and Dagger

"To the ordinary man there is something repugnant in the idea of people who belong to the same fraternity or group spying and reporting on the words and actions of their associates and friends, often expressed in unguarded moments or twisted out of context. The position becomes more odious when there is reason to suspect that the informer is in the pay of the police," said the C. Argus in an editorial 18.2.59.

Intime of war the men responsible for the national safety have to watch unrenittingly for any evidence of possible sabotage or internal disorder. Constant vigilance too is necessary at all times against criminal elements in the preservation of law and order.

"No one can quarrel with that; but spying and informing, as a routine operation penetrating many aspects of life, including the country's cultural and educational institutions, is in a different category, especially in peace time. At the very least it suggests a society living in a state of inner tension and emergency. It is a picture not very flattering to S.A."

Parliamentary Question

Dr B. Wilson, MP for the constituency in which the Univ. is situated, asked the following question of the Minister of Justice: At which Univs. were there police informers; how many informers were being used at each Univ.; what is the nature of the information which they are seeking to obtain; what instructions are given to them by the police; how long had they been operating at each of the Univs. (Star 17.2.59, E. Post 18.2.59, C.Times 17.2.59)

Cape Town Spies Too?

Mr J. Jowall, Act. President of the Cape Town Univ. Students' Repr. Council, was reported in R.D. Mail 17.2.59 as having said that there was good reason to suspect that police-paid spies were active at that Univ.

Police Chief's Warning.

Anyone who wished to make a political issue out of the Wits Univ. spy story would get a "kick in the pants", said Maj. Gen. Rademeyer, Commissioner of S.A. Police. (Argus, Star, Burger, E. Post, 17.2.59)

Breach of Privilege

In the House of Assenbly, Mr H.G. Lawrence complained that the Chief of Police had committed a breach of privilege and alleged that the words used by Gen. Rademeyer in the interview implied that MPs had no right to inquire into the activities of the Secret Police.

The Minister of Justice, speaking as the Leader of the House, said that the words ascribed to Gen. Rademeyer had been wrongly interpreted by Mr Lawrence. They did not refer to MPs but to people such as the students at Wits Univ. who had flown to Cape Town to await the answers to questions in the House. (Star, R.D. Mail, 19.2., C.Argus 18.2., Burger 19th)

Lengthy Transcripts

Lengthy extracts from the transcript of the interview with the girl spy at the Wits Univ. were published in Burger, C. Argus 18.2.59 and shorter extracts appeared in Star, R.D. Mail, E.P. Herald and E. Post.

Minutes to go to Special Branch

In future the SRC of Wits Univ. would send copies of all its minutes to Gen. Radeneyer and Lt. Col. A. Spengler of the Special Branch. This was their reply to the Gen's counter-accusations about politics following their accusations about the spy who told the police of SRC resolutions. Mr John Shingler, President of the SRC, said "We categorically deny there are any Communists on the SRC or any Communist activity or anything that looks like monkey trouble" (Star 19.2.59)

Betrayal

Interviewed by a staff reporter of Star, 19.2.59, the girl produced evidence that she was not blonde and said that she had been confronted with several statements but had told her interrogators that she did not know what they were talking about. When I did not confess anything, they threatened me with legal action, newspaper scandals and so on."

Mr Shingler, interviewed by the same reporter, said that the whole interrogation was conducted in a most reasonable and quiet manner. "It was obvious that she was telling tales to the Special Branch about anything that was said to her. I regarded this as a betrayal - even though they learnt nothing of importance to them. We were not interested in the girl as such. We were interested in the principle of paid informers acting for the Special Branch at the Univ."

Security Work Confidential: Minister

The Minister of Justice, Mr Swart, refused to divulge in the House of Assembly whether the Security Branch was using informers to report on activities at certain Univs. because "the work of the Security Branch is of a strictly confidential nature." He was replying to a question from Dr B. Wilson.

With regard to the alleged confession of the girl, Mr Swart (in reply to a question from Mr J.W. J.G. du Plessis) said that he had read the "amazing report of the interrogation as published in the press" and that the matter would be receiving his attention. In reply to Mr du Plessis asking whether the Minister would if necessary provide protection to women who found themselves in similar circumstances, Mr Swart said that stern action would naturally be taken in any case of practices that were in conflict with the country's laws. (R.D. Mail 19 & R.D. Mail 21st, C. Argus 19.2.59, C. Times 20.2.59)

Intimidation

What had begun as an affair that left a bad taste in the mouth was now taking a more serious turn. There seemed to be a definite campaign to intimidate the Univs. since the discovery of the spy at Wits.... If the police wanted to maintain a network of spies to watch ordinary S.A. citizens, then these citizens had an equal right to take what action they could within the law to expose these unwanted elements, but the police seemed to think otherwise and were harassing those who unearthed the student spy at Wits. Thus were the threats of the Commissioner of Police being realised. (R.D. Mail 21.2.59)

Search

Security Police searched unsuccessfully in Johannesburg for the original tape recording said to contain the confession of the Wits Univ's girl spy. They raided the flat of Mr E. Wentzel an attorney and former President of NUSAS, called on the offices of the Students' Repr. Council and the rooms of Mr John Shingler at the Pridwin Prep. School. They took nothing with them on leaving. The searches were carried out with warrants under the Official Secrets Act which read:

"Any person who for any purpose prejudicial to the safety or interests of the Union, obtains, collects, records or publishes or communicates to any other person, any secret official code or password, or any sketch, plan, model, article or note or other document or information which is likely to be directly or indirectly useful to an enemy, shall be guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to imprisonment for a period not exceeding 15 years." (R.D. Mail 19.2.59, C. Times 20th, Argus 20th, E.P. Herald 20th).

Cape Town

Security Branch police called at the office of the National Union of S.A. Students in Cape Town for the original tape recording - a few hours before their counterparts in Johannesburg searched two places for the recording.

About 2.45 p.m. a man on the telephone, who gave his name as Mr O'Henry, asked to speak to Mr Richard Goldstone as he has some information on the spy affair. It was arranged that Mr O'Henry should meet Mr Goldstone at the NUSAS Office in 30 minutes' time. About 20 minutes later Capt. J.H. v.d. Westhuizen, head of the Security Branch in Cape Town and another policeman arrived at the office and asked for the tape recording.

Mr Goldstone told them that he only had the edited gramophone records of the tape recording and that these records were only different from the original in that the girl's name had been omitted as they had promised not to identify her. About an hour later it was discovered that the telephone was out of order in the NUSAS office. Shortly thereafter Cape. v.d. Westhuizen got through to the NUSAS office and made a remark to the effect that NUSAS must be indebted to him for bringing their telephone back to order. (Argus 20.2.59).

Questioned in Court

Mr E. Wentzel and Mr J. Shingler were subpoenaed and Mr Richard Goldstone was questioned for half an hour at Jan Smuts Airport as Special Branch police continued their search for the tape recording of the interrogation. (C. Times 21.2.59, E.P. Herald 21.2.59)

Mr Shingler was questioned for an hour in the Magistrate's Court under Section 83 of the Civil Procedure Act. He was told that he need not answer questions which might incriminate him. When the proceedings started, the prosecutor and Counsel for Shingler said they had no objection to the public and press being present. The Magistrate, Mr J.T. Potgieter, ordered that the press might remain but that no details of the proceedings could be published. (C. Argus 21.2.59)

New Evidence

Security Branch detectives claimed to have uncovered evidence in the blonde spy affair of such importance that it was expected that there would be "a political uproar about it". Col. A. Spengler told the Transvaler that the evidence was considered so important that it would be placed in the hands of the Minister of Justice without delay. (C. Argus 21.2.59)

Denial by Girl

The Wits Univ. girl student who admitted to three student interrogators that she had acted as a police informer, denied that she acted as a spy.

In an interview she said, "As far as I am concerned, I deny all knowledge of contact with the police and only admitted it under duress." After describing how her interview with the students took place, the girl said "Let me first telephone the police and find out whether I can talk to you". (Star 19.2.59)

Quite Untrue

The denial by the girl student that she acted as a police informer came as a "complete surprise" and was "ridiculous and quite untrue", according to Mr R.J. Goldstone, Vice-President of the Students' Repr. Council at the University of Witwatersrand.

Mr Goldstone said: "Our willingness to make available to the press and police the recording of the interview, which was calm throughout, is sufficient evidence that any talk of gestapo methods is utter nonsense and far from true.

"Details which she gave of her activities and her ready use of Sgt. K's name during the recorded interview, are surely not the reaction of a person uttering falsehoods under duress.

"Her admission that 'I got to know Sgt. K. well and a friend of mine introduced him to me' are not the unwilling admissions of a person unaware of such actions. The 'friend' she refers to is known to us and was a member of the SRC in 1955 and 1956" (C. Times 22.2.59)

No Report to Swart

No report from the Security Branch of the police in Johannesburg on "very important evidence" in the Wits Univ. spy case had reached the office of the Minister of Justice or the Commissioner of Police in Cape Town. It had been said that this evidence would cause political uproar. (C.A. Aug 23.2.59)

Tape Recording Still Missing

The original tape recording of the girl spy's confession at the Univ. of Wits had disappeared. Student leaders did not know what had happened to the tape. Security police were still searching for it. (S. Times 22.2.59, Burger 21.2.59)

Gestapo Probes

Examples of gestapo methods used by the Special Branch of the CID to intimidate Univ. students was given to the S. Times Political Correspondent by a former Wits student.

The following cases were quoted: A girl student who once or twice distributed leaflets for the SRC announcing a protest meeting at the Univ. was grilled when she applied for a passport to Israel; the police showed the girl a photograph in which she had appeared of a demonstration of 1000 people grouped on the steps leading to the Univ. Great Hall.

A student studying Sociology attended a discussion group meeting in Joburg and the police took the number of her car parked outside the house. When she had applied for a passport she was "grilled" by the Special Branch for 1½ hours. They asked her whether she knew a certain girl. When she replied that she did not they said "Don't lie. You went to school with her."

A student whose photograph had appeared sitting next to a non-white fellow-student was confronted with the photograph and was refused a passport. Later he was given a passport valid for one year.

Another girl student whose father managed an hotel was approached by a Special Branch detective who stayed at the hotel. He offered to contribute to her Univ. fees if she would act as a police informer.

Students applying for passports were usually asked the foll. questions by the Special Branch: Are you a Communist? Are you a member of a Communist front organization? Are you liberally-minded? (S. Times 22.2.59)

Spy Hunt at UCT

Cape Town Univ. students began a search in classroom and campus to expose a student informer believed to be in the pay of the Special Branch, reported Golden City Post on 22.2.59. The Post was told that at least one police informer was operating at Cape Town Univ.

Forbidden to Publish Picture

At a dramatic midnight hearing at his home, Mr Justice J.s. Ludorf granted an order restraining the Sunday Express and Central News Agency from publishing or distributing a picture of the girl spy. In his order, Mr Justice Ludorf described the girl as "the woman who did espionage work for the S.A. Police at the Univ. of Witwater rand". (C. Times, Argus, Burger 23.2.59)

The Sunday Express was opposing the confirmation of the court order. It claimed that it was unnecessary for the police to have sought the interdict and that it had been involved in needless legal costs. (Argus 24.2.59)

Published in London

The Daily Express published on its front page a picture of the woman under the headline "The Picture S.A. Has Banned". (C. Times 25.2.59 Burger 25.2.59)

Students to Sue

S.A. Police are being sued for £1500 because 5 Security Branch men raided the Wits Univ. Students' Repr. Council offices and two private flats in a vain search for a tape recorder.

Three registered letters posted in three different boxes contained £500 demands each from the Council, its attorney Mr E. Wentzel and its President Mr John Shingler.

The three parties claim that during the raid £500 damages in each case was caused. (C. Times 25.2.59, C. Argus 25.2.59, Burger 26.2.59)

Newspaper Held

The Central News Agency had decided to hold all copies of the Daily Express which carried a picture of the woman. They would not be distributed to the public because of the Supreme Court order. (C. Times, Burger, C. Argus 26.2.59)

Ban Lifted

After hearing argument lasting several days, Mr Justice de Wet discharged the court order preventing the Sunday Express from publishing a picture and information identifying the girl spy at Wits Univ. Giving judgement Mr Justice de Wet referred to an allegation in Col. Prinsloo's petition and in the affidavit of the girl spy that the matter which they objected to was defamatory. It seemed to him that the only reasonable inference to be drawn was that there was some young woman who had been asked by the police to report on criminal activities - activities which conflicted with the criminal law and which were taking place, or which were expected to take place, at the University - that other students became suspicious and questioned the young woman. She denied that she knew anything of such activities.

"I asked myself whether, applying the well-established test, any right-thinking person would think an individual is of bad character, or is not an ordinary nice member of society, if that individual is a Univ. student and is prepared to report to the police about criminal activities which are going on at the Univ."

In an affidavit before the Supreme Court, Col. W.C.E. Prinsloo, head of the

Security Branch of the S.A. Police, said that the Security Branch had used the services of Priscilla Rosenary Lefson of Johannesburg. Col. Prinsloo said, "It would be gainst the best interests of the State to disclose the identity of Priscilla Rosenary Lefson and to connect her or identify her with the woman who is alleged to have undertaken espionage at the Univ. of Wits." (C. Argus 11.3.59, Times 12.3.59, Burger 12th, Herald 12th, Dispatch 12th)

Tape Found

The missing tape recording - the original recording of the alleged confession of Wits Univ's blonde girl spy - was found in Cape Town. It was lying on the floor between a shelf and a door at the offices of NUSAS in Cape Town.

Mr Shingler and Mr Wentzel said that they were both relieved at the news and hoped that the atmosphere would be cleared as a result of the fact that the tape had been found. Meanwhile at the special legal inquiry in Johannesburg, proceedings had been adjourned because the court's tape recorder had broken down. During the adjournment Mr Goldstone arrived hastily at the court with the first news that the tape had been found. (Star, Even. Post, Argus 28.2.59, Burger 2.3.59, C. Times 2.3.59, S. Express 1.3.59, Dispatch 2.3.59)

Swart Praises Volunteer Informers

Studentinformers working for the Security Branch at Univs. were again the topic of a question in Parliament. Mr Swart said that he drew a sharp distinction between employing agents and receiving information voluntarily tendered. He was replying to a question from Mr W.P. Stanford in the House of Assenbly. "In view of certain recent events, I deem it necessary to state that the Security Branch of the S.A. Police frequently receives information from various sources relating to alleged Communistic or other subversive activities.

"This information comes from people in all walks of life who consider it their duty to the State to assist the authorities in counteracting such dangerous activities. This laudable attitude and assistance is highly appreciated by the State and should receive the commendation of all public-spirited citizens. (C. Argus 27.2.59)

Widespread Spying

"The conclusion is inescapable that there is a widespread network of spies at S.A. Univs - informing on the staff as well as the students," said Prof. P.V. Tobias at the Univ. of Wits.

"There is no doubt that our Secret Police are using these agents for political ends not for security purposes. It would be laughable to suggest that the activities of the SRC are a threat to the security of the State - yet the Council and its leaders have apparently been spied on for years." (Star 4.3.59)

Committee of Inquiry

A fact-finding committee to inquire into the recent affair at the Univ. had been appointed by the Council of Wits Univ. and Miss Priscilla Lefson had been asked to meet the committee for an interview. The committee wanted her father to be present. The SRC would give evidence. (C. Argus 17th Dispatch 18th March)

Further messages came from Morgan State Coll. in America, Penbroke Coll. in England and from Dr G.A. Olds of Springfield Coll., Mass. (Argus 16.2.59)

Fort Hare: "Betrayal"

The governing Council and Senate of the Fort Hare Univ. Coll. accused the Govt. of a grave breach of faith in its treatment of Fort Hare. In 1955 the Govt. agreed that Fort Hare was to have the same rights and privileges as other institutions.

Yet now under the Fort Hare Transfer Bill "the Coll. is in fact to be reduced from the status of an autonomous Univ. institution to one closely controlled by the Govt. (E. Post 16.2.59)

English Plans: No details revealed

A subcommittee of four members of the National Union of Students in London was working out details for a protest campaign directed at the Univ. apartheid legislation. Throughout the country student bodies were launching appeals to aid the protest and many colls. and univs. had started raising funds to help Non Europeans in the Union to have education before the Bill became law.

A spokesman for the National Union of Students said in London that they could not reveal their plans but that they hoped that the synchronised protests of student organisations throughout the world would defeat the Bill.

A Non-European would be able to go to the Univ. of Cape Town through the generosity of the students of Balliol Coll. and Magdalen Coll., Oxford. (E. P. Herald, C.Times 21.2.59)

First Reading Opposition

The Opposition opposed the introduction of both the Univ. apartheid Bill and the Fort Hare Bill when they were introduced by the Deputy Minister of Education, Mr B.J. Vorster.

The United Party opposing the first reading was defeated. (E.P. Herald, 26.2.59, R.D. Mail 27.2.59, Star 27.2.59, C.Times, Burger 26.2.59)

The Reasons

Dr H.F. Verwoerd, the Prime Minister, told students at Stellenbosch Univ. that separate univs. could do as much to develop the Bantu peoples within their own communities as they had done to bring the Afrikaner people to nationhood. (E. P. Herald, R.D. Mail, C. Times, Burger 26.2.59, Argus 25.2.59 Transvaler 26.2.59)

Sacrificed

Speaking at the opening of the term at Fort Hare Univ. Coll., the Principal, Prof. R.H. Burrows, said that the danger was not merely that the 43-year old Coll. might be sacrificed on the altar of tribal apartheid which they scorned, but that the reputation of all S.A. Univs. would be gravely threatened by an increasingly critical world. (E. P. Herald, C.Times 5.3.59)

Prime Minister Criticised

Commenting on the Prime Minister's speech at Stellenbosch, C. Argus 26.2.59 said that there were certain elements of truth in the analogy he had drawn between the Afrikaans people and the Africans in this country. There were however two differences.

In the first place, Afrikaner nationalism had not been due to moral and cultural qualities alone, but also to the fact that the Afrikaner possessed full political rights.... In the second place, Afrikaans Univs. were never closed and controlled univs. as the Bantu ones were to be. No Govt. ever ordered them to exclude students who were not Afrikaners, nor did any Govt. supervise their teaching or appoint their governing bodies or warn their staffs against dangerous thought.

and if the students revolt against being spied upon, they are simply doing what any other citizen would do in similar circumstances.

Smokescreens

"People should not allow themselves to be confused by the smokescreens and red herrings which are now being produced. This whole business started because the police were spying on students - and using students to spy on students - and that vital point should not be forgotten."

Thriller Story

"In our neighbouring state, the Federation, in Australia, in England, in the United States - indeed, in almost all Western countries - there are special divisions of the police who keep an eye on subversive activities against the State, attend political meetings and so forth," said Die Volksblad 18.2.59.

"With the threat which Communist infiltration has become for Western countries such security measures are accepted as indispensable in a modern state. But only in S.A. is it a deadly sin if these police dare stir a finger."

Open for What?

Affirming the duty of the police to apply the anti-Communist legislation even at a Univ., Die Transvaler 20.2.59 said: "According to the normal view students are at Univ. to study." Order-loving citizens had nothing to fear from the police.

"There was, it is true, a time when S.A. was governed in terms of emergency regulations under a legal system which dispensed with court and trial. Now a new order prevails, the 'rule of law' which guarantees that no hair of the head of any person is touched until his guilt is proved in court. Herein - and not in demonstrations and counter-espionage by students - lies the guarantee against any form of injustice and victimisation."

What Steps Wits?

The comments of the Minister of Justice in Parliament regarding the manner in which the students elicited the confession from the spy were quoted by Transvaler on 21.2.59. Mr Swart said that the incident with its shocking revelation of the interrogation of a young woman in circumstances which were no credit to the persons in question had aroused great concern and disapproval. He added that if such methods were pursued at the Univ. concerned, it was high time for the authorities of the institution to take active steps.

Die Transvaler said: "We should think so. It now rests with the authorities of Univ. of Witwatersrand to inform the public with adequate speed whether they have taken steps; if not, whether they will now move. After all the publicity which the incident enjoyed, action must not only be taken but so taken that the public can see it."

Freedom for Whose Ideas?

"It became apparent last week that a Govt. which was prepared to give the youth of the country the vote is not prepared to trust the same young people to develop and discuss their own political ideas and philosophies without 'proper supervision'." said Sunday Express 22.2.59)

"While it is absurd that the State and the police should take the students' activities so seriously, it is also disquieting. It all looks too much like a very familiar technique of intimidation. Wits is one of the Univs. that has never accepted meekly the Govt's ideas on Univ. apartheid."

Scandal

"It was on just such methods, carried to further extremes, that Adolf Hitler and his Nazis climbed to power; and they are the methods, again more ruthlessly projected, employed in this very state whose doctrines this Univ. espionage is designed to resist," said Natal Mercury 19.2.59.

Why the Outcry?

Why was there so much outcry against the Special Division of the Police, asked Die Burger in an editorial of 12.3.59. These people are doing their duty, often in unpleasant circumstances in order that our whole society could live in safety. They must not only protect us against enemies from without but often against ourselves. If a person has not overstepped the provisions of the law, why should he then complain if a detective comes to see who else attends meetings.

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