

MEMORANDUM ON MASOKANYE, NAT/DET/CONST.

This witness is a very bad and illiterate reporter whose notes are full of sentences which only make unintelligible nonsense and cannot by any means be a true reflection of what the speakers said. See for example Ex. G. 95, which contains the witness's note of meeting No. 61. Attention is directed not only to those sentences which are quite unintelligible, but also to the manner in which the witness records the speakers as having spoken without any pauses or stops. See also G. 832, referring to meeting 495.

The witness concedes under x-examination that he could not possibly record all that was said at meetings, that some of the sentences recorded by him because of his inability to record everything would be out of context and that at many meetings he has heard speakers say their struggle is a "non-violent" one. p. 3084. (V.16).

On the whole this witness is of no importance and his evidence does not seem to take the Crown case any further other than to identify and link some of the accused with the Congress organisations.

Meeting No. 8:

1762 & 1778, At this meeting speakers dealt with the W.A. (V.9).

Removal scheme and the opposition thereto. The witness reports Vundla, Keshu and Koretsele as having either directly or by implication to have urged the people to resist removal by violent means if force is used by the authorities to remove them. (see p. 1764 & 1765, V.9). The witness, however, did not make any notes at the meeting or even immediately thereafter, but compiled a report the following/...

following morning. (p. 1762, V.9).

As to his reasons for not making notes at the meeting, see x-examination on p. 1779 & 1780. V.9. The witness was given two tests in order to assess his ability to remember. See pp. 1782,3,4,5,6, V.9, from which he did not emerge creditably. He conceded at the end of the x-examination that the speakers at this particular meeting may have urged the people not to resort to violence and that he may have failed to record this fact in his report.

Meeting No. 61:

at 2386 (V.12). Note the illiterate and unintelligible recording of the speeches at this meeting. Note also the fact that the Defence has disputed that Mossa Moola addressed the meeting. p. 2388 to 2390. (V.12), and at p. 2392.

Meeting No. 502.

at 6286 (V.32). Anti-apartheid Conference. 27/6/54. Witness only hands in his report - says he destroyed his notes - why?

Note: I cannot deal with this meeting as the Report Ex. G. 930 has not been made available to the Defence.

Compare this witness' Notes of Meeting No.
495 - (Ex. G. 851) - with that of witness Masalela
- (Ex. G. 832) - who reported the same meeting.
Little if any similarity in the reporting.

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