

SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE GIVEN BY MAJOR WILLIAMSON IN
RELATION TO SACTU AND THE ANC

AT THE TRIAL OF A M FINE ON 5 AUGUST 1982 IN THE
JOHANNESBURG REGIONAL COURT BEFORE THE MAGISTRATE,
MR ROSCH

1. The National Liberation Movement (NLM) is a united front led by the ANC comprising a number of so-called democratic organisations and individuals, who accept the leadership of the ANC.
2. The word democratic can be interchanged with the word revolutionary.
3. In accepting the leadership of the ANC, these organisations and individuals accept that a common goal is the armed seizure of power in South Africa.
4. The NLM is not a formally constituted organisation. It has no office. Its individual elements have offices. It does not exist as an organisation per se. It is a descriptive term to describe a move towards liberation in South Africa.
5. It is a specific entity in the minds of the ANC and the SACP. The organisations which form part of the NLM are the ANC, SACP, SACTU and theoretically SACPO, CPC, SAIC and COD.

6. He accepts in broad terms the congress alliance plus the SACP.
7. Each one of the organisations comprising the NLM has its own propaganda organ, i.e.:
 - (a) SACP - African Communist.
 - (b) ANC - Sechaba.
 - (c) SACTU - Workers' Unity.
8. Workers' Unity has been published since 1955. There was a period when it was not published, i.e. from the sixties until the late seventies. In 1977 the publication was resumed under the editorship of Rob Peterson. He was the driving force behind the resumption of the publication.
9. Workers' Unity gets banned in South Africa and it is not available freely.
10. He will not concede that SACTU's activities are confined to those of a mere trade union federation. SACTU is part of the NLM and a specific aim of SACTU is the armed overthrow of the State in South Africa. He backs this view up by quoting from 'Organise or Starve' at page 456 and at page 363. He accepts that SACTU is not an unlawful organisation and that furthermore elements within SACTU are striving to retain autonomy. In fact, the very publication of 'Organise or Starve', which Williamson himself helped to finance, is proof of the fact that SACTU wishes to assert

itself independently. Nevertheless, it is clearly, by its own policy, committed towards a violent solution to South Africa's problems.

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