

playing with the ball, and he walked up and down and he wouldn't come to bed. He seemed very excited and cheerful - I mean very excited.

Exhilarated? --- Yes.

Now, this mood that you have spoken to us about of excitement, did that disappear during July or did it continue until the time of his arrest? --- No, it went on all the time.

Did he ever say anything to you about his feelings resulting from what Lewin and the other man had said to him and entrusted to him? --- Yes, I can't remember exactly what he said, but on two or three occasions he said something to the effect of what an amazing position of power it had put him in, and that it was an extraordinary thing that he was in this powerful position. /10

And what was your reaction, Mrs. Harris? --- Well, whenever he started to talk about it I told him not to, I said that I didn't want to know.

Did you ever ask him to exercise care? --- Yes.

And what was his reaction? --- Well, he used to say, 'I'm intelligent and I know what I'm doing, you must not worry.' /20

At this particular period, how was he behaving in relation to money matters? --- He was very extravagant, not in anything big, but we were very hard up at the time so he hadn't really been able to finish paying the doctor's bills, and he kept buying lot of unnecessary things. Just small things, but you know I was being very careful at the time with housekeeping money and that sort of thing, and I got really very worried about it and I tried to suggest that perhaps during August /30

that I should look after the money.

And how was he behaving in regard to driving his motorcar? --- Well, he was driving very recklessly and I was worried about that as well.

Yes, will you please tell us? --- On two or three occasions he came home late at night, and he told me - well he used to say 'trying out the car', and that he had been racing. He used to say to me, "you know I managed to go around such and such a corner at such and such a speed." And how good the car was and he had been trying it out and racing the car. /10

ASSESSOR MR. HART: How long had you had that car, Mrs. Harris? --- Well, since the end of last year. About December last year we got it.

EXAMINATION BY MR. PHILIPS (CONTD.) Had anything happened to the car? --- He got some new shock absorbers.

Had the car suffered any damage at all at any time? --- Yes, twice during the month when he was going around corners very fast he scraped the side of the car.

Now, you told us about this conduct of his relating to money and driving the car, was this characteristic of his behaviour or was it unusual? --- He wasn't extravagant and he was careful usually with money. And he normally drives fast, but not recklessly - well, I thought he was driving recklessly in July, even when I was in the car. But I was more worried really by what he told me when he came home about these races that he had been having. /20

ASSESSOR MR. HART: Did this all take place since the visit of the two men? --- Well, it was all in July. /30

EXAMINATION BY MR. PHILIPS (CONTD.) Now, I wonder if

you can just try and think, Mrs. Harris, take your time and think about it, and tell his Lordship anything that he said, any sort of phrase that he used in regard to what he had in mind or proposed to do after the visit of these two men? --- Well, he talked to me a number of occasions about that he was going to do something terrific. He used the word pivotal, he said that it was going to make its mark on South African history or it would change South African history, I'm not quite sure exactly what he said, but something like that. /10

Any reference to any member of the Government, that you can recall? --- He said he was going to write a letter to Dr. Verwoerd, and I think he said, try and make him see reason.

And these statements that you have now spoken about, about changing history and about writing a letter to Dr. Verwoerd, were these only in the month of July or were they shortly before the station incident? --- That was towards the end of July, about the last week or so. /20.

Did you ever see any letter that he drafted to Dr. Verwoerd? --- No, I don't remember seeing one.

But you recall his telling you that he was going to write to him? --- Yes, I remember him saying that he was going to do it.

Were you yourself concerned with the baby at the time? --- Well yes. I was very worried about the baby.

What was the weather like? --- That was the time when we had very severe weather, and it is my first baby, and I didn't know whether I was wrapping it up too /30

warmly or letting it freeze and I was very worried about it.

Now, can you tell us, so far as you can recall, Mrs. Harris, what happened on the morning of the 24th July? --- Well, we went to town and I had to buy some flowers, so my husband took me to town.

BY THE COURT: By town you mean? --- Johannesburg.

MRS. HARRIS: And we drove around until I found exactly the flowers I wanted.

EXAMINATION BY MR. PHILIPS (CONTD.) How did he behave? -- /10

- I remember that he sang all the way, and I found it rather irritating, I don't know what it was, but he only knew the first half of the song or the first few phrases and he kept singing the same thing over and over again, and I asked him to try and sing something else, because it got on my nerves a bit.

And how did he drive? --- He drove very fast.

Anything else that you can recall that happened that morning? --- After we had got the flowers he went and stopped at the Johannesburg station, and he said he had to pick something up, from the luggage room. So he went and got something and he came back to the car. I sat in the car while he was away. And it was a small suitcase. I'm not sure if it was one suitcase or two suitcases, I don't really remember, that he put in the boot of the car, and then we went home, I remember being very agitated about the time, because I had to get home to feed the baby. /20

Did you see your husband's mother at all that day? --- Well, I had left the baby with my husband's mother while I went to town, so after we had been in town /30

we went back to her flat so that I could feed the baby there.

And then from there? --- Well, after that we went home, and we had lunch and then my husband had a sleep.

And then? --- Well, then 3 o'clock or half past three, I'm not sure what the time was, he went to town again.

What clothes was he wearing that day? Do you remember? --- Yes, he had on greenish colour trousers and a tweedy coat, it was a greeny brown colour. /10

And what sort of shoes? --- Veldskoens. He always wore veldskoens.

Were those the clothes he was wearing in the morning? --- Yes.

And what clothes was he wearing when he left in the afternoon? --- The same.

Now, this singing of his that irritated you, and his fast driving and so on that day, had you at any stage had any fears that he might get into trouble at all as a result of his political activities? --- Well yes. /20
You know when quite a lot of people who knew him seemed to be arrested I had been afraid, and I suggested to him that we should leave South Africa, but he laughed.

Did he ever appear to show any apprehension about the possibility of being detained or arrested? --- No.

Now, you say that he left in the afternoon, now when he left wearing these clothes that you have described, do you know whether he took anything with him? /30
Did you see? --- I went with him to the car. He had a

brown suitcase with him.

And when did he come home? --- Well, I'm not sure of the exact time, but it was just before supper, because I was in the kitchen getting supper at the time.

Was it before dinner? --- Yes.

Apart from this brown suitcase, can you recall whether he took anything else with him? --- I have an idea that he took a canvas bag, but I'm not certain about that.

And when he came back that evening before dinner, how was he dressed? --- Well, then he was wearing a brown suit. /10

And what shoes, do you remember? --- He only had veldskoens.

Now, what was his mood when he came home? --- He was very cheerful and talkative, and his father came to our house just after my husband arrived, and my husband was chatting and talking to us both, well, very elated and exhilarated

Do you remember his doing anything as a result of his elation and chattiness? --- Well, I remember that he phoned somebody. One or two people may be he phoned, I don't know/^{who}it was that he phoned, I remember he had been on the phone talking to somebody. And I remember I think that I came in to lay the table, the telephone is in the diningroom and I remember him talking - hearing him talk on the telephone about a new aeroplane that had come to Johannesburg just then. /20

Did anyone in your house that evening listen to the radio? --- Yes. /30.

Did you hear the news of the explosion at the

station? --- Yes. I don't remember if I actually heard it on the news or my father-in-law came and told me, but I knew about it.

And what did your husband do with himself that evening? --- I don't remember.

What was your own reaction to the news? --- A feeling of horror and in a great terror. And I remember my husband phoning somebody and then I remember that he went to bed early, but I don't remember anything else.

And after he had gone to bed did he fall asleep? --- I think so, yes. /10

And then the police came at about 11 o'clock that night? --- Yes.

When they came was your husband asleep? --- Yes

* COURT ADJOURNS *

ON RESUMPTION OF COURT: 2 p.m.

CATHERINE ANNE HARRIS, (s.u.o.)

EXAMINATION BY MR. PHILIPS (CONTD.) Mrs. Harris, there are just one or two points that I have omitted to ask you about, and they are therefore a little bit out of their sequence. I wonder if you can tell his Lordship at all the sort of things that your husband was talking about on the morning of the 24th when he went into town with you? --- I have a vague remembrance that he was talking about people and people in Johannesburg, and he is feeling sorry for them and the sort of lives they led. I have a sort of vague remembrance of that. /20

Sorry for them and the lives they led, did he say why, what was wrong with the lives they led? --- I don't really remember. I remember him talking about it, but I wasn't listening very carefully. /30

ASSESSOR MR. HART: Was this confined to people in general

or just people of Johannesburg, Mrs. Harris? --- I'm not really sure, I think in general, I'm not sure.

EXAMINATION BY MR. PHILIPS (CONTD.) Now, one other thing, Mrs. Harris. We have been told that early in 1964 your husband's mother was treated by a psychiatrist. You are aware of that fact? --- Yes.

We will be calling evidence shortly of what she suffered from and what the treatment was. Can you tell us what your husband's reaction was to that? --- He was terribly upset by it and especially by the fact that she wouldn't go and see a doctor. /10

Did she become acquainted with what in fact was wrong with her? --- Did she become acquainted?

Yes. --- No, she didn't ever tell us exactly what was the matter with her.

Do you know by whom she was treated? --- Yes, I remember it was Dr. Jeppe that she went to.

MR. PHILIPS: NO FURTHER QUESTIONS.

MR. PHILIPS: Asks permission to interpose Dr. Jeppe before cross-examination of Mrs. Harris. /20

BY THE COURT: Permission granted.

CARL LOUIS PICKARD JEPPE, (s.s.)

EXAMINATION BY MR. PHILIPS: Dr. Jeppe, are you a specialist psychiatrist, practicing as such in Johannesburg? --- I am.

Would you tell his Lordship what your qualifications are, please? --- Bachelor of Medicine, my Lord, Bachelor of surgery and Diploma in psychological Medicine, Specialist psychiatrist.

And how long have you been in practice? --- /30
I have been doing psychiatry for about 20 years. In

specialist practice in Johannesburg about 14 years.

Now, I want you please to tell his Lordship and the assessors about two patients whom you treated. The one was Mrs. Harris, I think her full names are Thelma Leslie Harris, and the other one is a person whose name I don't want you to mention, please. The court is already aware of that person's name. Would you deal with Mrs. Thelma Leslie Harris first, please? --- My Lord, I saw this patient in April of this year at the request of her home doctor, and perhaps it might simplify the matter if I could read my letter to him, my Lord? /10

Yes. --- This is written on the 27th April, the day after I saw her:

"Dear Dr. Jacobson,

Many thanks for asking me to see Mrs. T.L. Harris.

I entirely agree with you that the picture is strongly suggestive of melancholia. The early morning waking despair and the uncontrolled weeping are typical. There have undoubtedly been various factors which triggered the condition, but it is fundamentally endogenous and should respond well to treatment.

She is averse to electro-shock which is the treatment of choice, so I have prescribed Parstelin Librium Drinamyl. This should help, but if the improvement is not maintained I think she should accept the more energetic treatment." /20

That was my letter, my Lord, after I saw her. I saw her a few days later and a little later still, and her response to the tablets was excellent and in point of fact she recovered from her endogenous depression.

BY THE COURT: How old was she? --- 62, My Lord.

ASSESSOR MR. HART: Did she make a complete recovery, as far as you know? ---- Yes, I have not seen her for some months, but from the point of view of the endogenous depression, she has made a complete recovery. /30

What does that mean? --- My Lord, this is a constitutional condition not reactive, if I may put it that way. To explain it, there are two kinds of depression, my Lord, one ^{reactive} / to circumstances, one exogenous and endogenous arising from within. I think this is a more biochemical thing, not particularly related to circumstances.

EXAMINATION BY MR. PHILIPS (CONTD.) Does this kind of complaint recur in patients? --- It does, not invariably, it does certainly some times recur. /10

Now, would you tell us about the other patient please, without mentioning his name? --- This patient I reported on in September, 1962, my Lord, having seen him a day or two previously. I said:

"Many thanks for referring him. He is undoubtedly suffering from a relapse of the endogenous depression he experienced 30 years ago. A rigidly uncomfortable condition, but the prognosis is excellent, particularly in a man of his calibre. I thought under the circumstances that it would be best for him to be treated in a nursing home. Electro-shock therapy is the treatment of choice if medication fails, and he has agreed to go in on Friday." /20

And his response to treatment was excellent, my Lord. He went into the nursing home, had a course of shock treatment and recovered.

ASSESSOR MR. HART: How long did the treatment last? --- About two to three weeks.

EXAMINATION BY MR. PHILIPS (CONTD.) What was his age, Dr. Jeppe? --- 61.

And this disease which you refer to here, is that the same as the one which you referred to in the case of Mrs. Harris? --- Yes, they were both suffering from the same constitutional conditions and endogenous /30

depression.

And is this a case of what you said just now illustrates the possibility of a recurrence of attacks of this kind? --- Yes, this particular patient had had a previous attack some 30 years prior to the time I saw him.

MR. PHILIPS: NO FURTHER QUESTIONS.

MR. MOODIE: NO CROSS-EXAMINATION.

CATHERINE ANNE HARRIS, (s.u.o.)

CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. MOODIE: Now, has your marriage /10
been a happy one? --- Yes.

Nothing more unusual than the usual domestic quarrels perhaps? --- Well, except when my husband became angry with me which weren't really quarrels.

You merely felt it was unreasonable? --- Yes, he would...

Now all the years that you knew him at school and at university up to July of this year, did you notice anything abnormal about him? --- No. I mean he is different from me, but everybody is different, and I /20
didn't think...

Each have their own idiosyncrasies, not so? Would that be right? --- Yes.

Would you describe him, in all the years you have known him as an immature person? --- I wouldn't know how to tell an immature person.

Well, is he childish in some regards? --- I don't know. I think I have just taken him for granted, that's the way he is. I have known him for a long time, and I haven't analysed him or anything like that. /30.

Did he strike you as being emotionally unstable?

--- He didn't strike me as unstable, but as I say, some times he would be very depressed and some times very cheerful, and I don't know if that's unstable.

Did that make a very great impact upon you? --- Well, I took it for granted that that was the way he was.

That was his nature? --- Yes.

Even at school and later at university and during your marriage? --- I didn't know him at school.

I thought you...--- I was still at school when I met him, but I didn't know him at school. /10

Now, having known him before and after marriage, would you be able to describe his personality? --- No.

Did he push himself forward at all? --- I don't think so.

Does he allow it - if I may use a phrase - to be pushed around? --- No.

Has he told you about his troubles at school? The various schools he was at? --- Yes.

And he didn't like the principal? --- Yes. /20

Did he tell you that he had taken exception to the principal's behaviour? --- Well, he felt that the principal was being unfair to him.

Did he tell you that he had taken it up with the principal? --- I don't remember him saying anything about that.

Did you advise him to, if he felt he was being unnecessarily harshly treated? --- No, I don't remember advising him to do that.

He had a number of posts, not so? --- Yes. /30

I think the Hyde Park School, the Indian school

--- Yes. Damelin College.

Any others? --- Randfontein High School.

And up to Damelin College date he left all those appointments? --- Well, Hyde Park he left because he went overseas, and he left Randfontein High School because he wanted to go on studying part time at university, and at the Indian school there wasn't any extra-mural duty, and it was very close to the university so it gave him an opportunity to study.

And you don't think he left because he couldn't get on well with the people or the principal there? Or may that partly have been the reason? --- I don't know.

Didn't he tell you? --- No.

Was he a very sensitive person? --- Well, I think so.

Now, he discussed with you that he had left the Randfontein school and the Indian school? --- Yes.

And now you say the reason for leaving the Randfontein was that he wanted to go where? --- To the Indian school. It was near university and there wasn't a lot of extra-mural work. /20

Is that the reason why he left? --- Well, that is what I understood.

Did he discuss these matters with you before they happened? --- I don't remember.

Now, you told us today principally about his behaviour in July, 1964? --- Yes.

Had you noticed any of these symptoms before? --- Which symptoms do you mean.

About you mentioning that he was up and then down /30 and he was restless? --- Yes, he had certainly been restless

and excited and that sort of thing before. He definitely had been like that, but in July it was much more noticeable.

And did these symptoms worry you? --- Some of them did. Like the extravagance worried me, certainly, and the way he was driving the car so recklessly.

I'm referring to the symptoms he showed before July, did they worry you at all? --- No.

They made no impact upon you? --- Well, I mean, I knew he was like that. /10

That was his normal manner? --- Yes.

You never thought of asking him to see a psychiatrist? --- I didn't think that there was anything abnormal in him being like that. I know I'm not like that.

It seemed normal, because he had always been? --- Well, yes I think I had known him being like that.

Now in July, I think it was July 8th, two men came to see him? --- Yes.

And thereafter he appeared to be elated, I think/20 is the word you used? --- Well, excited.

This was holiday time, and did this excitement worry you at all? --- I'm afraid that at the time I was concentrating rather a lot on the baby and not worrying about my husband.

You were not worrying about it? --- No.

And it was significant enough for you to remember today that he appeared excited and restless? --- Yes.

But not enough to cause you to think he should /30 see a psychiatrist? --- I didn't know that one should go

and see a psychiatrist if one was like that.

And then you say he had headaches? --- Yes.

For which you advised him he should see a doctor for? --- Yes.

And you say definitely he did see a doctor? --- He did see a doctor, yes.

Did he tell you that he was going to see a doctor? --- I was there and I went with him.

You went with him? --- Yes.

Did you tell the doctor about...--- No, I didn't /10 go in with him to see the doctor.

Did you tell your husband to tell the doctor about the state he was in? --- No. I didn't tell him to tell the doctor anything, I just said that he should go and see the doctor about the headaches.

Did the accused tell you about a matter, the material that had been left in his hands?--- No, he told me that he had some equipment, but he didn't tell me anything about it.

Did you ask him what sort of equipment? --- No, /20 I didn't want to know about it.

Did you infer what it was? --- Well, I guessed it was something to do with sabotage, but I didn't know anything about it.

Yes, it was something to do with sabotage, but you didn't want to know more about it? --- No.

Did you fear that your husband was going to use this material? --- Well, he told me that he was.

Did you try and dissuade him? --- Well, I told him that he must be very careful, because... /30

And when was this? --- I think lots of times.

After the 8th? --- Yes, during July. I suppose it must have been after the 8th.

Was it perhaps before the 8th, you told him to be careful? --- No, I think it was towards the end of July really.

Prior to the 8th July, do you know whether he went out and remained out late at night? --- I don't remember his doing so. But I couldn't be sure.

You can't be sure. Now, when you told him to be careful, what did you have in mind? --- That he didn't /10 hurt himself.

By reason of the fact that he was using explosives? --- Yes.

And did you have knowledge of what sort of objects would be aimed at? --- No.

Did you tell him to be careful that he was not caught or arrested? --- I don't remember specifically saying that.

That would be even more disastrous from your point of view, would it not? --- Yes. /20

If your husband was arrested? --- I don't quite know what you mean.

Did you have in mind that he had to take care that he was not caught or arrested? --- Yes.

And you told him to be careful in that regard? --- Yes.

When he left on the 24th in the motorcar, not the morning in the afternoon, you say you saw a brown suitcase? --- Yes.

Where did you see that? --- As far as I /30 remember he took it out of the garage, and he carried it

along the garden path and then he put it in the car.

Did you speak to him about it? --- No.

Did you know what was in the suitcase? --- No.

Did you suspect what was in there? --- Well, I guessed it must be something to do with this organisation but I didn't ask him about it.

You assumed it must have been explosives? --- Well, I don't know what sort of things they had. I don't know about that at all.

Did you ask him why he was going to Johannesburg? --- Yes, he was going to Johannesburg to get some exam papers from Damelin College. /10

That is what he told you? --- Yes.

And you assumed, I take it, that that is why he took the canvas bag with him? --- I don't remember thinking about the canvas bag at all. He used the canvas bag quite often actually for papers. It just didn't strike me at all.

But the big suitcase worried you? --- No, it didn't worry me specifically. /20

And he returned that evening about six? --- I couldn't be sure of the time.

In the evening? --- Yes.

And did you have supper together? --- I don't remember.

Why not? --- I don't know.

Are you clear whether or not you listened to the radio? --- No.

Who gave you the news of the explosion? --- I don't know, I might have heard it on the news, and perhaps my husband's father told me. I really don't /30

remember, I just remember knowing what had happened.

Mrs. Harris, is there anything that might have disturbed your memory or your recollection of that afternoon and evening? --- I don't know what you mean.

Well, you can't recall certain things. Is there anything that distracted you that afternoon or evening so that you can't remember clearly what happened? --- Well, I think the news over the radio.

I see. That upset you a great deal? --- Yes.

And on hearing that did you infer that your husband has been a party to this explosion? --- Well, I'm not sure if he actually told me or if I just, as you say, inferred, but somehow I just knew. /10

Somehow or other you knew? --- Yes.

Can you exclude the possibility that he did tell you? --- No. He might well have told me.

Now, if he had told you that would have been an outstanding feature of that evening, and you must have remembered it? --- Well, he did tell me earlier in the evening, he said - he had been talking a lot about this terrific thing that he was going to do. When he came home he said to me that he had done it, but he wasn't sure if it would work. /20

And did you ask him what he had done? --- No.

You mean to tell the court that the conversation ended on that note? --- Yes, I didn't want to know.

He just said he had done it, and he didn't know if it would work? --- Yes.

Now, was that before or after the radio news time? --- That was before. It was very soon after he came home. /30

Was there anybody else present? --- Not present when he told me.

There was no one else present? --- No. His father was there, but not when he told me.

Pardon? --- His father was in the house, but not when my husband told me.

Then you had your fears confirmed when the news came over? --- Yes.

Were you with the accused after that? --- Well, yes. /10

Did you speak to him about your fears that had been confirmed? --- I don't remember doing so.

You don't remember? In the normal course of events would you have done so? --- Well, it is difficult to say, because I tried always not to ask him about anything to do with this organisation, I didn't ask him, and he didn't tell me.

Then the accused's father remained with you that evening? --- No, he stayed a little while.

Did he go before supper? --- Yes, I think so, yes, he must have. /20

And I take it you and the accused had supper together then? --- Yes.

Did he appear normal to you then? --- I can't remember.

And you say he used the phone after supper? --- Yes, I remember that he used the phone.

And then he went to sleep? --- Yes.

He normally sleeps well? --- Yes.

He does? --- Yes. /30

I think you said the midday before he left on

the 24th he had a sleep? --- Yes.

So that day of the 24th he appeared calm? ---
No.

He simply laid down and went to sleep, didn't he? --- Yes. Well, I didn't see him go to sleep. He told me he was going to have a sleep.

And he went to the room? --- Yes.

And what time was that? --- I don't know. It was after lunch.

Did you ask him when you saw him again whether he had slept? --- I don't remember asking him. /10

Now, did you ask the accused what he was going to write to Dr. Verwoerd? --- I don't remember discussing it with him.

You never saw this letter? --- No.

He never told you what he had written? --- No.

Can you recall when the discussion about this letter took place? --- No. I know it was quite recently, but I should think July, because I think it was after the baby was born. Yes, it was after the baby was born. /20

Now, that night you were obviously very disturbed in your own mind? --- Yes.

That is the night of the 24th? --- Yes.

Now, I take it, you didn't sleep much? --- No.

You realised then that something very serious had happened, that he had probably or undoubtedly been a party to the explosion at the station? --- Yes.

Now, he had been excited? --- When?

On that day and when he came back? --- Yes.

He had apparently been excited that day, so you say, and when he came back, would you say he was /30.

restless? --- Yes.

Until he went to sleep. So much so that you were worried? --- Well, I don't remember the later hours of the evening, but I remember that he was very restless when he first came home.

Were these symptoms that he was showing such that they gave you cause for worry? --- Well, he had been like that, as I say, for quite a while.

And did you think then that he was mentally disturbed? --- I don't know how you tell when a person is mentally disturbed. /10

Mentally abnormal? --- I don't know.

When the police came, did you tell them that you felt he was ill? --- No.

You weren't worried about his condition at all? --- I don't remember.

Now, you know that an application was made a little while ago for the accused to be examined by a psychiatrist? --- Yes.

You were told that by your lawyers? --- Yes. /20

And you saw Dr. Hurst on the 12th? --- I don't remember the date.

When there was a public holiday, do you remember, on a Saturday? --- Yes.

With the rest of the family? --- Yes.

And were you asked to recall any strange episodes in your husband's life? --- Yes.

No matter how trivial? --- Well, Professor Hurst asked me questions.

And that is about whether he was restless? --- /30
Well, he asked me how he would behave and that sort of

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