

MEMORANDUM ON T. J. SERFONTEIN, ex DET/SGT. (77)

Witness reports one meeting, No. 256, p. 3804 (V.20), Ex. G. 437. Witness says there was a lot of noise at the meeting and as he could not hear there were quite a few sentences which he left out. Other than that he states he was able to record all that was said, but this cannot be true as the meeting lasted 2 hrs 20 mins, and according to his notes Ex. G. 437, was recorded on 1½ pages of typescript.

Nothing appears to have been said at this meeting of any importance other than a reference to the fact that "A.N.C. anthem speaks about, and we sing about God". Ex. G. 437. p.1.

NON-VIOLENCE ETC.

SECHOARENG (158).

"We must however respect good white people who are sympathetic to the A.N.C. We have even good white friends amongst the police who will assist us but those who call us communists and agitators, treat them with contempt". Ex. G. 437. p.2.



Later

On a perusal of the Record I find that this witness reported the first speech mentioned in Schedule "C" and was thereafter cross-examined in regard to a number of other meetings which he attended at Galeshewe Location, Kimberley between April and October 1952. Speeches made at these meetings were read into the record at the instance of the Defence and there are innumerable references to the necessity for the adoption of non-violent action. Some of the speakers advocated a method of struggle based upon Christian principles, many referred to the need to adopt the Ghandi principle of passive resistance, and some explicitly rejected Communism.

For details and references see the Memo made on Schedule "C" which deals with the first speech referred to therein.

Witness should be cross-examined on all these speeches.

Serfontein's cross-examination is to be found on P.6917 to 6921 (35) and 6959 (35) to 7017 (36).

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