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KOMMISSIE VAN ONDERSOEK OM ONDERSOEK IN TE STEL NA
DIE GEBEURE IN DIE DISTRIKTE VAN VEREENIGING (TE
WETS DIE SHARPEVILLE LOKASIE EN EVATON) EN VANDER-
BIJLPARK, PROVINSIE TRANSVAAL, op 21 MAART 1960.

VRIDAG, 20 MEI 1960 om 9.45 v.m.

VERTEENWOORDIGING SOOS VOORHEEN.

MR. KENTRIDGE: Mr. Chairman, before the next Witness is called, someone has reported to me this morning that the Witness Luchael Masedi, who was the school teacher who gave evidence before you last Friday at Baragwanath Hospital - the first Witness called there - has been arrested. Apparently, after he was discharged from Baragwanath he was under arrest and then he was freed, and then he was arrested again on the basis, apparently, of some identification parade.

It was pointed out to me that not only had all details about him appeared in the newspapers, but so had his photographs in several newspapers. Well, whether it was a valid identification parade, is a matter for another Court, but not for you. But as far as other Witnesses are concerned, they may well have the feeling that the man was arrested because he gave evidence of a certain type before this Commission, and there may be an inextricable connection made by other people in Sharpeville between the giving of evidence and his arrest. I don't know, Sir, whether there is anything in your power to do about this; but the matter was raised to me and I thought I ought to bring it to the

attention of the Commission in case there is anything that can be done about it.

THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Claassen, I don't know, have you any information on that?

MNR. CLAASSEN: Edelagbare, die posisie is natuurlik soos u aan al die getuies verduidelik het, dat sekere beskerming aan hulle gegee word wat betref die getuienis wat hulle aflê voor die Kommissie, maar dat u geen mag het om hulle te beskerm teen arrestasie of ander getuienis nie. Die posisie soos ek dit verstaan is dat die gewondes wat in die hospitaal was, was almal verdagtes en die Polisie het gewag totdat hulle hul ontslag gekry het by die hospitaal voordat hulle enigszins kon optree.

Ek verstaan die posisie was hier gewees dat die man gearresteer is, ek dink saam met andere wat ontslaan was, nadat hulle hul getuienis afgelê het, en hy is toe weer losgelaat; maar op voorwaarde dat hy 'n sekere uitkenningsparade bywoon. Dit het hy bygewoon en onafhanklike getuies het hom daar uitgeken. Op dié wyse het die Polisie die mede-getuienis teen hom bekom en daarop is hy gearresteer.

Ek verstaan dat sy arrestasie niks te make het met die getuienis wat hy afgelê het nie.

Dit is natuurlik 'n moeilike posisie, maar die Polisie in hulle ondersoek sal natuurlik ook in groot moeilikheid geplaas wees as die getuies wat nou getuienis afgelê het, meen dat hulle heeltemal gevrywaar word van vervolg.

DIE VOORSITTER: Ek glo nie enigiets wat ek gesê het, altans, kon enige getuie onder die indruk gebring het dat indien hy getuienis gee, hy gevrywaar sou wees teen vervolging nie.

Mr. Kentridge, let me say at the outset, I don't think there is anything I can do about it.

MR. KENTRIDGE: Sir, my information is that - there is a difference of opinion, naturally, as to whether the Witnesses who identified this man at the identity parade were independent; but that is not a matter to be raised here. The point is that the suspicion arises in the minds of people, not because of what - of anything you have said, Sir - that the arrests might be due to the fact that they give evidence.

However, I think my learned friend has really placed his finger on the real point and that is the really scandalous thing, that everyone who was wounded is automatically a suspect on a charge of public violence - simply because a man is shot. One might have thought that the people who did the shooting might be suspects, automatically, on that charge.

THE CHAIRMAN: That is a matter with which I can't concern myself; that is a Police investigation and ...

MR. KENTRIDGE: I think perhaps that will clear up difficulties that Witnesses feel, if one told them that if they are regarded as suspects it is simply because they were in the way of Police bullets and not because they give evidence here.

THE CHAIRMAN: Well, I don't know what the Police act on. They investigate matters and I take it they take action in the way in which the Police normally take action.

MR. KENTRIDGE: Well, I think my learned friend is quite right, that a wounded person is automatically

a suspect. He is kept in custody until he is freed, or something like that. Apparently that is the basis on which it works and it may well be that perhaps that ought to be explained to people, that they must bear in mind that if they were there, they are automatically suspects and they must not ascribe what is done to them to their evidence here. Perhaps they could be reassured in that way.

THE CHAIRMAN: Well, I think it is clear to everybody - not only to the Witnesses but also to the Police investigating the matter - that the evidence which is given here in Court is not to be used. I would like to believe, and at present I do believe that that is observed in a fair manner. As to what happens outside our commission, of course, I have no control over that and that is a matter which must be raised at the appropriate time.

MR. KENTRIDGE: Well, it may well be, as my learned friend says, that this man was not arrested because of his evidence but because he was, as a wounded man, suspect. I can't make any suggestion either.

THE CHAIRMAN: No; I am afraid there is nothing one can do.

MNE. CLAASSEN: Melagbare, as ek net mag byvoeg - dit is wat kapt. v.d. Bergh vir my nou net sê - hy is in bevel van hierdie saak waarvoor die mense aangehou word, en die posisie is dat ek verstaan omtrent 75% van die persone wat by die hospitaal ontslaan is, losgelaat is. Dit is natuurlik nadat ondersoek ingestel is, wat 'n aandeel hulle gehad het in die betoeg; maar dit meen nie dat outomaties 'n persoon wat in die hospitaal beland het deurdat hy 'n koeëlwond opgedoen het, aangehou word nie. Dit is

bloot 'n geval, dat deurdat hy daar was, is hy verdag.

MR. KENTRIDGE: I think my learned friend is right there. I did not mean to give an opposite impression; but the point is that people who are wounded, are automatically in custody. Then, afterwards, if the Police investigations show that there is no case against them, they have been released - or that is, if there is no case in the view of the Police; then they have been released. Most of them, apparently, have eventually been released. After discharge from hospital, they go into Police custody and investigations are made, and then eventually many of them - I think perhaps most of them ...

THE CHAIRMAN: You see, it would be very invidious for the Police and probably not a proper exercise of their powers, if they were to draw a distinction between a man who was wounded and who is screened, but who did not give evidence in this case and a person who is in exactly the same position, except that he has given evidence.

I mean, I must agree, it may no doubt cause some effect on the minds of people who might be witnesses. I don't know that that inference would be justified, but nevertheless they may have that feeling and would just have to bear with it.

MR. KENTRIDGE: This process of screening, as it has been explained, is one which I had thought was unknown to our original Law. But that, again, is not a matter for this Commission.

THE CHAIRMAN: You see, Capt. v.d. Bergh has, of course, been associated with this Commission. He knows what my wishes are, and up to now I certainly have not become aware of any conduct on his part which

violates the trust which I have placed in him as a Police Officer.

MR. KENTRIDGE: Nor have we become aware of any such conduct, and I don't think there is any. As far as we are aware, Capt. v.d. Bergh has observed the directions of this Commission, not only in fact but in spirit, also; but I think possibly one of the difficulties arises from the fact that he is associated both with this Commission and with the prosecution of these people. I think that might give rise to misgivings on their part, because they don't understand the true position.

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes; in a way, of course, it was inevitable, I suppose, if this Commission were to start with its work at once, as was required, for somebody else to have started all the investigations de novo.

MR. KENTRIDGE: Yes; probably it would have been. I can assure you, Mr. Chairman, that what I had to say about this man was not intended as a criticism of Capt. v.d. Bergh, who has got his duty to do and I have no doubt he does it in every way properly. But I did bring it to your attention because the complaint was made to us and as we were the people who brought this man before the Commission, we felt some responsibility for raising it. But I certainly did not mean to criticize Capt. v.d. Bergh.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you. I may just say that I think the work of this Commission has been remarkably free of difficulty; at least, much more so than I envisaged at the start; and I think that has probably been due in a large measure to the co-operation between the people who have been concerned in it.

DANIEL DEKOE, beëdig, verklaar (deur tolk):
(Voorwaardes van getuigenis verduidelik).

VERHOOR DEUR MNR. PLEWMAN: Daniel, jy woon in Sharpeville? --- Ja; ek woon daar.

Die dag van die skietery, was jy daar by die Polisiestasie? --- Ek was.

Is jy beseer? --- Ja, ek is.

Van toe af was jy in die hospitaal totdat jy Dinsdag of Woensdag hierdie week ontslaan is? --- Ek is Dinsdag uit die hospitaal ontslaan en toe is ek aangehou en Woensdagmore is ek losgelaat en ek is toe vort.

Kan jy onthou min of meer hoe laat dit was toe jy na die Polisiestasie gegaan het? --- Dit was tussen 1 en 2.

Was daar alreeds 'n skare daar? --- Daar was.

Waar het jy gaan staan? --- Ek het by 'n elektriese paal gaan staan wat voor die Polisiestasie is.

Waar is dit in vergelyking met die kafee aan die Noordekant? --- Die paal is midweg tussen die Polisiestasie en die kafee.

Het jy daar gaan staan en kyk wat aangaan? --- Dit is so, ja.

Wat het jy gedink gaan daar gebeur, daardie dag? --- Ek het nie gedink dat daar iets sou gebeur nie, omdat ek die mense daar toe gesien staan het.

Hoekom is jy scheentoe? --- My trapfiets was gesteel en ek het die dag daarheen gegaan om die kwitansie van my trapfiets daarheen te neem, want die saak moes die 23e van dieselfde maand dien.

DIE VOORSITTER: Het jy reeds vantevore die klagte aangemeld? --- Ek het alreeds 'n klagte aanhangig gemaak, ja.

VERHOOR HERVAT:
/Terwyl jy daar was, het jy gesien of daar 'n kar by die Polisiegronde ingaan? ---Ja; ek het.

Was dit net een kar, of meer as een? --- Dit was een kar, twee vragmotors van die Polisie en dan die saracens.

Het hulle moeilikheid gehad om deur die skare te kom en by die Polisiegronde in te gaan? ---Nee; hulle het nie moeilikheid gehad nie omdat die mense nie in die pad gestaan het nie.

Was dit die laaste voertuie wat ingegaan het, of was daar nog ander voertuie na dit? --- Dit was die laaste wat daar arriveer het en daar in is.

Was daar enige mense wat beseer was deur enige van hierdie voertuie? --- Die voorste kar wat daar by die Polisiegronde ingery het, dit is toe hy daar by die hek kom; hy het gebots met 'n sekere vrou en ek het toe die vrou gegryp en agteruit geruk.

Het jy opgelet of daar iemand was in hierdie kar wat jy miskien beskryf? --- Dit was sersante wat in daardie kar was. Dit is die kar wat met daardie vrou gebots het.

Is dit dieselfde soortunivorm as ander Polisie, of was daar iets besonder wat jy opgemerk het? --- Hulle was algaar in Polisie-univorm.

En wat het jy gedink dat hierdie mense nou by die Poliestasie gaan doen? --- Ek wou die kwitansie van my fiets gaan inhandig, maar voor dit het ek vir die mense wat daar gestaan het, gevra wat is dan nou eintlik die fout dat hulle daar so byeenkom. Toe is aan my gesê deur van die mense, dit is aangaande die paste van die Bantoesense en dat daar 2-uur iemand sou kom om hulle te spreek daaromtrent.

Kan jy sê waar jy gestaan het toe die skietery begin het? — Ek was na-aan die groot hek en die groot hek was aan my regterkant; ek was aan die linkerkant daarvan.

Kort voor die skietery, het jy sekere arres- tasies gesien? — Ja; ek het.

Onmiddellik voor die skietery, het jy enige geluid gehoor van iemand wat 'n bevel gee, of so-lies? — Die eerste persoon was gegryp en getrek, links en regs teen die kop geslaan met die oop hand. Daarna is 'n tweede een op dieselfde wyse gegryp, ook teen die kop geslaan, links en regs. Hy het toe sy baard gegryp, soos ek gewys, die gesig probeer toemaak, en hy is toe ook na binne geneem.

Hoe het die skietery begin? — Hulle was in 'n lyn opgestel, en toe het 'n woord daar gekom, naamlik "Skiet!"

Wat het die mense gedoen toe hulle daardie woord hoor? — Hulle het gedraai en gevulg en net nadat hulle gedraai het en aan die vlug was, het die skietery begin.

Hoe het die skietery begin; was dit 'n sarsie skote of was dit enkelskote, of kan jy nie sê nie? — Dit was 'n sarsie. Algaar het op een geleentheid die mense enige klippie gegooi of hulle probeer by gevuur.

In watter rigting het jy gehardloop? — Hier na die biblioteek se kant-toe.

Waar was jy toe die skoot jou getref het? — Net na hulle gesê het "Skiet", toe vlie ek om soos die ander om weg te hardloop, en toe het 'n koeël my hier skrams teen die regterbeen getref — hy het nie ingegaan nie. Hy het net teen die been getref en toe verby.

Is dit die enigste skoot wat jy toe gekry het? ---
Dit is al skoot wat ek gekry het.

En wat het jy toe gedoen daarna? --- Ek het op
die grond gaan lê en toe is daar 'n ander vrou wat gekom
het, en die het ook daar geval en toe sy opstaan toe kry
sy 'n skoot agter die kop, toe is sy klaar.

Terwyl jy daar lê, het die skietery nog aangehou?
---Ja; hulle het.

Was dit alles een sarsie, of kan jy 'n beskrywing
gee van hoe die skietery gegaan het? --- Dit sal 'n
sarsie wees en dan hou hulle op en dan word dit gesê,
"Daar is 'n ander kaffer wat weer opstaan; ons het nog
niks aan hom gedoen nie" en dan word dit weer gevuur.

Hoe het die skietery tot 'n einde gekom? ---
Dit is deur middel van 'n fluitjie wat geblaas was.
Toe het hulle opgehou om te skiet.

Het jy toe probeer wegloop en is jy na die tyd
opgelaai deur 'n huurmotor en toe hospitaal-toe geneem?
--- Nee; hierdie huurmotor van die vriend het my opge-
laai en mygaan "tip" by die huis. Daar het my oom
vir my weer 'n ander huurmotor gekry en vir my na die
hospitaal laat vervoer.

Voor die skietery begin het, het jy gesien, het
die mense enigsinde klippe gegooi of het hulle probeer by
die Polisiestasie instorm? --- Daar het niemand van
daardie mense probeer om iets aan die Polisie te doen,
probeer baklei met die Polisie of iets nie; en daar
het niemand van daardie mense klippe gegooi na die
Polisie nie.

Ek wil jou net iets vra in verband met die draad-
heining om die Poliseekamp. Het jy opgelet na die
skietery of daardie draadheining nog gestaanhet, en of

dit plat was? --- Die dag toe die Polisieestasie geopen is, het die mense wat daar gestaan het, teen die draad geleun en as gevolg daarvan is die draad vorentoe gedruk en die draad het so gebly staan sedertdien, tot die dag van hierdie gebeure.

Die dag dat die Polisieestasie geopen is, is dit 'n lang tyd voor die skietery in Maart van hierdie jaar? --- Ek kan nie sê die maand nie, maar dit is lank voor hierdie skietery dat die Polisieestasie geopen is.

DIE VOORSITTER: Was dit nog in die vorige maand, 1959 - voor kersfees? --- Dit is laasjaar, voor kersfees, toe die Polisieestasie geopen is.

VERHOOR WERK: Het jy onder die skare, soos jy hulle daar gesien het voor die skietery - het jy opgemerk of die mense wapens het? --- Nee, ek het nie enigeen van hulle gesien met enige wapens, of wat gewapen was nie.

GEEN VERDERE VRAE NIE.

KRUISVERHOOR DEUR MNR. CLAASSEN: Daniel, met die opening van die Polisieestasie, was jy daar gewees? --- Ek was.

Was daar baie blankes ook gewees? --- Daar was.

Was die blankes op die Polisiegronde, of was hulle buitekant die draad? --- Hulle was binne-in die Polisie se persele. Sommige van hulle het op stoele gesit, en andere het gestaan. Dit is van die blankes.

Was daar baie nie-blankes ook? --- Daar was baie.

Waar was hulle? --- Daar was vir die nie-blankes ook stoele binne die Polisie-jaart gegee om te sit, maar diegene wat daar was wat nie stoele gehad het om op te sit nie, wat gesê om buitekant die draad te staan

stele gehad het om op te sit nie.

Hoewel mense was toe daardie dag by die Polisie-
stasie gewes, wat buitekant die draad gewes het; hoe
sou dit vergelyk met wat jy daar gesien het die dag van
die skietery? --- Alhoewel ek nie weet wat die getal
was van die nie-blankes wat daar was toe die Polisie-
stasie geopen is nie, en ook nie die getal van die nie-
blankes wat daar by die Poliestasie was die dag toe
daar geskiet was nie, sal ek sê die dag toe die Polisie-
stasie geopen is, was daar baie nie-blankes; en ek sou
ook sê die dag toe die skietery plaasgevind het hier by
die Poliestasie, was daar ook baie nie-blankes. Dit
is al wat ek kan sê.

Jy kan nie sê of daardie dag toe die Polisie-
stasie geopen is, die mense vir jou meer gelyk het
as hierdie dag met die skietery nie - of minder? ---
Ek ken nie die getal van die mense, die nie-blankes wat
by was toe die Poliestasie geopen was nie; en ek
weet ook nie wat die getal van die nie-blanke mense is
die dag van die skietery nie. Ek sê net hulle was baie.

DIE VOORSITTER: Sê net vir my dit, Daniel:
Die stele wat binnekant die Poliesterrein was, waar
was dit: Aan die Suidekant, of aan die Westekant?
--- Aan die Suidekant, daar waar die klein hekkie is.

Die mense wat jy van praat wat buitekant gestaan
het, waar het die meeste van hulle gestaan? Het hulle
gestaan teenoor die mense wat binnekant gesit het, of
het hulle om die hele Poliestasie gestaan, daardie
dag? --- Daardie dag was daar 'n nie-blanke kinderkoor
ook gewes; daar was gesing. Maar die nie-blanke
mense wat nie gesit het binnekant die Poliesterrein
nie, het agter diegene wat binnekant gesit het, gestaan,

Weskant die draad. Hulle was nie rondom die Polisie-
stasie gewees nie.

Het die meeste van hulle in Zwane-straat gestaan?

Wat van die kant waar die kliniek is? --- Daar
was 'n wit mense na die kliniek se kant-toe ook, maar hulle
was 'n bietjie (onhoorbaar) en as die wit mense praat
het hulle opgestaan om te luister na wat daar gesê

Die draad wat jy sê oorgedruk was - waar was dit?

aan die Suidekant, of aan albei kante - Suide- en
Weskant? --- Die draad was oorgedruk aan die Westekant,
ook aan die Suidekant. Die Superintendent van die
polisie-stasie, 'n witman is, het gesê hulle moet
op so teen die draad leun en dit so oordruk nie, en
die draad is nog sedertdien so.

KRUISVERHOOR HERVAT: Die mense wat daar buitekant
aan die draad gestaan het, daardie dag, ek neem aan hulle het
nie gesien waar hulle die mense kon sien wat sou praat? ---
Dit is so.

En die mense wat nou aan die Noordekant van die
draad gestaan het, sou seker nie kon sien nie? ---
Nee, hulle sou nie kon sien nie want die Polisie-stasie
is na Suid.

En daar het seker mense aan die Oostekant ook
gestaan? --- Daar was, maar hulle was maar min; hulle
was nie baie nie - aan die Oostekant.

Maar die wat aan die Oostekant gestaan het,
het hulle van die Oostekant, sou ook kon sien wat daar
gebeur het? --- Dit is so. Sommige van hulle sou
gesien het, sommige nie.

Die dag van die skietery, het die mense teen die

buitekant die draad. Hulle was nie rondom die Polisie-
stasie gewees nie.

Het die meeste van hulle in Zwane-straat gestaan?

---Ja.

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word.

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Aan die Suidekant, of aan albei kante - Suide- en
Westekant? --- Die draad was oorgedruk aan die Westekant,
asook aan die Suidekant. Die Superintendent van die
nie-blanks mense, wat 'n witman is, het gesê hulle moet
nie so teen die draad leun en dit so oordruk nie, en
die draad is nog sedertdien so.

KRUISVERHOOR HERVAT: Die mense wat daar buitekant
die draad gestaan het, daardie dag, ek neem aan hulle het
gestaan waarhulle die mense kon sien wat sou praat? ---
Dit is so.

En die mense wat nou aan die Noordekant van die
groot hek gestaan het, sou seker nie kon sien nie? ---
Nee, hulle sou nie kon sien nie want die Polisie-stasie
kyk Suid.

En daar het seker mense aan die Oostekant ook
gestaan? --- Daar was, maar hulle was maar min; hulle
was nie baie nie - aan die Oostekant.

Maar die wat aan die Oostekant gestaan het,
gedeelte van die Oostekant, sou ook kon sien wat daar
gebeur het? --- Dit is so. Sommige van hulle sou
gesien het, sommige nie.

Die dag van die skietery, het die mense teen die

draad geleun? --- Hulle het aan die draad vasgehou; toe het die leiers van die mense wat die dag daarheen gegaan het vir die doel waarvoor hulle gegaan het, aan die mense gesê nee, hulle moet nie so aan die draad vashou nie, hulle moet 'n bietjie terugstaan.

En toe het hulle nie weer aan die draad vasgehou nie? --- Nee.

Was dit vroeg daardie dag toe die leiers dit gesê het? --- Nee, dit was daar by 1-uur se kant.

So 'n rak nog voor die skietery? --- Dit is so, ja.

En jy daarna het hulle nie weer aan die draad gevat nie - hulle het weggestaan van die draad? --- Hulle het toe teruggestaan, omtrent 'n tree van die draad voor hulle.

En so het hulle bly staan tot die skietery? --- Ja.

Ek het verstaan jy het eers gestaan by 'n elektriese paal half-weg tussen die geboue daar - is dit die winkel en die kafee, en die Polisiestasie? --- Dit is die elektriese paal tussen die Polisiestasie en die winkels - halfpad tussen die Polisiestasie en die winkels.

Dit is 'n hele end van die Polisie draad af? ---

Ja. Dit is 'n entjie van die draad af. Die pad wat daar verby gaan, dan is die paal wat ek van praat aan die linkerkant van die pad.

Het jy toe vandaar afgeskuif na die hek-toe? ---

Omdat die mense daar vol was, het ek van daardie elektriese paal af kader gegaan na die hek-toe want ek wou die trapfiets se kwitansie gaan in handig, en toe het ek gevra

wat is dan verkeerd dat die mense daar so byeenkom.

Was daar toe nie so baie mense by die hek nie? ---
Nee; daar was nie so baie mense by die groot hek nie.
Dit was ook gesê dat die groot hek nie moet toegemaak
word nie. As die grootmense daar kom, moet die hek oop
wees sodat hulle kan inkom.

Wie het dit gesê? --- Dit is die mense wat die mense
daar gekeer het om nie teen die draad te leun nie.

DIE VOORSITTER: Is dit die Polisie? --- Nee; dit
was nie-blanke persone. Dit was nie Polisie nie.

KRUISVERHOOR HERVAT: Van die wat buitekant, om
die Polisie-stasie gestaan het? --- Dit is die nie-blanke
persone wat binne die Polisie se draad gestaan het, wat
vir die nie-blankes buitekant die draad gesê het hulle
moet nie teen die draad leun nie.

Het hulle ook vir hulle gesê om die pad oop te
hou sodat die karre nie kan deurkom nie? --- Hulle het.

En is die pad oop gehou? --- Ja; die pad was so
oop gehou.

Verstaan ek jou nou mooi. Ek praat nou van 'n
pad tussen die skare deur, waar die karre moes inkom.
Daar het nou nie ander mense daar gestaan nie, sodat die
karre vry kom inky? --- Dit is wat ek ook van praat.
Dit is 'n pad deur die skare. Die skare het oop gemaak
en die hek was ook oop, sodat die mense kon inkom.

Het dit oop gebly, die hek ...? --- Die nie-blankes
wat binnant die polisiejaart was, het die mense wat die
pad toe gestaan het voor die hek, gesê "Kyk, julle moet
hier oopmaak. Party van julle moet hierdie kant staan
en party van julle moet aan die een kant staan sodat as
die groot mense kom, hulle kan inkom." Maar die hek
self was toe.

Dit is wat hulle toe gedoen het? —Hulle het, ja. Ek wou ook daar ingaan en ek was gesê om eenkant-toe te staan.

En toe die vragmotors en die saracens kom, was die pad so oop soos wat jy nou beskrywe het? — Dit is so, ja.

En waar is dit waar die vrou raakgery was? — Die kar wat ingekom het, moes agter ons ingekom het, verbygekom het om by die hek in te gaan. Dit was sy regte pad. Insteede van dit, het hy die kar reguit op hierdie/blankie vrou gestuur en met haar gebots. Toe hy weer oor na haar-toe kom, het ek die vrou gegryp en haar agteruit geruk; en toe het die kar na die skare beweeg en hulle het padgegee. Toe het hy gedraai en toe is hy by die hek in.

Met ander woorde, wat jy nou vir ons vertel is, daar was 'n oep pad vir daardie kar gewees wat hy kon ry as hy wou? — Ja; daar was 'n pad maar hy het uit die pad gedraai toe hy met die vrou gebots het.

Dit was heeltemal onnodig, volgens jou, vir hom om uit die pad te draai? — Daar was 'n pad; dit was nie nodig om uit te draai nie.

Jy het nou al vir ons 'n paar snakke goed vertel.

MR. PLEWMAN: I don't like my learned friend to comment on the Witness' statements, Sir. He can keep his comments for the proper time, not in the Witness' presence.

THE CHAIRMAN: Counsel have been making comments throughout. Sometimes it does ...

MR. PLEWMAN: It may have been improper, Sir, I don't know; it may have been just as improper for someone else. My suggestion is that it is improper

at the present stage.

KRUISVERHOOR HREKAT: Ek wil nou kom by 'n ander ding wat jy vir ons vertel het wat, as dit reg is, vreeslik wreed was van die Polisie. Jy sê dat toe jy daar gelê het, het jy gehoor iemand sê "Daar is nog 'n kaffer wat opstaan wat ons nog niks aan gedoen het nie". Is ek reg, of verkeerd? --- "Daar is nog 'n kaffer; hy staan op. Ons het hom nog niks gesaak nie." Dit is so; dit is reg.

Toe hy dit sê, was al die Bantoes al weg gewees, dat daar net die gewees het wat daar lê, of was daar nog Bantoes wat besig was om te hardloop? --- Daar was toe nog geskiet, koeëls het agter hulle verbygetrek.

Hoe ver het jy van die draad af gelê? --- Ek was 'n entjie van die draad af, want die teerpad - ek was aan die ander kant van die teerpad.

Het jy op die teerpad gelê, of op die sypaadjie? --- Nee, ek was daar in die gras, anderkant die teer.

Toe jy nou die aanmerking gehoor het, was daar nog mense tussen jou en die Polisie draad wat gehardloop het? --- Daar was andere wat dood was; daar was andere wat geval het en daar was andere wat gevlug het, op daardie stadium.

Nog tussen jou en die Polisie draad? --- Ja.

En het hulle dit net eenkeer gesê, of het hulle dit tweekeer gesê? --- Nee; net een keer.

Ma wie het hulle verwys; na jou, of na 'n ander nie-blanke? --- Dit was verwys na die vrou wat opgestaan het toe sy die skoot van agter die kop gekry het, en neergeval het.

Die vrou, verstaan ek, het geval en toe wou sy opspring? --- Dit is reg, ja; toe kry sy 'n skoot agter

die kop en toe val sy.

Het hulle dit gesê, wat jy nou vir ons vertel het, voordat hulle haar agter in die kop geskiet het, of daarna?

--- Sy was alreeds gewond gewees hier in die sy, (toon aan) en toe het sy probeer opstaan. Dit is toe dat daardie woorde gebruik is en toe geskiet is, en toe is sy agter die kop getref.

Jy is nou seker daardie woorde is gebruik ten opsigte van daardie vrou? --- Ek is seker, ja.

Jy het twee arrestasies gesien? --- Ja.

Waar was die twee persone toe hulle gearresteer is - buitekant die draad, of binnekant die draad? --- Hulle was buitekant die draad.

En wie het hulle gearresteer - 'n man in 'n uniform, of 'n man in privaat klere? --- Die eerste een was gearresteer deur 'n persoon met 'n wit heup wat nie in uniform gekleed was nie. Die tweede een was gearresteer deur 'n Polisie-man in uniform. Hy het sy geweer in sy regterhand gedra en hom gegryp en geruk.

Al twee is so geklap, links en regs? --- Ja. Beide van hulle.

En nadat hulle gearresteer is, wat het van hulle geword? --- Hulle is daar in die Polisie-stasie met hulle.

Toe jy daar gekom het, hoeveel nie-blankes was daar wat nog binnekant die draad was, wat met die skare gepraat het? --- Vyf.

Was enige van hulle arresteer; wat het van hulle geword? --- Ek weet nie daar nie. Al wat ek weet is, een van die vyf is geneem en hulle is daar in met hom, en wat daar verder gebeur het, weet ek nie. Die ander vier het toe oorgebly.

D. DEONNE
Kruisverhoor.
Herverhoor.

Deurdie Voorsitter

Maar toe daar geskiet word, was hulle nog binnekant?

---Ja; hulle was.

GEEN VERDERE VRAE NIE.

HEERVERHOOR DEUR MNR. PLEWMAN: Daniel, jy praat van 'n kar wat met die vrou gebots het; watter soort kar was dit? --- Dit is hierdie "flying squad" se kar, wat die dreedloos agter het.

Met die wat die kar nie in sy pad gery het nie en amper met die vrou gebots het, wat het van die skare geword wat naby die draad was? ---Hulle het stil bly staan, dit is al.

Het hulle op hulle plek bly staan, het hulle agter-uit getree; wat het hulle toe gadoen? ---Party van die mense het agteruit gestaan. Ander was half daar teen die draad vasgedruk.

GEEN VERDERE VRAE NIE.

DEUR DIE VOORSITTER: Daniel, jy sê jy het gehoor kort voordat daar geskiet is, dat iemand 'n bevel gee of die woord "Skiet!" sê? ---Ja.

Kan jy miskien onthou van watter rigting het jy nou gedink kom daardie woord? --- Van die Polisie se kant.

Het jy die idee gekry dit is van die Polisie wat reg voor jou gestaan het, of links van jou gestaan het, of regs? --- Die persoon wat dit gesê het, ken ek nie goed sien nie; maar hy het agter die Polisie gestaan - alhoewel ek in daardie rigting gekyk het.

Die indruk wat jy gekry het, is dit was iemand voor jou, maar wat agter die linie van Polisie gestaan het? --- Ja, dit is so.

Toe jy hoor - kan jy onthou, het hy gesê "Skiet!" of het hy "Shoot!" gesê? --- Hy het gesê "Skiet!"

Ek dink jy praat seker Afrikaans? --- Ek praat Afrikaans, ja.

Het jy net die een woord gehoor, of het miskien meer mense gesê "Skiet!"? --- Toe het die skietery begin; ek het nie ander woorde gehoor nie.

Het ek jou reg verstaan waar jy gesê het dat toe jy die woord "Skiet!" hoor, toe het die mense omgedraai - die wat buitekant was? --- Dit is so.

Was dit nog voordat die koeëls geklap het? --- Toe die woord "Skiet!" gebesig was, het die mense vinnig omgedraai, onmiddellik daarna (klap met vingers).

Kort voordat jy die woord "Skiet!" gehoor het, het jy gesien of die dubbelhek toe toe was? --- Ek het gesien dat dit toe was.

Met ander woorde, toe die skietery toe begin, of die laaste wat jy nou gesien het net voordat die skietery begin het, was die dubbele hek toe heeltemal toe gewees? --- Die hek was toe gewees, die groothek; maar nadat ingekom het, was die hek die voertuie/oop gewees. Dit is toe daardie twee mense gegryp is en na binne getrek is.

Nee, maar ek bedoel nou na dit; jy het nog gestaan en kyk na die Polisie totdat jy nou gehoor het iemand sê "Skiet!"? --- Dit is so, ja.

Ek wil weet, net kort voor dit, het jy na die hek gekyk; het jy gesien wat die posisie daar by die hek was? --- Die posisie is, die hek was toe en toe die voertuie inkom, was die hek oopgemaak en dit is oop laat staan. Toe die woord "Skiet!" gebesig was, was daardie hek oop.

- VERDAAG: 11.00 v.m. -

- HERVAT: 11.30 v.m. -

E. LIDIA
Evidence-in-Chief

ELIAS LIDIA, sworn, states (through Interpreter):
(Indemnity explained to Witness).
(Evidence now given without Interpreter).

EXAMINATION BY MR. PLEWMAN: You are not a member of any Political organisation, are you? ---No.

And your standard of education is junior certificate? ---Yes.

And you run your own business as a dress designer? ---Yes.

You live in Sharpeville? ---Yes.

With your mother and your sister? ---Yes.

We are concerned with the events of the 21st, which is the Monday. Have you any knowledge of the happenings in Sharpeville on the Sunday night? ---

I have.

Can you tell me what you know and then how you came to this knowledge, and why you were interested?

---I read about it and I heard about it, from rumours, that there would be something in Sharpeville, like an anti-pass campaign.

As a result of that, just tell me when you went out on the Sunday night and what you then saw? ---I went out at 8 p.m. on Sunday to Qwadi's meeting; a person by the name of Qwadi was addressing that meeting. I knew him to be a member of the P.A.C. but I did not know about his official position.

What were the activities that night, after the meeting? --- After the meeting, there was nothing except that the meeting, while it was still going on the Police came and scattered it.

As a result of that dispersal, what did you do? --- I went straight back home.

THE CHAIRMAN: Just tell me, where did that meeting take place? ---In Sharpeville.

At what particular place? --- I can't say, really. It was on the outskirts of Sharpeville.

Near to the Municipal offices? ---Near to Site and Service, on the Eastern side of it.

EXAMINATION CONTINUED: Just in fairness to you, will you say what your interest was in all these activities? ---Certainly. I do write in my spare time.

And were you collecting information as to what was happening for the purposes of your writing? --- Of my writing.

And were you making notes? ---I was.

Those notes we have not been able to find. You say you then went back to bed; and did you sleep the rest of the night, at home? ---Yes.

What time did you get up the next morning? --- I woke up a little earlier than 6.30, because I left home at 6.30 to have a shower in the change-house.

You have communal shower houses at Sharpeville and you went to one of those communal shower houses? ---Yes.

In doing so, did you see anything of the position in Seeiso Street, the main street of Sharpeville? --- I live far from Seeiso Street. I am in Zwane Street.

Well, perhaps you will then just tell his Worship what you noticed on getting up at 6.30 and going to this communal shower? ---On the road, I saw nothing, until I had had the shower. In the shower room I heard rumours that people had been molested who had tried to go to work, on Monday.

As a result of that? ---I had to take my bike and I went to Seeiso Street.

You heard the runcurs when having your shower, and then you took a bicycle and went to see what was happening in Seeiso Street? --- That's right.

And what did you find in Seeiso Street? ---I went to the bus terminus and there I found nothing of the sort. I only found that the people were more than usual, but not too much.

You found there were more ^{people} than usual standing about? --- Going about. From there, - I stood there maybe half-an-hour, before I went back home again.

And anything that you noticed that you think we should know about? --- From there I went back again down Seeiso Street, and when I was near the school square, when I threw my eyes down Seeiso Street I saw a group of about 500.

What did you then do there; did you find anyone else you knew? --- From that point, I turned back towards home - not exactly home, but to the Police Station.

What took you to the Police Station? --- More people were moving towards the Police Station.

Did anything happen in Seeiso Street while you were there that you can tell us about, or did you just go straight back to the Police Station? ---Nothing happened.

At the Police Station, did you find anyone you knew? ---Yes.

THE CHAIRMAN: About what time did you get to the Police Station? ---It was just before 8.

EXAMINATION CONTINUED: Was there a crowd at the Police Station when you got there? ---Yes.

About how many people, do you think? --- Well, I did not attend much to the crowd.

What happened at the Police Station? --- I took my bike home and came back to the Police Station, just to find that the group of people was increasing rapidly.

What did you then do? --- I started taking my notes.

Did you find anyone you knew at the Police Station? ---Yes; this was Qwadi.

Did Qwadi say anything to you there? ---Not at that moment.

At any other time, later on? ---He came to me because he knew me very well and told me that he heard the rumour saying that the people were blocking the road.

Which road was that? --- Seeiso Street.

As a result of that, what did you do? --- As a result of that, I followed him.

And where did you go? --- Down Seeiso Street, to the crowd.

Where did you find the crowd - at what point in Seeiso Street? --- At the school square.

The same school square that you referred to before? ---Yes.

And can you estimate the size of the crowd at all? --- The size of the crowd was about 700, and the crowd that came with us down to Seeiso Street from the Police Station.

E. LIDIA
Evidence-in-Chief

What was the purpose of your going to Seeiso Street? --- To go and witness.

To see what was happening? ---Yes.

Do you know whether there were any complaints about what was happening, or what the attitude of the people was or what Qwadi's purpose/in going there? --- When we came there, the people told us that the Police were not willing to go to the Police station; but they were waiting for them to march together to the Police Station.

Was that a statement made to you by the people in Seeiso Street? --- That is right. Then, ten minutes later Qwadi came to me and told me that the Police said they were not prepared to make any move at the people who were blocking the road. Then he told me that he was going to tell the people to move up to the Police Station.

So, as far as you know, were the people then persuaded to move in the direction of the Police Station, and did they in fact do so? --- They did.

Did you go back to the Police Station directly? --- I took the bike home first.

And then you went back to the Police Station? ---Back to the Police Station.

THE CHAIRMAN: About what time was this that you got to Seeiso Street and had these discussions about the crowd moving off to Sharpeville Police Station? --- It was about, if not exactly 10 o'clock.

EXAMINATION CONTINUED:
/So when you got back to the Police Station, that was a little after 10? ---Yes.

Whereabouts did you stand or go at the Police

Station? ---My first trouble was that I did not have a standing place. I went up and down, moved through the people, until the first arrival of the Police.

Until the first Police vehicle? ---No; they came in a group - minus those who came singly.

Are you inferring that these were the people coming from the crowd in Seeiso Street? --- No; the Police. They came round Zwane Street.

Did they take up position anywhere? --- Immediately where the Police Station premises end.

In Zwane Street?---In Zwane Street.

That is on the South-Eastern side of the Police Station? --- In Zwane Street, yes.

Did any other Police arrive while you were there? ---Yes.

Who else came? --- Saracens, and then the planes; but I can't really say whether the planes came before the saracens, or whether the saracens came before the planes.

Where about were you when the aeroplanes came over? ---I was still in Zwane Street, walking up and down between the people and the Police, trying to see that they would not provoke the Police.

Why were you doing that? --- I did it, I can say, in moral support of the P.A.C.

You did it sort of to assist the P.A.C. there? --- Yes.

Had you been asked to do that or did you think it necessary or why did you do that? --- At that point, - we were not asked.

And did you just think it incumbent on you to do

something to keep order? --- That's right. I wanted to know what would be the outcome of the P.A.C.'s campaign and it was my duty.

Did you notice any of the P.A.C. leaders speaking to the Police inside the Police grounds? --- That was Tsolo.

And who was he speaking to at the time when you looked? --- He was speaking to a man, first in a grey suit and with a hat on. I don't know his name.

Whereabouts was this discussion taking place? --- They were in the Southern part of the Police Station - in the entrance of the Police Station.

Opposite the little gate? --- Yes.

And were you anywhere near there? --- I was near the little gate at the time that the discussion took place.

After the discussion, did anything happen; did Tsolo come to you or say anything? --- He came to me and told me that the Police - that is to say the man he was talking to - was complaining about the crowd leaning against the fence. He told me that I should try to keep the people off the fence.

Did he say anything else to you about people who should stay there or what the plan was that the Police had? --- Not at that moment.

At any other time? --- He came and told me that "You shall have your answer at 2 o'clock" as there was a man from Pretoria who would come and address the people.

Was that a statement made to you particularly, or to the crowd in general? --- Well, I was talking to

him in particular.

So it was something he said to you? --- That's right.

Did you try to keep the people off the fence?
--- I did.

How did you do that? ---By pressing between the people and the fence, walking up and down.

I wonder if you will have a look at Exh. "B1" and perhaps indicate in what area you did that? Exh. "B1" is an aerial photograph of the Police Station/^{taken} some time during the course of that morning? --- Only between the two gates (Witness indicates).

You moved between the crowd and the fence, along the fence, between the two gates; that is from the Southern fence from the small gate, and up as far as the large gate on the Western side? ---Yes.

Did you have any difficulty in keeping that crowd off the fence; did you have any difficulty in moving between them and the fence? --- At first, but as I kept on, - ek het tussen hulle en die draad so effentjies deurgedruk. Nie te veel nie.

Can you tell me, when the aeroplanes dived low over that part of the township, did that have any effect, that you noticed? --- Many people ran away, but as they were running away more people came out from various places.

So you think other people were attracted? ---Yes.

Was there any hostility in the crowd at that stage?
---Not that I saw.

Was anyone else trying to keep the crowd in order? --- I could not see; I was also busy myself.

Do you know whether there were any people inside the Police grounds at that stage - I am talking about Africans? --- I only saw Qwadi.

During the time that you were there, did Police vehicles arrive at different times? ---Yes.

And they went in, we understand, at the Western gate? ---Yes.

And took up various positions inside the Police grounds? ---Yes.

I think we have it in evidence that the saracens were at some stage drawn up at various points, some facing North, the North-Western corner, and some - one facing South? ---Yes.

You noticed all that? --- That I noticed.

Did you see any arrests taking place? ---I only saw one, and that was Tsolo's.

What position were you in at that time, in relation to the fence; more or less where were you? ---I should say I was near the South-Eastern corner.

Was there any reaction from the crowd when that arrest took place? ---No.

Not that you know of? ---Not that I knew of.

Was that before, or after the Police had been drawn up into a line facing the Western fence? --- I can't distinguish that.

You are not sure? ---Not sure.

Do you remember that the Police were at some stage drawn up in a line? --- Yes.

If we now come to the shooting, do you remember how the shooting started; did you see how it started?

--- Well, I should say I heard the shots, as I was looking at the Police.

Do you know what gave rise to the shooting; did you see any incident that you could tell his Lordship about, that gave rise to it? ---No.

And you heard the shots. Now, I would like you to give me some particulars about the shooting. The shooting you heard, did that come from the Police on the Western side? ---Yes.

And how did the shooting sound to you - continuous, isolated shots? --- Well, they were in a volley, with two gaps between them.

That is a volley, a gap, another volley, a gap and another volley? --- The last volley was not exactly a volley; it was shots - as if they were aiming.

When the shooting started, what did you do? --- The first shooting, when it occurred, I remained stunned at my place. I was then opposite the building corner.

Is that the corner nearest to the ...? --- To the small gate.
... to the Western side, or between the small gate and the corner? --- Yes.

THE CHAIRMAN: Could you perhaps again on that photograph show us where you stood when the shooting started - right at the corner? ---Yes; not at ...

EXAMINATION CONTINUED: You indicate a place on the Southern fence, opposite the corner of the building line of the Police Station? ---Yes.

You were standing there when the shooting started, and now tell us exactly what you did? ---

As I have already said, I remained stunned when the first shooting took place. When the second volley came, I ran away, Eastwards.

Along the fence? ---Yes.

And from that point, which way did you run? ---
I went around the Police Station.

That is the fence on the South side? ---Yes. Then I was about at the Eastern corner, when the shooting stopped.

That is round the fence on the Eastern side? ---
On the Eastern side, yes.

And you were about where when the shooting started? ---
About the Eastern corner.

Perhaps you can show me on the photograph? ---
(Witness indicates).

You were about on the North-Eastern corner of the Police Station? ---Yes.

Is that where you were when the shooting stopped? ---Yes.

Now, I wonder if you can - one knows the difficulties, but can you give an estimate of how long the shooting lasted altogether; the first shot, to the last shot? ---
If I am not wrong, I should say it was about a minute.

THE CHAIRMAN: Did you (inaudible) from where you were? ---No, I was running.

You say you were stunned when the shooting started? --- That's right.

It is not an easy matter, but have you got any idea how soon after the shooting started you started running down Zwane Street? --- Immediately; on the second volley.

Would that be a matter of a few seconds after the shooting started, or longer? How long did you remain standing? --- After the first shooting? ---

Yes; when you heard the shots, then you say you remained, you were stunned? --- That's right.

And then I understood you to say you ran Eastwards along Zwane Street? --- When the second volley took place.

How long was the first burst? --- That I can't estimate.

Could you estimate it this way: Was it a very short burst, or was it a long burst? ---It was a very short burst.

Then you started running? ---Yes.

Did you continue running until you reached the spot that you indicated? --- When I ran, it was when the first volley took place. Then I could hear that they were still shooting.

You ran round to the North-East corner of the Police station and when you reached that point you say the shooting stopped? ---Yes.

What I want to know is, from the time that you started running until you got there, did you keep on running or did you stop right away? ---I kept on running.

EXAMINATION CONTINUED: What happened to the crowd on the Southern side where you were standing, when the shooting started? --- They were also running away.

In which direction were they running? ---In all directions.

Some in the same direction as you? ---Yes.

After the shooting had stopped, you told us what your position was. Did you move up that Northern fence in the direction of the clinic? ---Yes.

And in that field to the North of the Police Station, did you notice anything? --- I noticed many people I knew. The first one was lying on the North-Western corner of the Police Station. That was Malefaan. And a few paces in front of him, that is to say in the tarred road, there lay another man I also knew who stays opposite me, and that was Milane. The second one was lying in the tarred road, running along the Western fence of the Police Station.

I take it you saw a lot of other bodies as well? ---Yes.

Can you just say where you think most of them were? --- As I could see, most of them were in front of the Police Station - between the Police Station and the clinic, and in the field as well; the open space between the cafes and ...

THE CHAIRMAN: That is to the North-West of the Police Station? ---Yes.

EXAMINATION CONTINUED: Did you go into that field at all? ---I did. There lay about thirty people.

Were they all dead, or were they dead and wounded? ---Others were dead, others were on the dying side, others were just wounded.

Did you find anyone else you knew there? --- From the field, when I came back, I saw somebody I knew who was lying on the Eastern corner of the clinic.

Was that somebody by the name of Massila? ---Yes.

You tried to help him? ---He was already gone.

You mean he was dead? ---He was dead.

Did you do anything to assist any of the other people there? --- That I did, but the Police stopped us.

What did the Police say to you? --- They just told me to go away, it was not my business.

In which direction did you go? --- I did not take that word too much; I kept on moving about the people.

You mean you continued notwithstanding? ---Yes.

And when you say you went about the people, did you move in any particular direction? ---I went near the fence.

Which fence is that? --- The Police fence.

And in which direction did you go; towards Zwane Street, or ...? --- Towards Zwane Street, and on the sidewalk I found another boy I knew by the name of Stephen Lehohe with a bullet wound in his thigh. The bullet looked so small that I thought it was a revolver, because a revolver is a very small weapon.

You think a revolver is a smaller weapon than another firearm? ---Yes.

This man has been a Witness here. Was there anything else that took place about that time? --- From that position, I went again over the street, across the street ...

Which street is that? ---In front of the Police Station; on its corner, which is Zwane Street, there I found another two girls, one shot and one complaining that the people trampled over her. From there, I went into Zwane Street, Eastwards, where I found a man lying on the island.

Yes? ---By the name of Mapeke, almost dying.

While you were there, was there anybody else lying where he was lying? --- A policeman came there and he said to him, "Ja, nou gaan jy na Mayeboye-tee".

Was that a European policeman or a Non-European Policeman? --- A European Police.

Did you hear any other statements from the Police while you were there, or at any earlier stage? ---In the earlier stages while I was still moving amongst the bodies which were lying in the street, I heard a man - a Non-European by the name of Ben Pitso, shouting and saying, "Ja, ek het julle gesê die Polisie sal skiet. Daar het julle dit; vat dit; dit is julle Afrika daardie".

Did you ever hear him saying anything like that before? ---No.

Can you also tell me, as you moved through the people there did you notice any weapons lying about in the street? ---No.

Was there anything lying about in the street? --- Shoes, hats and a few umbrellas.

You did not see anything that you would call a weapon? ---No.

Did you stand around there until the ambulances came? ---Yes.

Did you notice anything in particular about the ambulances? --- Yes.

What was that? --- Others were from Johannesburg.

You noticed some of them had the Johannesburg registration number on? ---Yes.

And how long do you think it took until everybody had been picked up there or helped? --- Say about forty minutes.

THE CHAIRMAN: In your estimation, when did the first ambulance arrive? ---I would say about ten minutes after the shooting.

And you say from then it was forty minutes before the last of the injured had been removed? --- All the ambulances which took part in the picking up of the bodies, let's say the wounded; they all came at one time.

Oh, did the ambulances all arrive together? --- Yes.

And you say they were there within ten minutes? ---Yes. In my estimation.

I know it is an estimate. But you say from then on until the time that the last ambulance moved off, with the last of the injured, that was forty minutes? ---Yes. They started first with the dead.

The ambulances? ---No; the Police vans, while the ambulances were still waiting.

In that space of ten minutes? ---No. The ambulances came between the ten minutes space, and then, while they were still on the way, I should say, the bodies were being picked up. Only those that were dead and a few of the injured which were helped in the private cars and taxis.

I see; there were some private cars and taxis before the ambulances came? ---Yes.

Were some of the injured removed with the cars? --- Yes.

Then you say dead were being loaded ...? --- Loaded into Police vans.

EXAMINATION CONTINUED: Now, I want to go back, again, to your experience with the crowds throughout the period that you were near to the Police Station. Was there anything at any stage that made you think that that crowd wanted to attack the Police? ---No. The crowd was very much under control.

Was it a hostile, aggressive crowd? --- Very humble.

Was there any singing and shouting going on? --- Well, singing was here and there, and the shouting of "Afrika!" was very occasional.

So far as you are concerned, can you give any reason why the shooting should have taken place? Did you see anything or hear anything that could have led to the shooting? --- In my own opinion?

Yes? ---Yes; I think I can. What I say, might not be suitable to your ears, but I think I must say it, if I would be allowed.

THE CHAIRMAN: I have told you, you are free to say anything you want to say? --- Well, as far as I could judge the shooting was prejudice on a political basis, supported by hatred, basakap and discrimination.

EXAMINATION CONTINUED: Is that your view of perhaps underlying causes? ---Yes.

Apart from underlying causes, did you see any incident or anything like that? ---Nothing of the sort.

And as you moved through the crowd, also, between the fence and the Police Station, did you notice whether there were people armed, anxious to get at the police?

---Not at any moment.

NO FURTHER QUESTIONS.

THE CHAIRMAN: When the one Policeman mentioned the word "Mayebuje", is that a Sesuto word? ---No.

What does it mean; translate it into Afrikaans or English? --- Laet Afrika! terugkom. We always use it together with Afrika. "Afrika! Mayebuje". "Let it come back."

CROSS-EXAMINATION CONTINUED: Now, the first thing you did that Sunday night was to attend this meeting? ---Yes

Did you say that was on the outskirts, near Site and Service? ---Yes.

Who was to address that meeting? --- Qwadi.

The meeting was held? --- A sort of a meeting, yes; a gathering, I would say.

How many people were there together? --- As it was in the night, I won't venture an^{exact} estimation - there were about, I should say 200.

What time was that? --- That was immediately after I arrived there, at 8 o'clock, until 10.30 when the Police dispersed it.

That was from 8 o'clock to 10.30? ---Yes.

You were then at this meeting? ---Yes.

On the outskirts, at Sites and Service? ---Yes.

Then the Police dispersed the meeting? --- With a charge.

How did they do that - without speaking to Qwadi or any other leader, or ...? --- The Police were very contemptuous. They treated everybody and every way

which we tried to say to them, with contempt.

I am not quite sure if I understand you; just repeat that? --- They treated everybody and every little way we tried to say to them, with sheer contempt.

THE CHAIRMAN: Are you now talking about Sunday night? ---Yes.

CROSS-EXAMINATION CONTINUED: How many Police arrived there, when the meeting was dispersed? --- I could not count.

More or less - how many vehicles; did they come in vehicles? ---Yes; two.

Did they not speak to Qwadi at all? --- Qwadi tried to, but without success. As I say, they were contemptuous.

Did the Police say anything at all? --- All they said was, "Gaan julle weg?"

Well, that was a question; who was that put to? --- Well ...

THE CHAIRMAN: Well, did you understand it as a question, or did you understand it as an order that you had to disperse? ---It was an order.

CROSS-EXAMINATION CONTINUED: Who was that addressed to - to Qwadi, or to the people? --- It was said "Gaan julle weg?" It was addressed to everybody who was there.

Did they never speak to Qwadi? ---No.

Did Qwadi come forward to speak to them? --- He tried to.

Was he separated from the crowd when he made an attempt to speak to the Police? ---He was still in his position. He was not amongst us when he was addressing

the meeting. He held his own position, outside the crowd.

I suppose you saw the Police coming? ---Yes.

Did he leave the crowd for whatever short distance it was, to speak to the Police? ---He did; but he was attacked, by baton chargers. And it was said, "Gaan julle weg?" That's all I heard from the Police.

Nothing else was said? ---No.

I don't suppose you know any of the Police? ---No; I don't.

Who were present there? ---No.

The Superintendent of the township, was he there? ---I could not say.

Do you know him? ---I do; very well. Labuschagne.

But this crowd was dispersed at about 10.30? ---Yes.

What was this meeting about? --- The meeting was concerned with tomorrow's affairs - that is Monday. They were preparing for launching the campaign.

What were the people told by Qwadi? --- Well, the meeting, was, I can say, hollow; it had nothing very important in it, excepting repeating what had already been said.

Well, what had been said that was repeated there? --- The people, those who wished to support the campaign, would have to stay away from work; that was only on Monday - and surrender to the Police.

You might not know this, but did you gather that the people who attended this meeting were members only of the P.A.C.? ---No. That I could not say, though

many were asking what was the meaning of this day at home, which told me that the people were not followers.

Did you know a number of members of the P.A.C.? ---
I know Qwadi and Tšolo.

Is that all that you know? --- That I can say.

THE CHAIRMAN: That is now not only the people who might be on the Committee, or so - ordinary rank and file members? --- Well, I know one but I do not know his name.

CROSS-EXAMINATION CONTINUED: That would be three that you know? --- Yes.

Two you know the name of, but the other one you don't know.

You are a writer in your spare time, and I take it you have been moving about in the location to gather information to write articles about? --- Before that day?

Yes? --- I did attend their meetings, but there was nothing important.

On a number occasions? --- On occasions before.

THE CHAIRMAN: Are you a freelance writer; do you write reports for a particular newspaper, or do you submit articles to publications? --- What I am writing, is a diary on South African affairs - let's say policies, happenings and so forth.

Not necessarily for publication? --- No.
I am going to publish it in a book.

CROSS-EXAMINATION CONTINUED: You mentioned, also, policies? --- Well, our ...

You did say policies? --- Well, I said so.

And you attended a meeting before that day? ---

Before that day.

What did you make of the P.A.C. before this day?

--- Nothing of importance. In my opinion ...

Is it a strong organisation in Sharpeville? ---

In my opinion, it is very weak.

Would you be able to give us an estimate of the number of members? ---No.

According to the meetings that you attended before this night ...? --- The meetings were indoors, so there there could not be any ...

Were they all held indoors - the meetings that you attended? ---Yes.

Why was that? ---I don't know.

Did you know that meetings were not allowed in Sharpeville? --- No. We used to hold meetings in Sharpeville - that is to say the members of the Advisory Board were very free to hold meetings in Sharpeville. So I took it from that point that meetings are free in Sharpeville, although I did not probe that question.

Did you attend meetings of the Advisory Board as well? --- No. I thought them very useless.

For that reason you did not attend them? --- Never.

THE CHAIRMAN: Have you never attended a meeting of the Advisory Board? ---No; there is a good reason for that. They are not very popular amongst us. We call them "sell-outs". They never speak for any of our complaints, so they are useless.

CROSS-EXAMINATION CONTINUED: I take it you had strong sympathy with the P.A.C. and ...? --- With both

African parties.

The F.A.C. and ...? --- And the A.N.C. because they are fighting for one thing, and that is freedom.

And the thing that they are fighting for, I take it you feel very strongly about? --- Very strongly.

I take it as far as you can assist them, you do? --- I never assist them. It was the first time, on the 21st, that I took some part in it.

Would that be the first time that you gave some assistance? --- Yes.

That day? --- Yes.

After the meeting, did you say you went home? --- Yes.

And then, when did you go to Seeiso Street? Correct me if I am wrong. I am not quite sure that I could hear everything that you said. You went to Seeiso Street twice? --- Twice.

At what time did you go there on the first occasion? --- Die eerste maal was net voor 7-uur; dit is te sê, op Maandagvroe. Die tweede keer was net, sê ontrent 'n halfuur later.

Net voor 7 en dan net voor half-ag? --- Ja.

Just before 7 o'clock, which part of Seeiso Street were you in? --- At the bus terminus.

How many people did you then find in Seeiso Street at that time? --- At 7 o'clock?

Yes? --- I could not estimate it. I could only say people were more than usual, going up and down.

Was that at the bus terminus? --- No; in Seeiso Street.

When I was at home, just preparing to leave again for Seeiso Street after having my breakfast.

Up and down in the whole street? ---Yes.

THE CHAIRMAN: Not in the sense that there was any procession? ---No.

Were people all walking one way? ---No; they were walking about.

Some in this direction and some in the other direction? ---In all directions.

CROSS-EXAMINATION CONTINUED: Can I put it this way: You would not call the people that you saw in Seeiso Street a crowd? They were walking up and down? ---It was not a crowd.

Then you went back. Where did you go to - home, again? ---Yes.

And you came back about half-an-hour later? --- Yes.

Again into Seeiso Street? --- Again into Seeiso Street.

On the first occasion, you did not go further than towards the entrance, where the terminus is? ---No.

Perhaps you can show me where your home is? --- It is in Zwane Street, about 300 yards from the Police Station.

Would that be South-East? --- East and South, alongside the street.

What I mean is this: You came from there. You went up to the terminus but you did not go up Seeiso Street, nearer the gate, towards the direction of the gate at all? ---Yes.

On the second occasion, ..? --- On the second occasion, when I was at home, just preparing to leave again for Seeiso Street after having my breakfast,

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I could see that the people were at the Police Station, from my home; but it was a very small crowd of about at least fifty, although the people were - and they were still in the Police yard.

At what time would that be? --- Just before my first departure to Seeiso Street, say before eight, a little.

And then, did you go as far as Seeiso Street on that occasion? --- Yes; on the second occasion.

How far did you go up towards the main entrance to the location, on this occasion? --- As far as the school square.

And were there many people there? --- About 700. Where - at the ...

In Seeiso Street? --- No; when we came with Qwadi to come and collect them back to the Police Station. I did not quite follow that question - where about in Seeiso Street do you want me to tell you about the crowd?

Anywhere in Seeiso Street; on this occasion you went a bit further up Seeiso Street? --- Yes.

THE CHAIRMAN: That is in the direction of the Municipal offices? --- Oh, I see. Well ...

CROSS-EXAMINATION CONTINUED: I understood you in your evidence-in-Chief to say that there were some people, and when you went - you and Qwadi; did you go together? --- On the first occasion?

On the second occasion? --- On the second occasion I went alone.

Did others go with you? --- Well, they did.

Other people? --- I don't know whether they were following me.

But there were a lot of people going in that direction? ---Yes.

How long did you stay there? ---I went down Seeiso Street and from there where I was, I could see that there were about 500 people, let's say to the little vlei that you first touch when you enter the location.

There were about 500 people up the street? ---Yes.

They were quite a distance away from you, then? ---Yes.

Did you become aware of Police there? --- That was when I was with Quadi when I first saw the Police in that street.

What were they doing? --- They were standing.

And the crowd, were they standing? --- Also standing.

How far up were they from the Police? --- About 150 yards.

And could you see the reason for that - the Police standing on the one side and the crowd standing on the other side? ---No. That is why ... Quadi.

It did not appear to you as if the Police were stopping them from going somewhere? ---No.

How many Police were there, about? ---I could not count.

Approximately; were there three Policemen, or possibly as much as twenty or 100? --- There would have been about thirty.

Both European and Bantu, or ..? --- Both European and Bantu.

Taken together? ---Yes.

Did you do anything there; did you speak to

anybody? --- We asked, I and Qwadi asked the other people what was going on and they told us that they were waiting for the Police to march together to the Police Station.

The people were waiting for the Police? ---Yes.

To march with the Police to the Police Station?

--- Yes.

Which Police Station? --- Sharpeville Police Station.

but why did they want to march together to the Police Station, with the Police? --- The people were going to surrender; that was why they had come.

And they were waiting for the Police to march together with them to the Police Station? ---Yes.

But the Police were not coming? --- Were not coming.

But they were standing? --- They were kept there, first.

But did you find out from him whether they had been in contact with the Police and asked the Police to go with them? --- That I learned from Qwadi.

Is Qwadi a great friend of yours? ---Not exactly a friend. Just a person I know.

Is that all that you learned from Qwadi, that they were waiting for the Police? ---No. What Qwadi said to me was that the Police - this was about ten minutes after our arrival. He came to me and told me that the Police said they were not prepared to make any move unless the people would give way as they were blocking the road.

What did he say, what was their attitude then? ---

You mean the people?

Yes? --- As I have already explained, the people

were waiting for the Police to march together to the Police Station.

Now, let me see whether I have this clear. You came there and the people were standing in Seesio Street and the Police were standing about 150 yards higher up? --- Yes.

They were waiting for the Police, to march together with the Police to the Police Station? --- Yes.

But you learned, also, from Qwadi that the Police said they were not prepared to move until the people had moved, too, is that correct? --- That is correct.

Did you then find out from him whether they on their side were insisting that the Police must march with them? --- They were - there was no insistence.

But they had now learned from the Police that the Police were not going to move until they moved to the Police Station? --- Well, with Qwadi's presence there was no insistence.

Why then, if the Police were not going to move until they moved, didn't they move? --- That is a question I can't answer because I was not there when the ...

Even after the Police had told them that they were not going to move until they moved, they still remained, waiting for the Police; is that what it is? --- That's right.

So, in other words what you learned there was that the Police and these people were not in agreement as to what they were going to do? --- I can say that, but very vaguely, because I was not a member of the crowd at the present moment. I won't adhere to that.

You saw, at that stage, no antagonism at all

between the people and the Police? ---No.

They did not shout to the Police or anything? ---
There was no shouting, except for an occasional shout
of "Afrika!"

THE CHAIRMAN: And the Police at that stage -
was there anything in their conduct, as far as you could
see, which either gave rise to offense or was calcu-
lated to give rise to offense? ---No.

CROSS-EXAMINATION CONTINUED: We have had evidence
here that in that street there were stones brought
together, heaps of stones lying. Did you see anything
like that? ---No; there were no stones there.

And all the time, on all the people that you saw
that day you did not see sticks at all? --- There were no
sticks.

Was it after this that you attended this meeting?
Or before? --- Which meeting?

You said that you attended a meeting? --- That was
the night before.

Then you went back again - and this is now in the
morning? ---Yes.

So, did you go back - after your second visit to
Seeiso Street, did you go back home, or to the Police
Station? ---I only went back home to put the bike away.
From there, I went straight to the Police Station.

And did Quadi remain behind in ...? ---No; he
was moving to the Police Station.

Yes, but when you left Seeiso Street? --- We left
together. I was pushing the bike and he was walking
alongside me.

Did he go home with you? ---He went to the

Police Station instead.

And you went to put your bike away and then you came back to the Police Station? --- That's right.

At what time, about, did you arrive at the Police Station, on this occasion? ---I won't say; it was immediately after I left the bike. I did not stay long. Now, the time we took in the walking, I can't estimate, because it was a very slow march. And we were meeting people who were also going down.

Was that the first occasion that you saw T̄olo that morning, when you came to the Police Station, or had you seen him earlier that morning? ---I saw T̄olo immediately I arrived at the Police Station the first time.

And now, on the second occasion, you saw him again. Was he still there, or not? ---He was still there.

Now, on the second occasion you saw him again? ---Yes.

And was it - what did T̄olo say to you? --- About what?

Did he ask you to assist him to keep the people away? --- That is so.

Was this now on the second occasion that you were there? ---Yes.

And you moved between the people and the fence, keeping them away? --- That's right.

How long did you do that? ---Until the shooting commenced.

How long would that be that you kept on doing that? ---I can't estimate it.

THE CHAIRMAN: Take the flight of the aeroplanes,

when the aeroplanes came over. When did you start doing this in relation to the time that the aeroplanes flew over? --- The planes found me still in Zwane Street, as I have already explained.

How long after that would you have started helping to maintain order? --- Immediately after the first dive, I went to the fence.

Then you started controlling the people? --- That's right.

So that it would have been about 11 or shortly after 11 o'clock? --- Well, I won't adhere to the time, Sir.

That is why I mentioned merely the flight of the aeroplanes. We know the time, or the approximate time that they came over? --- I see.

CROSS-EXAMINATION CONTINUED: Now, let me be clear on this: From the time - you started at about the time that the aeroplanes came over; you started moving up and down? --- Yes.

And you kept on doing that up to the time of the shooting? --- Yes.

And keeping notes all the time? --- Yes.

What appeared to you to be the idea of these aeroplanes? --- Well, I took them to be trying to disperse the crowd.

And was anything further done to disperse the crowd? --- No; nothing else. Except the diving of the planes.

And did you hear anybody speaking through a loudspeaker? --- No.

Was there nobody with a loudspeaker? --- There was a loudspeaker which was being any moment affixed to a

saracen, but not yet ready.

Were there not two people walking, one with a loudspeaker? ---No.

You assisted in keeping the people away from the fence? ---Yes.

And were you successful in that? --- Very successful, but the people were very stubborn.

Were the people not leaning against the fence at all? --- Well, after I had started doing that, all they had on the fence was their hands.

And then, when you came past? --- They would let their hands drop.

You say their bodies were in fact away from the fence? ---Yes.

And they were only with their hands on the fence? --- That's right.

THE CHAIRMAN: During that time, that is now after the aeroplanes flew over when you started, did you see any tendency, as you were passing between the fence and the crowd, that is between the small gate and the gate on the Western side, did you notice any tendency at that time for the fence to show signs of being pushed over? --- No.

Did you see it standing straight up, still? --- When Tolo came to me, the people were leaning against the fence - only leaning, not pushing. I would estimate that the effect which they gave to the fence was not more than a few degrees.

Do you mean in the sense that when they were standing against it, it would give a little and when they come away, would the fence come back into position or would

it remain pushed over? ---No, it would not remain like that.

- ADJOURNED: 12.45 p.m. -

- RESUMED: 2.15 p.m. -

ELIAS LIDIA, still under oath:

CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. CLAASSEN CONTINUED:

Did Tšolo tell you about somebody who would address the people? ---Yes, he did.

Who would come from Pretoria? ---Yes.

Who did you understand that to be? --- A senior Police Officer.

And when did he say he would arrive? --- Well, he did not give me the exact time of his arrival.

Did he give you any time when this address would be made? ---He said at 2 o'clock.

When did he tell you that? --- That was while I was still going up and down.

Was that before the aeroplanes came over? ---No; after the first diving of the aeroplanes. Certainly after my arrival - shortly after.

Did you not arrive there before the aeroplanes came over? --- After.

I understood you to say it was about the time that the aeroplanes came over, that he asked you to keep the people back from the fence? --- The second diving of the planes.

But did the planes dive over twice? ---Yes.

Do you mean by that, that they left completely and came back? --- And came back. The first diving

consisted of five aeroplanes. The second was nine.

But the first five, did they go over only once?

---No; they took about five minutes.

Flying over on several occasions? ---Yes.

And then, what interval of time was there between this and the arrival of the nine? --- It should be about half-an-hour.

And then came nine planes? ---Yes.

Can you, in relation to that, the diving of the planes, tell me when Tšolo told you that this address would be made at 2 o'clock? --- When the first diving took place, I went to the fence and it was then that Tšolo came and talked to me.

So it was between the two lots of aeroplanes that he told you that there would be an address at 2 o'clock?

--- That is so.

The diving of the aeroplanes over there, you took as an act on the part of the Police authorities to disperse the crowd? ---Yes.

Both the first, and the second diversions? ---Yes.

Did you accept what Tšolo told you, that somebody would address the people at 2 o'clock? ---Yes.

Didn't that sound rather strange to you, that the Police were trying to get the people away and still they were going to bring somebody over from Pretoria to address you at 2 o'clock? --- Well, let's say - I cannot answer because as I was not a member and I still am not a member, that could not trouble me so much.

Why? --- Because I was there with a mission - on a mission.

But, then, now, when a second lot of aeroplanes came over, didn't it occur to you that the Police were acting very strangely? --- Well, it did; but I would never have gone away, even if they kept on for 17 hours, because I was there to collect some matter for my book. If I would have gone away, I would have gone empty-handed.

I am not suggesting that you should have gone away, but did it not affect your belief about this person who was to come over to address the people? ---No.

Didn't you say to Tšolo, "Look, what is this? you say that the gentleman is coming over from Pretoria to address us at 2 o'clock, and here the Police are driving the people away"? --- No, Sir. I did not want to ask that question as it would close my doors to him. My aim was to be very friendly to him, so as to get information about their policy.

You wanted them to talk to you? --- That is right; but after the occurrence. That is why I had to be very soft in answer.

Do you mean that it would have been a tactless thing for you to ask such questions? ---Yes.

Why? ---Because I am not entitled to, during that time.

Why do you mean you were not entitled; certainly you were entitled to ask him any question you liked? --- I can understand that you did not want to offend him? --- Well, there could not have been any offense in that, as I was acting like a member. It was very difficult for me to ask him anything I wanted.

Did you thereafter still believe ...? ---Very much.

... in this? --- Very much.

Even after you saw that the Police were trying to get the people away? ---Yes.

After the aeroplanes had been flying over several times and you gathered from that that they wanted to get the people away, you saw a number of reinforcements arriving there at the Police Station? ---Yes.

Armed policemen? ---Yes.

Saracens? --- Yes.

What did you think of that? --- Well, I thought that they came there to come and keep order, so that there should be no fighting whatsoever - even if the crowd was determined to do it, they should feel helpless to do do it as their arms are too heavy.

In other words, the Police on the one hand were ready to keep the people there for a very long time? --- I should say this ...

They were ready to keep the people there for a very long time ...? ---Until they got tired and went away.

And then, on the other hand, they were bringing reinforcements to keep them in order?---Yes.

Is that what you thought? --- That is what I thought.

You tried to get as much information about what was going on as possible? ---Yes.

Did you have any information at all that the Police had asked the people to come to the Police Station on that day? ---No. I think I have already explained that the people were not called to the Police Station by the Police. They went there deliberately to go and surrender.

The Police did not ask them to come? ---No.

From the information that you had, there were no such rumours, that the Police had asked the Bantus to come to the Police station? ---No.

They came for the purpose of surrender? ---Yes.

And it was only after they had been there for some time, or some of them had been there, that the Police asked them to wait until 2 o'clock? ---Yes.

That is what you heard from Talo? --- What I knew.

That is how you understood the petition? --- Yes.

And in the end do I understand that you were of the opinion that the Police fired at the crowd just because they had a grievance against the Bantus? ---Yes.

Deliberately? --- Deliberately, yes.

And there was no danger at all? ---Not at all.

Did you sum up the position as you saw it there so clearly that it must have been clear to everybody, to the Police as well? --- To the Police as well.

That they were in no danger?--- That's right. Even to an infant of five years there would not have been any danger. He could see that there was no danger.

There was no shouting at the Police at all; nobody shouted anything at the Police? --- Not that I heard.

Well, you must have been one of the men who had been in the best position to hear or observe anything like that? ---I was very observant.

You had been moving up and down? ---Up and down.

And if any words of abuse had been flung at the Police, you would have heard it? ---I would have heard it.

Moreover I heard some people, who I had hired, to collect some of the sayings of the people.

Do I understand you to say you hired somebody to collect ...? --- Not somebody, but some bodies -people.

This was after the event? --- No. During my stay there.

You asked certain people to find out whether anything was said? --- That was prearranged.

THE CHAIRMAN: What do you mean - people to go about and to collect material, to come and tell you about it afterwards? --- That's right.

CROSS-EXAMINATION CONTINUED: And you did not get anything? --- Not of any importance.

But, now, to the extent that you relied on your own ears, and eyes, there was nothing? --- Nothing.

When the crowd - the cars, when they came in, were you near the gate to be able to observe the conduct of the people as regards the occupants of the cars? --- Yes. When the car came which brought the man who was to address the crowd, I had been at the Western gate and I saw the person.

Did they show thumbs towards the car? --- Well, that is very, very usual; that is very, very, very, practical. It is known everywhere. Pointing thumbs up is not a very wonderful thing for the Police to have suspected anything about it.

THE CHAIRMAN: What would it ordinarily mean, if a motor car passes and you put up your thumb - either just put up your thumb or say "Afrika!?" --- Well, such a sign would just give the impression that the man is giving the sign of "Afrika!" That is the sign used by

the A.N.C.s. The P.A.C. sign is raising their hand
shoulder high.

Raising their hand shoulder high, with the palm
showing to the front? --- Yes.

CROSS-EXAMINATION CONTINUED: What is the slogan
- I don't know whether you can call it a slogan - when
they shout "Afrika!" What do they mean by that? ---
I don't know. I only know that Africa is a continent.

You know the P.A.C. slogan, "Africa for the
Africans"? --- I cannot answer that, because I don't know
anything about the P.A.C.'s policies. I was still
digging for them on the 21st, that is why I had to befriend
Tsolo.

Was that the first time that you started getting
information about the policies of some of the P.A.C.? ---
I only heard about the itself, but not about its policies.
I have not got any information concerning their policies,
even right now.

You really only started enquiring into their
policies on that day? --- Yes.

How did you set about it? --- Well, I did not have
the chance to question any of the members, those I knew,
Kwadi and Tsolo, about that.

So I take it that when they put up their thumbs
you did not really know what it meant? --- No.

You don't know what it means? --- I don't know
what it means.

In other words, were they showing their thumbs to
the occupants of the cars coming past - you don't know
whether it is a sign of opposition or whether it is a
welcome sign? --- That I can't verify.

You don't know? --- I don't know.

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What about 82°? Is it on the vertical, 82°? --- On the vertical of 90°.

I don't know what you mean by 82°? --- 82° - that is to say, the little slant from the 90° because 90° is straight. Now, there was 8° difference between the 90° and 82°.

Leaning over about 8 degrees? --- 82 degrees.

I think I understand what you mean.

THE CHAIRMAN: Was that the extent to which it leaned over when the people were resting on the fence, or was that the extent to which it remained pushed over after they had retreated? --- Yes.

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You mean, besides Tōolo, another one, or just Tōolo? --- I only saw two of them inside, that is Tōolo and Qwadi.

And you were still moving up and down along the fence? --- Yes; and stopping at intervals.

With your walking along the fence, did you pass big the/gate as well? --- Not.

You never went farther North than the big gate? --- I only went until its corner, that is to say on the Northern side of it. The Southern side.

You saw no other arrests there? --- No.

You saw no fighting or something that looked like a fight or a struggle? --- No.

You saw no other Non-Europeans inside the gate besides the two that you ...? --- No.

THE CHAIRMAN: The last few minutes before the shooting started, did you have a clear view of the gate at all, from where you were? --- Yes; where I was, it was easy for me to see.

The line of Policemen did not obscure your view of the gate? --- Well, I did not take very much care of the Police forming a line. I noticed them, but it did not trouble me.

Where you stood, after the line had been formed up, from where you stood on the Southern side, was the line to your right - in other words, did you have a clear view? --- It was on my left.

In other words, if you had to take a straight line from where you were to the gate, that line would cross the line of Police? --- Well, I was on the corner of the fence.

Perhaps I am not making myself clear. You see, you've got the Western fence? ---Yes.

Then you've got the line of Police more or less parallel with the Western fence? ---Yes.

Now, you are standing along the Southern fence, that is Zwane Street? ---Yes; but on the corner.

Right on the corner? ---Yes.

In other words, you were standing on the corner, but were you facing North, or were you facing East? ---I was facing East.

In other words, you were virtually standing face to face with the Police? ---Yes. Vertical.

So you would only have a view of the gate down the front of the crowd? ---Yes. Both gates I could see very clearly; it was within my view.

CROSS-EXAMINATION CONTINUED: You say you did not specifically notice the Police being ordered to stand in line? --- Oh, we saw them already in the line.

And you did not see any movement about by men, to get them into line or anything? ---No.

You just saw them in line? ---Yes.

Did you hear an order to load? --- No.

And what was going on at the gate - you noticed nothing extraordinary happening there? ---No.

You did not see stone throwing at all? --- There was no stone throwing.

Are you quite sure of that? --- I am sure of that. If there was, I would have seen.

You see, we have had a lot of evidence; men who

have been shot there, men who stood near the gate, and they have given us evidence that men have been arrested there and there was a ^{tussle or} struggle, and some of them of them said that these men have been assaulted? --- I had a man posted at the gate.

No, I want your own observations. You saw nothing of that nature? ---I saw nothing.

Might it then not be, if these things did happen, and you did not see that, that there might also have been stone throwing which you did not notice? ---Yes, but I should have heard - my eye was there.

Oh, yes. Well, you may have - but this time I want to know what you saw yourself? --- I could not have seen them. If there was an extraordinary thing at the gate, I should not have heard it. But to see it, I should have, because it was in my view.

THE CHAIRMAN: Now, just tell me; did your "eye" report to you what happened about the arrests of the other people at the gate? ---Yes.

What did he tell you? --- He told me about one arrest, there.

Just one? ---Yes.

Do you mean apart from Tsole or Tsole? ---One in addition to Tsole.

Who was that; did he give a name? ---No.

Did he describe the person to you? ---No. I did not go to that extent, of asking.

What did he tell you; how did that arrest take place? --- Well, he did not say much, really, except that he just told me that somebody was arrested through the gate.

Did he tell you that this person had been assaulted or badly treated? — He really said it.

What did he say? — He was assaulted.

And did he give you any idea how long before the shooting occurred this man had been assaulted? — No.

You don't know at all? — No.

CROSS-EXAMINATION CONTINUED: Was it clear to you that what happened to T̄solo was in fact an arrest? — It did not appear to me as an arrest.

What did ^{it} look to you like? — Well, just a discouragement.

Would you explain that? — To frighten them, I should say. So as to be discouraged.

From doing what? — From keeping the people there. Because ^{were} waiting from him the 2 o'clock reply. =

THE CHAIRMAN: From T̄solo? — I thought that the man who was going to address the meeting would surely have an interpreter and it would be no-one else but T̄solo — the crowd was there through him, The only capable of telling the crowd was T̄solo; of controlling the crowd.

CROSS-EXAMINATION CONTINUED: The Police there spoke to T̄solo. They considered him as the spokesman for the crowd? — Yes.

What they wanted to convey to the crowd, they conveyed to T̄solo? — Yes.

And he conveyed it to the crowd? — Yes.

They had some Bantu Policemen there who could have conveyed it to the crowd as well? — If they would have done that, they would have been the people who came to me and told me that I should keep the crowd away from the

ence.

I only want to make it quite clear that from what you saw, you accepted that the Police treated Tsolo as the spokesman for the people? --- For the people, yes.

And there was no bad feeling between the Police and Tsolo when they spoke to him and when he told the crowd, again, to wait until 2 o'clock? --- You mean between Tsolo and the Police?

And the Police? --- I could not make that out.

There did not appear to you to be any ill-feeling between them? --- No.

Because they accepted his assistance there to convey what they wanted to convey to the crowd? --- Yes.

And now suddenly they want to remove him from the crowd, take him inside? --- Yes.

And you gained the impression that the reason for that was to discourage them? --- Yes.

So that the crowd should go away? --- Yes.

It must have appeared to you most peculiar conduct on the part of the Police? --- Well, yes.

Did you by that time not begin to doubt this question about the person who was to address the people at 2 o'clock? --- No. What I thought was, they wanted to make sure whether Tsolo was really strong in his position as a leader.

They were testing him? --- That is what I thought.

You say nothing happened before the shooting? --- Yes.

Did you hear whether the crowd shouted loudly before the shooting? --- No; there was nothing peculiar

in the shouting that I heard.

It might not have been peculiar; but they had been shouting the whole morning? --- That's right.

Did it not appear to you that they were shouting louder just at that moment? --- No.

Were they not pressing forward? --- Not any more.

You were still keeping them from the fence? --- Yes.

They were not leaning against the fence? --- No.

At no time from 11 o'clock until when you started controlling the crowd were they then leaning against the fence? --- They were leaning against the fence before I came.

I mean, after you started? --- No.

Then you heard the shots being fired and you were aware of Policemen standing outside the Police yard in Wane Street? --- Yes.

You had been watching them all the time, I suppose? --- I could not see them from where I was, but I had been there before the first diving of the planes, as I have already explained.

Do you know whether they fired as well? --- They might have, but I did not see it.

Could you not hear it? --- The noise from behind was very strong.

So you cannot say that they fired at all? --- I could not even try to touch that.

But now, on one occasion you came very close to them when you ran down in an easterly direction along the fence and you turned the corner ...? --- There were such a lot of people who were in front of me also running in the same direction along the fence? --- Yes.

every direction, and they were the people to have seen, because they were in front of me.

But when you got very much closer to them? ---Yes; but that was not very close because they were fifteen yards from where I was.

Fifteen yards from you? --- Yes; where I ran to where the fence ended.

Where you ran to the corner, there, you say they were about fifteen yards away from you? ---Yes.

And you could not hear them firing? ---No.

THE CHAIRMAN: Did you look at them are? --- I kept my eye on the road.

But as you were running, were they in your view? ---No.

You can't remember that you were conscious of Police standing in Zwane Street at the time? --- I was not conscious of them by the time I was running. I was only conscious - all I saw in front of me was people who were also running.

CROSS-EXAMINATION CONTINUED: I think you told us that when the people started running, they were running in all directions? ---Yes.

And there must have been quite a lot of confusion? --- That is so. I remember myself jumping over two who had fallen.

You must have had the greatest difficulty in getting away as quickly as you could? --- Well, the thing was easier for me because they were going away from the fence.

They were going away from the fence and you ran along the fence? ---Yes.

Why did you stumble over some people who had fallen - you told us you had to jump over them? ---Yes.

Had they fallen against the fence? --- Not exactly against the fence. They just fell across my road.

But you were running alongside the fence? ---Yes.

Then they must have been lying very close to the fence? --- Well, they were, but not too close. I mean, they were not touching the fence. They were close enough, but they did not touch it.

And did I understand you to say that when you reached the North-Eastern corner of the Police Station the firing was still going on? ---I said the Eastern corner. I was about there, when the firing ceased.

Is that the South-Eastern corner, where the Police were standing? --- No.

THE CHAIRMAN: You pointed to a spot near the North-Eastern corner.

CROSS-EXAMINATION CONTINUED: And they were still fighting? --- They stopped immediately I came there.

Were there many people on the Eastern side? --- There were no people on the Eastern side.

No people? --- There were people, but very few.

You had no difficulty in running? ---No; they were already gone when I came across to the corner.

But while you were running there, could you not hear whether there was firing coming from Zwane Street lower down? ---I have already explained that the noise from the Western side was very strong.

THE CHAIRMAN: When the firing from that side stopped, you can't recall that you heard any independent

firing from Zwane Street? ---No.

CROSS-EXAMINATION CONTINUED:

/Then, after the firing stopped, did you get into this road running between the Police Station and the clinic on the Northern side? ---Yes.

And you saw bodies lying around, there? ---Yes.

Where the people were lying in that street - most of the bodies were lying there? ---Yes.

And I suppose on the corner of that street and Zwane Street? --- Yes. And also in the open space between the shops and the clinic.

And most of the bodies were lying in this street between the clinic and the Police? ---Yes.

And you say there was not a single stick lying there at all? --- Not that I saw.

You know how closely you looked; I don't know? ---I looked very closely.

Can you say that there were in fact no sticks at all? --- I saw one man but he was lame; he was using this stick as a supporter.

THE CHAIRMAN: I think the question is, when you walked about amongst the injured and the dead in that part, did you look so well that you are able to say "I saw no sticks or other implements which may have been used as weapons, and if there had been any, I would have seen them"? --- That is what I said.

Can you put it as strongly as all that? ---Yes.

Sometimes one walks and you don't notice anything?

---No, I am very observant.

CROSS-EXAMINATION CONTINUED: This was a scene that you had never seen before. It was the most tragic thing

that you witnessed there, seeing all the bodies lying about. Do you really say that you would have taken notice of sticks lying about? --- Very much.

You had no special reason to look for sticks, did you? --- Well, I knew that the Police would say we were fighting.

You knew at that time that the Police would say you were fighting? --- Yes.

And did you know that the Police would say you had sticks? --- That is exactly.

And is that the reason why you looked to see whether there were sticks? --- Very much so.

And you say, now, if the Police have produced here at this enquiry a number of sticks which they say they picked up there, it cannot be true? --- I can even explain where they got those sticks. On the 8th April, on a Friday, between 2 and 4 o'clock, there was a very great raid in Sharpeville, from house to house, collecting hatchets, sticks and other implements. If they ever exhibited anything of the sort, it should be nothing else but that.

You say, therefore, that the sticks that the Police produced here they recovered at that raid on the 8th April? --- Yes.

You went there to assist the wounded? --- Yes; I tried.

Did you see whether the Police were assisting them? --- Not that I saw.

THE CHAIRMAN: Not a single Policeman, would you say? --- The Police involved in the assisting, were the Municipal Police. The wounded were paid attention after the whole dead bodies had been removed by the Police,

except those I helped into the private taxis, and so on.

You saw not a single Policeman, either European or Bantu, doing anything at any time to assist any of the injured? ---No.

CROSS-EXAMINATION CONTINUED:

/And those you say that were assisted into private cars were those that you assisted? --- Well, part of them I assisted.

And the other part? --- There were people who were also doing the same; relatives, friends and other people.

But not the Police? ---No.

Then you say the Police removed all the dead bodies before they attended to the injured? ---Yes.

What were the type of vehicles that arrived first? --- Private cars and taxis first arrived on the scene.

And then, after that? --- After that, Police vehicles from the yard, for the dead bodies. A little while after that, the ambulances arrived.

How long did the ambulances take before ...? --- Ten minutes after the shooting they arrived.

By that time, the dead bodies had all been removed? ---No.

All right, then, do you say that some of the dead bodies were loaded into the ambulances? ---No.

Well, what do you say, then; you have told us, now, that the dead bodies were removed before any attention was given to the wounded? --- That's right.

Do you stand by that? ---Yes.

Were these ambulances allowed to stand there without ...? --- They stood for a brief moment where they

were standing before attention was paid to the injured.

What did they do with the ambulances? --- They started loading a short while after they arrived.

The injured? ---Yes.

So what you say is that ^{ten minutes,} within/then, all the dead bodies had been removed? ---I don't say that.

Well, then, will you explain to me ...? ---I mean to say that the greatest care was given to the dead, than to the injured. That is what I mean; because more time was spent on them.

But did you not say that the dead bodies had been removed before ...? --- That is exactly what I said; that the most time was given to the people who were dead.

What did they do for them? --- They were taken away to the mortuary.

THE CHAIRMAN: They loaded them onto the Police vehicles and took them away? --- That's right.

CROSS-EXAMINATION CONTINUED: Now, let us get this clear. Until that had been done, until the dead bodies had been loaded on and taken away, no attention was given to any of the wounded? ---No.

And even though ambulances were available at that time? --- The ambulances, I should say, started loading after five minutes of their arrival.

You say that the crowd there was very much under control? ---Yes.

What control were you referring to? --- Tsolo's control; they were very much under control because there is nothing bad which happened.

What did Tsolo do to control the crowd? ---I can say the whole crowd was in his palm because whenever he

raised his hand, it enveloped the whole crowd - to show that there was good control.

And did he sometimes do something to make them sing? ---No; they were singing of their own accord.

Did he sometimes do something as a result of which they sang, shouted "Afrika!?" --- When he gave the sign.

When he gave the sign they shouted "Afrika!?" --- That's right.

What sign? --- The P.A.C. sign.

He gave the sign and they shouted "Afrika!?" --- Yes; when he raised his hands, they would be silent.

He gave the sign for silence, and for "Afrika!?" --- He raised his hand for silence.

He raised it a bit higher? ---Yes.

For silence? ---Yes; and then for "Afrika!", he gave the sign - that I have already explained.

NO FURTHER QUESTIONS.

RE-EXAMINED BY MR. FLEWMAN: You have been asked about the fence and you said you noticed it was leaning over at an angle of 82° - that is 8 degrees off the vertical? ---Yes.

After the shooting was over and you came round from the North side, did you notice what the fence was like? --- As I have already explained.

Was it different, or the same, or how was it? --- 3 Degrees off the vertical.

As regards the loading of bodies and so on, were they still loading bodies when the ambulances arrived? ---Yes.

And did they continue with that and leave the ambulances to carry on with their side? --- Not that - I have already said that the ambulances started loading five minutes after their arrival.

Were the bodies at that stage already removed or were they still loading bodies? --- The injured were being put on the sidewalk.

And the dead? --- The dead were being loaded.

THE CHAIRMAN: Who put the injured on the sidewalk? --- The Police and the ordinary people.

Which Police? ---Municipal Police.

Municipal Police only? --- And the ^{South}African Police.

Did you see them handling these injured persons roughly, or did they carry them with care? --- Roughly.

That is the Bantu Municipal Police and the Bantu Police? ---Yes.

Do you say they ill-treated these people? --- I should say that.

Did you gather, then, that there was some feeling between the Municipal Police and the Bantu Police on the one side, and the people who were outside? --- I should say the Police were carrying out their orders.

Do you think they had been ordered to treat the people roughly? --- Exactly, because there is no Police which can do a thing without an order.

As you were standing along the Western fence, that is facing the Police shortly before the shooting, I want you to tell me if you can remember what the position was at the end of the line, that is the line of Police nearest the Southern fence; were they also facing West, or had they formed a line round the corner

so as to face South? --- They were facing a little South-West.

Towards the corner post, as it were? ---Yes.

That is your recollection, very shortly before the firing? ---Yes.

As I understood it, you would have been standing virtually in the direct line of fire of some of the constables, at least? ---Yes; that is before the shooting.

You must still have been looking, as it were, into the barrels of these guns? --- I have already explained that when the shooting occurred, I was parallel with the building corner - with the corner of the Police Station building.

I asked you the first few minutes - I thought that you had said so yourself; that is why I asked you, from where you looked towards the big gate, you had to look across the line of Police? --- We did not understand each other.

I think if you look at the photograph. Jy het regeer die punt van die Polisie gestaan? --- Dit is daar dat ek gestaan het.

Wat ek jou gevra het is dit: As jy nou kyk in die rigting van die groot hek, of jy dan oor die lyn van die Polisie moet kyk en of jy dit nie hoef te gedoen het nie? --- Toe ek nou hier gestaan het, het die Polisie nog nie in 'n lyn gestaan nie.

Wat ek van jou wil dit vind is waar jy gestaan het toe die Polisie in hierdie lyn gestaan het? --- Ek het gesê, op die hoek.

Daarom sê ek, onmiddellik voor hulle geskiet het,

het jy Oos gekyk, is dit nie? --- Dit is reg.

Soos die Polisie Wes gekyk het? --- Dit is reg; ons het so regoor mekaar gestaan.

Daarom wou ek net dit van jou geweet het: Jy sê jy het die skote gehoor en toe het jy vir 'n rukkie verstom gestaan? --- Dit is reg. Maar toe was ek regoor die gebou se hoek, toe het die skietery begin.

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Die posisie waar jy was toe die skietery begin het? ---Nee, dit kon ek nie gesien het nie.

Toe kon jy nie waarnaem wat by die hek gebeur nie? ---Nee.

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Wat ek ook nog van jou wou gehoor het, is dit: Kan jy vir my hoegenaamd sê of die hele lyn meteen begin skiet het, en of dit eers een of ander gedeelte van die lyn was wat geskiet het? --- Daarvan was ek nie bewus nie.

Daar was getuienis van die Polisie en ook van ander mense, .dit wil sê persone wat nie Polisie is nie, dat daar was - sommige sê een skoot afgeskiet, en sommige sê twee of drie skote afgeskiet deur persone wat nie binne-in die Polisiekaap was nie. Het jy so-iets gehoor? --- Nee; dit het ek nie gehoor nie.

Jy het nie afsonderlike skote gehoor voor die Polisie begin het nie? ---Nee.

Soos ek van jou verstaan het, enkele oomblikke nadat die skietery begin het, het jy toe in Zwane Straat afgehardloop en om die draai, om die hoek van die Polisiekaap gehardloop tot by die Noord-O^ustelike hoek? --- Dit is reg.

Terwyl jy gehardloop het, het jy verduidelik dat jy oer mense gesprink het wat geval het? ---Het twee.

Terwyl jy gehardloop het, het jy gesien dat enigiemand geskiet word in Zwane-straat self? ---Nie die; die wat voor my gewees het nie. Ek weet nie wat agter aangekom het nie.

Die wat geval het, het ook maar net gestruikel? --- Ja.

En toe spring jy oer hulle? --- Dit is reg.

Ek het ook van jou getuienis verstaan, toe jy om die hoek gaan om aan die Oostekant op te hardloop, daar was baie min mense gewees? --- Vreeslik min.

En jy het niks beseerdes daar gesien nie? ---Nee;

ek het nie.

En toe het jy gekom by die Noord-Oostelike hoek en die skietery het toe opgehou? — Ek was amper om dit toe die skietery opgehou het.

Het jy toe daar gebly vir 'n ruk, of het jy onmiddellik gegaan? — Ek het nie gestop nie.

Die skietery het opgehou en jy het ...? — Ek het aangehou.

Aangehou hardloop, of loop? — Die tyd het ek nie baie hard gehardloop nie maar ek het darem aangehol.

Gedraaf? — Dit is reg.

Wat ek van jou wil weet is, het jy direk langs die Noordelike heining gehardloop, of het jy skuins oor gehardloop? — Nie skuins nie. Reguit aan.

Lange die heining af, aan die Westekant? — Dit is reg.

In daardie tyd dat jy nou van die Oostelike kant na die Westelike kant gehardloop het, d.w.s. waar jy al die beseerdes gesien het, het jy enige beseerde mense teëgekome? — Wat gehardloop het?

Hee, nie wat gehardloop het nie - wel, ek weet nie; het jy teëgekome wat gehardloop het? — 'nBietjie ver van my.

Het jy enige mense sien lê? — Die eerste een wat ek sien lê het, was die een onmiddellik by die Noord-Oostelike hoek van die Polisiestasie.

Kan jy miskien net na die foto, Bewysstuk "B1", kyk: Draai dit om dan kan jy sien hoe jy gehardloop het? — (Getuie verduidelik).

So om die Polisiestasie en toe weer terug na die Westekant? — Ja.

Wat ek wil weet is, waar het jy die eerste beseerde persoon opgelet? — Op die Noord-Westelike hoek.

En toe jy nou besig was om langs die Noordelike grens heining te hardloop, of te draf, liewers, soos jy dit stel, was daar toe nog mense besig om in jou rigting te hardloop of was hulle al almal weg? — Daar was.

Maar die skietery was toe reeds verby? — Ja.

Was daar baie mense wat toe nog daar gehardloop het? — Nie so vreeslik baie nie. Die meeste het nou sê maar aan die Noordelike kant en Oostelike kant ...

Met ander woorde, weg van die Polisieostasie af? — Dit is reg.

Nou wil ek graag weet of jy vir my kan sê - jy het vertel van wat jy waargeneem het daar aan die Westelike kant. Het jy hoegenaamde enige ondersoek ingestel meer na die Noord-Westelike kant-toe, d.w.s. langs die pad af wat voor die Polisieostasie verbygaan in die rigting van die winkels? — Hee. So ver het ek nie gegaan nie.

Ja, maar het jy in daardie rigting gekyk? — Ek het.

Sover jy kan onthou, was daar enige beseerdes of persone wat daar gely het? — Sover ek kon gesien het, ja.

Wat was jou indruk - was daar net enkeles of ...? — Net enkeles.

Jy het nou voor die Westelike heining af gestap tussen die mense en jy het gekom by die Suid-Westelike hoek, waar jy blykbaar iemand ook gekry het wat jy geken het? — Dit is reg.

Die beseerdes en dooies wat daar gely het, het hulle nader aan die hoek gely of was hulle ver af in Zwane-straat en weg van daardie Suid-Westelike hoek af?

--- Die besaerdes wat op die aypadje gelê het, was die wat aangebring is, daar.

Wet jy wat die posisie was voordat die mense verskuive was? ---Nee.

Ek wil graag net weet ontrent die gebeure vroeër die oggend in Secisostraat. As ek jou getuënis reg verstaan het, het jy geen geweldpleging self gesien nie? --- Ja.

Nog van die kant van die skare Bantoes, nog van die kant van die Polisie? ---Ja.

Het jy daardie tyd enigiets vernem van die persone, daar, dat daar vroeër die oggend skermutselings was tussen die Bantoes en die Polisie? --- Ek het so-lies gehoor maar ek het nie te diep in dit gegaan nie, omdat ek gewet het dat ek alles van isoel sou kryl

Het jy onder meer gehoor dat dit gesê word dat daar van die kant, moontlik van Bantoes en sekerlik van die kant van die Polisie, skote geskiet is? --- Wat ek gehoor het was dit was die Polisie wat skote gevuur het.

Die oggend? --- Ja.

Het jy gehoor daar was hierdie moeilikheid tussen die Polisie aan die een kant en die inwoners aan die ander kant? --- Daar was geen moeilikheid, kan ek sê, soos ek gehoor het nie. Die Polisie het somar geskiet, soos die mense my vertel het.

Die Polisie het somar geskiet sonder dat daar enige moeilikheid was? ---Ja.

Ek herinner my dat jy 'n skatting gegee het van hoeveel mense daar in Secisostraat was een of ander tyd en ek dink jy het 700 genoem? --- Dit is reg.

Ek kan nie mooi onthou nie; watter tyd sê jy was dit gewees? --- Dit was toe ek en Qwadi van die Polisie-

stasie af soeentoe gegaan het.

Die tweede keer dat jy daar gekom het? ---Ja;
want die eerste keer was in die oggend. Dieselfde
oggend, maar 'n bietjie voor dit.

Dit is toe jy in die omgewing van die busstop ook
was? ---Ja.

As ek jou reg verstaan, die eerste keer dat jy
nou die inligting gekry het dat iemand die skare sou
kom toespreek, was toe Tsolo jou dit vertel het nadat
die vliegtuie oor gekom het? ---Ja.

Was dit nadat hulle die eerste maal, of die tweede
maal oor gekom het? --- Die eerste maal.

Het jy voor daardie geleentheid ook self gehoor,
of van ander gehoor dat daar onder die skare 'n idee was
dat hulle sal toespreek word? --- Wat ek van die skare
gehoor het was dat Tsolo, nadat hy die antwoord gekry het,
dit self aan die skare sou sê.

Jy stel blykbaar belang in alles wat aangaan in
Sharpeville. Hier was getuienis voor hierdie Kommissie
dat mense in die loop van die nag, Sondag en in die
vroë ure van Maandag, by hulle huise opgeklop was
en dat hulle met geweld of dreigemente van geweld
gekry is om by die groepe aan te sluit. Sover jy self
gehoor het of van jou helpers gehoor het, watter soort
mense sou verantwoordelik gewees het vir daardie optrede?
--- Wat hulle my ook vertel het, is wat hulle gehoor het
- dit is nie wat hulle gesien het nie.

Ja, maar jy kan dit vir my vertel? ---Ja, maar
as dit nou miskien is dat daar so-lies gewees het, dit
sal seker nie van die P.A.C. members self wees nie.

Jy glo nie dit was P.A.C. lede nie? ---Nee.

Dit moes ander mense wees wat ander idees het oor hoe 'n mens 'n klomp mense bynekaar moet ...? ---Nee.

Wie sou dit wees, sover jy nou weet; jy ken die mense in Sharpeville? --- Ek ken die mense in Sharpeville, maar soos ek kan sê, ek kan regtig nie sê dat dit een van die P.A.C. lede is nie. Ek dink dit is die verste dat ek kan gaan.

Dit is nie groepies jongmense wat onverstandig is nie? ---Nee. Sover ek gesien het, die P.A.C. was maar baie sterk oor die jongmense in Sharpeville; so te sê, hulle kon niks gedoen het wat uit die pad was nie.

Jy meen die P.A.C. het hulle so beheer dat hulle niks kon doen nie? --- Wat sleg is nie.

So, sover jy Sharpeville ken, kan jy nie vir my iets aan die hand gee watter soort mense of watter groep mense hierdie soort van optrede sou gedoen het nie? --- Nee. Sover ek Sharpeville ken, is dit 'n baie goeie ...

So het ek van die meeste mense vernem? --- Dit is reg; maar hulle was nie tevrede met die handeling van die Superintendent, dit is te sê, Labuschagne nie.

Die betoging het nie daarvoor plaasgevind nie? --- Nee.

Die betoging was oor die passe? ---Ja.

Ek het ook hier heelwat getuënis gehoor van mense wat sê dat die verhoudings tussen die Polisie in Sharpeville en die gewone inwoners van Sharpeville, op heeltomal 'n normale grondslag gewees? --- Dit is korrek.

Daar was nie 'n soort van 'n gevoel tussen die inwoners van Sharpeville en die Polisie nie? ---Nie wat ek van weet nie.

As ek jou getuënis reg verstaan, sover jy

gesien het en blykbaar ook gehoor het, het daar niks gebeur voor die Polisie geskiet het nie? ---Ja.

Dit wil sê niks van die kant van die Bantoes wat daar vergader het nie, wat moontlik die Polisie aanleiding daartoe kon gegee het om te skiet nie? ---Niks nie.

Voordat die Polisie geskiet het, dit wil sê die laaste halfuur of so voordat die Polisie nou geskiet het, soos jy nou daar op-en-neer beweeg het, het jy te enige tyd gesien dat die Polisie miskien op'n manier optree wat die skare of party van hulle ontstel, of wat hulle kwaad maak? ---Nee.

Jy het niks gesien nie? ---Niks gesien nie.

Dat die Polisie miskien iets doen wat die mense uittart of hulle ontevrede maak? ---Niks nie.

Toe Tsolo ingeneem was, het die skare gladnie daarop reageer nie? ---Nee.

Wel, met reageer bedoel ek, hulle het nie tekens gewys dat hulle kwaad word nie? ---Nee; geen tekens nie.

MNR. PLEWMAN (DEUR DIE VOORSITTER): Aangesien 'n skatting gegee is van die skare vroeër die oggend, kan jy 'n skatting gee van die grootte van die skare kort voor die skietery? --- Before the shooting there were about, at the most, 5,000 people.

Have you any experience of estimation of crowds that enables you to form that estimate? --- Very much.

Where does that come from? --- I had - when I show my styles.

You mean, showing the dresses which you design, to crowds? --- Yes.

And that gives you some basis? --- That's right.

THE CHAIRMAN: Have you ever collected a crowd of 5,000? --- Oh, the halls are very small but I am sure that I could easily have fetched that mark.

MRE. LOUW (DEUR DIE VOORSITTER): Toe die ambulanse daar aangekom het, wat het die mense gemaak wat met die ambulanse saangekom het? Toe hulle stilgehou het, wat het hulle gemaak? ---Hulle het met die Polisie gemeng.

Hulle het uitgeklim, eers? ---Ja.

En het hulle toe die gewondes bymekaar gemaak op die sypaadjies? --- Dit is nie hulle werk daardie nie; dit is die gewone mense se werk en die Munisipale Polisie, plus die S.A.P. en Bantoes.

Hulle het dit toe gedoen? ---Hulle het dit gedoen.

Toe het die mense uitgeklim uit die ambulanse - hulle was al party op die sypaadjie gesit? --- Dit is reg.

Maar toe jy by die Westelike grens kom, het daar ook al mense gely wat verwond is, wat op die ambulanse geplaas word? --- Dit is reg.

Op die 8e April is daar 'n klopjag uitgevoer in Sharpeville? --- Dit is reg.

Was daar by jou huis mense gewees? --- Die Polisie was in die huis.

Het hulle jou stokke of jou mense gevat? --- Ek het nie so-lies in die huis nie. Al wat hulle van my geneem het, is die notas wat ek nou van gepraat het.

Ken jy die stok of die klerie of die hatchet van enige ander mense wat hulle gevat het, daar? --- Ek ken baie.

Sal jy dit uitken as die stokke hier vir jou gewys word? ---Nee; nie die stokke nie; maar die mense wat sonder daardie goed is, ken ek.

Wat op die 8e geneem is? --- Dit is reg. Ek ken net die mense, maar hulle name ook nie.

DIE VOORSITTER: Volgens die getuienie wat hier gegee is van die kant van die Polisie, is daar na die skietery persone aangesê om wapens, dit wil sê kieres en stokke of enigiets wat as 'n wapen gebruik mag word, bynekaar te maak? --- That is pure policy.

Al wat ek jou wou vra, is dit: Is dit moontlik dat jy miskien daar gekom het nadat hulle reeds die stokke opgetel het, of is dit onmoontlik? --- Dit is onmoontlik.

MNR. CLAASSEN (DEUR DIE VOORSITTER): Is jy seker dat die notas van jou wat die Polisie geneem het, by jou huis geneem is? --- Hulle het dit van my geneem, by my huis. Ek het dit op die dinges gelos.

Dit was nie daardie dag, die 21e, gevat, of die vorige nag nie? ---Nee.

Hulle het jou - die Polisie het vir jou gladnie in hegtenis geneem daardie vorige aand nie? ---Nee. Dit was my heel eerste gevangenes.

Wanneer? --- Op die 8e. Ek was nog nooit gevang nie.

Waar het hulle jou notaboek gekry? --- Ek was besig daarmee.

Waar; in die huis? ---Ja; in die jaart.

En toe het hulle dit gevat? - - Saam met my boek.

S. MASHOBANI
Evidence-in-Chief

SAMUEL MASHOBANI, sworn, states (through Interpreter):
(Witness advised of indemnity).

EXAMINED BY MR. PLEWMAN: Samuel, you are a resident of Sharpeville? ---I am.

You were injured on the 21st March with the shooting?

--- That is correct.

Prior to that, you were working for African Cables?

---Yes.

After being injured, you were taken to hospital and you were discharged from Baragwanath Hospital on I think the 10th of this month? --- That is correct.

Can you form any sort of an estimate of the time when you went to the Police Station at Sharpeville on the 21st? --- Yes; I have. Although I am not sure of the time, I think somewhere about 9 or 10 o'clock in the morning.

Why did you go there? ---Because I had heard a rumour that we had to go to the Police Station.

What was going to happen at the Police Station?

--- That I did not know, what was going to happen.

At the Police Station, did anyone tell you there what was going to happen? ---No; except that we were told to wait until such time as we get an answer.

Did you understand who was going to give the answer or what sort of an answer you were going to get?

--- I do not know who the person is, but I understood from the man who had gone to the Europeans that he was told who the person would be who was going to come and address the gathering.

You understood that someone was going to come

and address this gathering? --- That is correct.

Were you at the Police Station when various motor cars and other vehicles arrived and went into the Police Station grounds? ---Yes; I was.

Do you know that the Police inside the Police Station formed a line along the Western fence of the Police Station? --- I do.

Whereabouts were you standing when that took place? ---I was at the big gate which is opposite the gate to the clinic.

How near to the fence were you - to the Police Station fence? --- About as far from where I am standing to the little box on the table, there. (2½ paces).

And there were other people in front of you and next to you, and so on? --- That is correct.

After the line was formed up, did you see any arrests take place of anybody in the crowd? ---Yes; I did.

Where was that arrest effected? --- At the big gate, where I was standing, which leads into the Police Station.

The person who was arrested, was he inside the Police Station at that stage, or outside? --- He was outside the gate.

Was this person taken in? --- That is so.

Can you tell me who effected the arrests? --- It was a European who had a white shirt on.

Is there anything else that you noticed about the manner in which he was dressed? --- No; I am not sure. I only saw the white shirt.

Did he have a hat on? ---No, I do not remember whether he had one on or not.

Will you tell his Lordship what happened from then on until the shooting started? --- This person who was arrested, just after he had passed the line of the Police where they were lined up, the shooting started.

Did anything happen to this person in the course of his arrest? --- Yes; he was "klapped".

You saw him being slapped? ---Yes.

Was there any other arrest after that and before the shooting started, that you noticed? --- That was the only arrest I saw being effected, before the shooting.

Did you hear anything before the shooting, shouted by anybody? --- Are you referring to the crowd, or to the Europeans?

I am referring to either the crowd or the Europeans? ---No.

Did you hear anything which could have ^{said} -/on the Police side, which you think could have given rise to cause them to shoot? --- I heard someone say that they had to fire, but who this person was, I do not know.

Could you give me the word that you heard used? ---I did not hear the first word that was uttered by this person. The only word I heard was "Skiet".

Could you tell us more or less where you think that voice came from, where the person who said that, was? ---I am unable to.

When the shooting started, what did you do? --- I knelt down.

S. NASHOBANI
Evidence-in-Chief
Cross-examination

Did you crawl away or did you ...? ---I crawled away.

In which direction did you crawl? --- Towards the clinic.

Did you at any stage get up? ---No; I did not, because people were constantly falling on me.

Where were you injured? --- In the arm.

Where were you when you received the injury? --- I was between the library and the clinic when I was shot.

And you crawled all the way there? --- I crawled all the way until I got between the clinic and the library. I got up when I got there. Before that, I could not get up because people were constantly falling on me.

Were you still crawling when you were shot, or were you standing up? --- No; I was on my feet, then.

Before the shooting, did you see any stones thrown by the crowd at the Police? --- No.

Did you see anybody in the crowd trying to attack the Police by storming into the Police Station? --- No.

And before the shooting - I am talking, now, about all the time before the shooting, did you ever hear the Police telling the people to go away? --- No.

NO FURTHER QUESTIONS.

CROSS-EXAMINED BY MR. GLAASSEN: Did you not see somebody with a loudspeaker? ---No.

If there had been something like that, would you have seen it? ---I would have.

When this man was arrested there at the gate,

weren't the people annoyed? ---No. I just heard them singing.

When you talk about singing, what sort of singing was it? --- The hymn they were singing was "Hkosi sekelele".

I take it you thought that this arrest was completely unjustifiable? --- That I do not know.

Did you not notice the people getting a bit restive round about the place where this man was arrested? ---I saw nothing to that effect.

Didn't they at that time try to get in at the gate? ---No.

When the vehicles arrived, were the people standing in the path, at the gate? ---Yes; they were.

Did the vehicles have difficulty in getting through? --- No. They gave way, allowing the vehicles to enter.

You saw no sticks? ---No.

You did not see anybody hitting the car? I am speaking, now, about the last car that you saw passing? ---No; I did not.

You saw absolutely nothing done which could have caused the Police to ...? ---No.

Did you see the fence being pushed over? --- There were people - the people I am referring to, are Non-Europeans, who told the gathering at the fence not to lean up against the fence.

Did they stop leaning against the fence? --- They would move a bit that way, ^{backwards} when they were told not to lean up against the fence.

S. MASHORANI
Cross-examination
ELIAS LIDIA
By the Chairman.

This was quite a long distance that you crawled?

--- That is correct.

And you would have got up and walked or attempted to run, but you could not because people were falling on you? ---I may have tried to get up, but I was scared of being shot.

Was that the reason why you crawled? --- That is the reason.

Where were you shot? ---Here, on the lefthand wrist, and up there- there the bullet came out.

By that time you were on your feet? --- That is correct.

You were then running? --- Very much.

Did you see other people being shot while you were crawling or running? ---Yes; they were falling on me.

NO FURTHER QUESTIONS.

MR. PLEWMAN: NO RE-EXAMINATION

ELIAS LIDIA, recalled, under former oath:

BY THE CHAIRMAN: Elias, I only wanted to ask you this: You mentioned certain people who you had requested to gather material for you? ---Yes.

And in particular one person who was apparently at or near the gate when the firing started? ---Yes.

That person is not someone who has already given evidence? ---No; I told him not to as it would embarrass me, because I would mention him and then we would talk the thing over.

E. LIDIA
By the Chairman

Yes, well, I would have expected you to talk the thing over, that's right; but he is not afraid, is he, to come and give evidence, if necessary? ---He is; very much.

Why? ---Because of the emergency measures.

But you had the courage to come here and give evidence? ---On my side, I don't care.

What is his name - I am not sure; I might want to call him, because I regard evidence of what happened at the gate as very important? ---I'm not prepared to give him in because I'm here to represent what he said to me.

You mean you have given me the full account? --- Of what he told me, yes.

Yes, well, if you think he would be unwilling, unwilling Witnesses are not always satisfactory. You reckon he would not want to come forward? --- I have already touched the point with him.

Well, perhaps you can talk to him again? --- I will try.

MR. PLEWMAN: It might be something which I could take up, if necessary.

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