

He's seriously ill—mother

# Hospital mystery of raided man

## Mauled hunter uses fist to fight off lion



By ANTHONY HOLIDAY  
Political Reporter

ONE OF THE Indian detainees, Mr. Mohammed Essop, 22, held during the weekend Security Police swoop, is lying ill in Pretoria's H. F. Verwoerd Hospital, according to his mother.

Neither Mrs. Essop, nor the hospital, nor the Security Police, would say yesterday what Mr. Essop's illness is or how it arose.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. Essop, rushed to Pretoria from their Roodepoort home yesterday after hearing reports that their son was either ill or dead.

The head of the Johannesburg Security Police, Colonel Piet Greyling, said yesterday he was not prepared to give

MR. A. TIMOL, 35, of Mare Street, Roodepoort, one of the Indian men detained for questioning by the Security Police at the weekend fell to his death from the 10th floor of John Vorster Square, Johannesburg, yesterday afternoon.

information over the telephone. He did not have time to see reporters yesterday.

"He is not dangerously ill," the colonel said when pressed about the reports of Mr. Essop's condition.

The Deputy Commissioner of Prisons, Major General C. J. B. Brink, said he knew nothing about the matter. "This is the first I have heard of it," he added.

On returning from the hospital, Mrs. Essop said she and her husband had seen their son for about five minutes from outside a ward. Plain-clothed policemen had been with him all the time.

"He is very seriously ill," she said.

She added that her son had been "unconscious" and that his breathing seemed "very slow".

A staff nurse at the hospital's Castlem Adams ward said earlier that Mr. Essop was "still ill". She refused to give

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## Decide and we'll talk — TV heads

By BOB HITCHCOCK

HEADS OF some of Europe's leading television companies are telling would-be TV manufacturers from South Africa—"come back and talk to us when your Government has made up its mind".

At the same time, I learnt in Johannesburg yesterday that TV manufacturing chiefs in Germany and Italy retain a deep interest in South Africa's television project, because it represents the last big project of its kind in the world, and they hope to be involved in it.

Mr. Monty Toikin, an electronics specialist and head of a leading Johannesburg firm, said: "When I was in Europe recently I found a lot of interest in South African television among leading companies.

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"But most heads of companies I spoke with explained that until the South African Government could be more specific about what system of television was to be introduced, they could not talk business.

"This, of course, is understandable. To discuss manufacturing franchises one must know whether South Africa is to adopt the German Pal system or the French Secam system.

"Also, the time factor is of utmost importance. In four years' time the techniques of production could have changed radically. Prices undoubtedly will change."

for to Europe on television business, said last night: "European manufacturers tell us, 'Let us know the details as soon as possible.' But as yet we don't have the necessary details."

Mr. Slonie added: "Make no mistake about it. The interest is there. Television manufacturers in Europe are very keen on the South African project.

"After all, it's the last big project of its kind in the world and there is business to be done."

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### Patrol clash

GAZA. — An Israeli Army patrol killed two Arab guerrillas in a clash in a refugee camp in occupied Gaza yesterday, the Israelis said. One Israeli was wounded. — Sapa-A.P.

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BIG GAME hunter Peter Flanagan lies in a Windhoek hospital bed yesterday after being badly mauled by "the biggest lion I am have seen in my life".

Doctors were last night trying to save the fingers of his right hand. He thrust his hand into the lion's mouth when the cat tried to drag him from the driver's seat of an open vehicle in the Southern Angolan bush.

His right arm, shoulder and head were badly mauled.

Mr. Flanagan, 37, who was brought into hospital on a mercy flight after the attack was on a safari with his wife and American millionaire, Mr. Dale Grey, an archer who intended to shoot a lion with a bow and arrow.

### SPRANG

"They went in a four-wheel drive vehicle without a cab. 'I had two of my trackers with me,'" said Mr. Flanagan in hospital. "Three or four times we saw the lion in clearings. It was moving away from us."

Suddenly the huge lion sprang through the air and landed on the vehicle. "I recall that I held onto the steering wheel with my left hand," he said.

"I pushed my right hand, the fist clenched, into the lion's mouth. It was trying to drag me out of the vehicle and on to the ground. Mr. Grey grabbed his bow and started beating the lion on the head.

"It felt to me as if 15 minutes passed. But in fact it could not have been more than four seconds. Suddenly I was clear. With a roar the lion disappeared into the bush."

### One quin dies

JERUSALEM. — The smallest of the Jerusalem quintuplets died yesterday, four days after it was born, a hospital spokesman said.

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"According to the economic situation, SA couldn't buy a TV set, let alone a TV system."

## Another sex assault

Staff Reporter

WOMEN in Pretoria's Arcadia-Sunside area are living in constant fear after the second "Boston savant-type" sex attack in the area in just over a week.

Police will not release information about the attacker, but he is believed to be the same man because in both attacks he gained entry to houses