

Suzman will ask to visit the detainees

STAFF REPORTER

MRS. HELEN SUZMAN, Progressive Party MP for Houghton, will today ask the Minister of Justice, Mr. Pelsler, if she may visit some of the 20 persons now in detention under the Terrorism Act.

She said last night she particularly wanted to see five women detainees in Johannesburg and Mr. Mohamed Essop, the 21-year-old student believed to be in a prison hospital in Pretoria.

On Saturday Mrs. Suzman met family representatives of Indian detainees in Johannesburg.

They asked her to make representations on their behalf to Mr. Pelsler, and the Prime Minister, Mr. Vorster, who is acting Minister of Police.

Mrs. Suzman said she wanted to see the detainees to set their families fear's at rest in regard to their physical and mental condition.

After meeting the families, she said: "These people have obviously been intimidated.

"I think it reprehensible that the police should use their overwhelming power to further frighten these defenceless people."

By the disparity of the treatment of detainees, the police had appeared to have decided which of the detainees were guilty and which not.

MAN IS FOUND DEAD IN CAR

Staff Reporter

A MIDDLE-AGED Benoni man was found dead in his car-filled car in Rynfield, Benoni, yesterday.

The body was discovered by a Mr. K. J. Vaan, also of Rynfield, who saw the car with its engine running parked under trees.

Ambulance men tried unsuccessfully to revive the man with artificial respiration.

The body was taken to the Roksburg/Benoni hospital.

Letters in the police and to the man's wife were found in the car. The dead man's name had not been released last night as the police were trying to contact his wife.

Change of mind over inquiry?

Staff Reporter

CONFIRMATION that the Potgieter Commission did not deal with the Terrorism Act might change the attitude of the Incorporated Law Society of the Transvaal to an inquiry into Section Six of the Act.

Last week, the society did not support a call for an inquiry because it considered that the Potgieter Commission might already have dealt with specific aspects of the Terrorism Act.

On Friday, Mr. Justice Potgieter told the Rand Daily Mail that his commission had not dealt with the Terrorism Act or the Suppression of Communism Act.

Mr. J. E. Knoll, president of the Transvaal Law Society, said yesterday that the society would reconsider the matter at a meeting on Wednesday.

"Our previous attitude was based on the assumption that the Potgieter Commission might have dealt with the matter. This information might change our thinking," he said.

The society had considered that publication of parts of the Potgieter Commission's report on the safety of the State might have allayed public concern about the Terrorism Act.

30 escape

PHNOM PENH. — About 30 men from a Cambodian detention of about 400 escaped from the township of Kampong Chhnang to communist forces over the weekend, the High Command reported. — Super-Reuters

Refugees

DACCA. — East Pakistan refugees now in Indian camps would receive all their former rights and properties on returning to their homeland, the Government has announced.



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STAFF REPORTER created the students surrounding the

Veterans make their way to the Cenotaph in Harrison Street yesterday to remember their fallen comrades of the two world wars. These Moths were among the crowd of nearly 7 000 at Johannesburg's Remembrance Sunday service.

Exiles examined

ATHENS. — A committee of three judges is touring remote Greek villages to examine the cases of political opponents of the regime extolled as alleged alleged risks to public order. — Super-Reuters