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Far left: Mr. Francis C. Ness, First Secretary of the Australian Embassy, about to visit 26-year-old detainee Mr. Martin Cohen at John Vorster Square yesterday.
Left: Mr. Patrick Biggie, of the British Embassy, outside John Vorster Square yesterday where he visited two detainee Britons, Mr. Quentin Jacobson and Mr. David Smith.

Detainees say ... We've no complaints

POLITICAL REPORTER

THE YOUNG Australian detainee, Mr. Martin Ivor Cohen, 26, yesterday asked an Australian diplomat to tell his mother he was not worried about his detention because he had done nothing wrong.

The First Secretary of the Australian Embassy, Mr. Francis Ness, said this after visiting Mr. Cohen at John Vorster Square police headquarters.

Mr. Ness said after the visit that Mr. Cohen, son of the late Senator Barry Cohen, an eminent member of the Australian Labour Party, seemed to be in good health and had no complaints about the food.

Mr. Cohen had asked for some reading matter which would be sent to John Vorster Square if permission were obtained.

A British consular official, Mr. L. P. Biggie, yesterday had separate visits with the two British detainees, Mr. Quentin Jacobson and Mr. David Smith.

A consular spokesman said the two detainees appeared to be in good health and had no complaints. Mr. Smith had asked to be provided with shaving kit and some books. Police who were present at the interview said they would arrange for this.

He added that police had handed over to the offices of the Consulate General the British passport of Mr. Michael Grimley, a freelance artist, who was held for some hours by police after he visited Mr. Jacobson's studio last week.

The passport was handed over on condition it was not given to Mr. Grimley until the police had concluded their investigations.