



leave people bleeding energy time you use public transport. Spilling beer on the jacket of a man standing near you at a bar is another good "ice breaker," if you are properly unrepentant. Apologising in such circumstances will, of course, be expensive.

## PLAYBOY ADVICE

Danielson, weaken your case, and we suspect that your problem all along has been excessive consideration for other people.

SOME months ago I purchased a Luminox 35-mm. Twin Reflex Lensless Automatic. I shot several rolls of film with most unfortunate results. The picture was badly under-exposed. The manufacturers have tried to be helpful, but I do not understand Japanese, and I hate the idea of wasting any more film. What do you suggest? — T.W., Battle Creek, Mich.

The lensless camera is a new concept in photography: with it you can shoot freely without worrying about results. The secret is freed from the usual negative laws, and the only is operated in a way which is called pure photography — manipulation of a camera for its own sake. You could use it without film, of course, but then you would lose the opportunity to load and rewind, which many photographers regard as essential from an aesthetic standpoint.

## OUR

WHAT is drag racing? — P.L., Savannah, Ga. Two or more cars run through the streets disguised as chickens.

MY girlfriend refused to go first to bed with me because she feared I would lose respect for her. I said "Non-sense." This was in 1883. I now find she was right: I have lost respect, and hair, and teeth, and I am also losing interest in sex, preferring tennis and squash. — V.R., Phoenix, Ariz. What is your question?

# POLICE WILL NOT SAY IF ESSOP IS STILL IN HOSPITAL

BY JENNIFER MILES

THE FAMILY OF MR. MOHAMED ESSOP, the detainee who was taken to hospital a few days after being detained by Security Police, have not received any news of his condition since October 29, when Mr. Justice Margo granted an interdict in the Pretoria Supreme Court restraining the police from assaulting him.

Medical affidavits from doctors who had examined Mr. Essop were presented at the hearing and this is the only information the family has as to what is wrong with him. "This is the last news we heard of Mohamed's condition," said Mrs. Essop at her Rodeoport home this week.

"We have tried to find out from the police how he is and whether he is still in hospital but have not been successful. Our daughter Fatima is being held as well. We have heard nothing about her."

"We are beside ourselves with worry. Each night we hold a prayer meeting for them. Prayer is the only comfort we have."

Justice Margo ordered that a copy of the interdict be served on Mr. Essop. But the court records show that Mr. H. N. P. van Zyl, the assistant deputy sheriff charged with executing this service, was refused access to Mr. Essop.

### Police captain

The return of service filed by Mr. Van Zyl in accordance with legal requirements reads: "On this 2nd day of November, 1971 at 9:39 am. I duly served a copy of the annexed order of court upon Captain Schnepel personally, the officer in charge of the section of the prison in which the detainee is held, and then requested per-

mission to serve a further copy upon the detainee, Mohammed Salim Essop. "Capt. Schnepel refused to allow me to see the detainee personally, stating that his instructions were to the effect that no one was to be allowed to see the detainee. "I thereupon served the order of court upon the said detainee by delivering a copy thereof to Capt. Schnepel who accepted service thereof for and on behalf of the said detainee."

A further return of service, dated November 8, states that a copy of the court order was served personally on Mr. Essop on that day by the Registrar of the Supreme Court, Mr. J. J. Myburgh.

## Rodeoport families live in fear since Security raids

SUNDAY TIMES Reporter

MISS KUSUM NAIK, sister of Mr. Kanthi Naik, a Rodeoport schoolteacher who has been detained under the Terrorism Act since October 23, and cousin of Mr. Dennis Naik who was detained this week, told me of the fear under which families in the area are living since the raids by the Security Police.

"The detentions and raids are foremost in everyone's thoughts," said Miss Naik. "It is almost all we talk about. Not only the relatives of those detained are frightened, others have expressed apprehension too."

"When a car draws up in the street outside late at night our first thoughts are 'who are they coming for now?' The Security Police are always the first ones we think of when there is a knock at the door at night."

"My cousin Dennis lived with us. I was at home when the Security Police came and took my brother Kanthi away, and again when they came for Dennis. I am now too afraid to stay in the house alone," she said.

"It has been 22 days since they took Kanthi, and we have not heard anything about him. When the Security Police knocked on our door about 5 a.m. on Thursday morning my mother was sure they had brought Kanthi home, but she

was afraid to open the door and so woke my brother."

"They asked if Dennis stayed with us. We woke him and after allowing him to brush his teeth they took him to the home of his parents nearby. They searched drawers and looked through his books and then took him away. They did not remove anything from the house."

"They did not tell his father why they were detaining Dennis or give any reason for searching the house."

"Dennis used to sleep at our house because his parents' house is so small. He works as an upholsterer for a furniture company in Johannesburg. I have never heard him talk about politics and don't think he was even interested in politics," said Miss Naik.

"Kanthi received a bursary to study in the United States some years ago. He studied in Pennsylvania and then, before returning home, went to visit our brother who lives in Canada. He never showed any interest in politics either, and never discussed them."

"My brother is married and has two small children. His wife gave birth to their second child just four days before he was detained. She is so terribly worried about him and has lost a lot of weight."

## Helen Suzman meets detainees' families

BY JENNIFER MILES

MRS. HELEN SUZMAN, M.P., yesterday met family representatives of Indian detainees held under the Terrorism Act. She has been asked to make representations on their behalf to the Minister of Justice, Mr. P. C. Pelser, and the Acting Minister of Police, Mr. John Vorster.

"I was asked by the families if I was prepared to meet them and make representation on their behalf," said Mrs. Suzman.

"These people have obviously been intimidated. I think it is reprehensible that the police should use their overwhelming power to further frighten these defenceless people."

"The police seem to have decided who of the detainees are guilty and who are not. There is definitely a disparity of treatment. Some of the detainees are allowed to receive food and clothing from their families but others are not. From reports, I believe the police in Durban are much more humane in their treat-

ment of those detained."

"Under Section Six the detainees, if circumstances so permit, shall be visited by a magistrate once a fortnight. Has this happened?"

"Any detainee, in terms of the section, may at any time make written representation to the Minister relating to his detention or release. Do those in detention know they can do this?"

"I want to know what steps the police take to inform detainees of their rights under Section Six," Mrs. Suzman said. "The public are entitled to be

reassured that, in fact, a magistrate is regularly visiting the detainees, for there can be no question that circumstances in Johannesburg and Durban do so permit."

"Under the 90-day Detention Clause I was allowed to see some detainees. I will make application to see those at present under detention to set their families' fears at rest with regard to their physical and mental condition."

"Our main objective is to bring pressure on the authorities to either charge or release the detainees as soon as possible," Mrs. Suzman said.