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DETAINED BRITON WAS FRIEND OF TIMOL

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MR. QUENTIN JACOBSEN, the British freelance photographer detained by Security Police on November 2, was a close friend of Mr. Ahmed Timol, the 30-year-old Indian teacher who fell to his death from the tenth floor of John Vorster Square in Johannesburg on October 28, I learnt this week.

Mr. Timol met Mr. Jacobsen in Britain, where they studied together and were closely associated in politics.

At one stage they were keen supporters of the Anti-Apartheid Movement, headed by the former Bishop of Johannesburg, the Rev. Ambrose Reeves.

I was told that while in Bri-

tain both men had expressed views supporting Socialism and this was probably why the South African Security Police took an interest in them.

Mr. Jacobsen was arrested after the detention of Mr. Timol and it is believed this was a sequel to his interrogation.

In Britain both men were close friends of Rita and Jack Hodgson, banned in South Africa for being members of the South African Communist Party and now living in exile in Britain.

Officials of the British Consulate-General in Johannesburg were allowed to visit Mr. Jacobsen and another British detainee, Dr. Colin Marquardt, after the British Ambassador, Sir Arthur Snelting, had made representations to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Dr. Muller.

Two days after the detention of Mr. Jacobsen, a 26-year-old freelance artist, Mr. Michael Grimley, was detained when he visited Mr. Jacobsen's studio. Mr. Grimley was released seven hours later.

He said at the time that the police had said they were looking for the Jacobsen brothers who, they alleged, were involved in politics and might be able to help them with

DETAINÉES—NO CHRISTMAS JOY

THE JOY of Christmas will not penetrate the cells of at least 30 people still held in detention under the Terrorism Act, a spokesman for the Security Police confirmed yesterday.

"There will be no communication, they don't have Christmas there," said the acting Security Police chief, Brigadier J. F. van der Merwe, when asked whether detainees would be allowed to receive presents.

Three Johannesburg detainees were released during the past few days.

They are Miss Dilshad Jehan (21), a second-year medical student at the University of the Witwatersrand; Mr Ian Hill (22), a fourth-year medical student at the same university; and Miss Shireen Aref (21), a computer programmer of Vredodorp, Johannesburg.

Among the people still in detention are three Britons who were visited by a British consular official shortly after their detention last month. The British authorities have been waiting several weeks for a reply to a request for renewed consular access.

A spokesman for the British Consulate General said the Britons had been allowed to receive letters from their parents in detention.

"If we receive any parcels for Christmas, we shall refer them to the Security Police who will decide whether or not the detainees are to have them," the spokesman said.