

DAD GETS DRAMAS AS HOSPITAL GLIMPSE OF DETAINED men held These have died

THESE people have also died while in detention.

● September 5, 1963: 'Loomsmart' Solwandle Ngidile — suicide by hanging.

● September 9, 1964: Suliman Saloojee — suicide or attempted escape — fell from 7th floor of The Grays, Johannesburg.

● Date unknown: James Hamakwayo — suicide by hanging according to evidence in 1969 Terrorism trial.

● November 19, 1966: Leong Yim Pin — suicide by hanging.

● Date and name unknown: Death disclosed without trial in Parliament — January 28, 1969 in reply to question.

● January 5, 1967: Ah Yan — suicide by hanging.

● September 11, 1968: I. B. Tubbakwe — suicide by hanging.

● February 2, 1969: Nt codimus Kgoathe — inquest magistrate unable on evidence before him, to conclude that any person to blame.

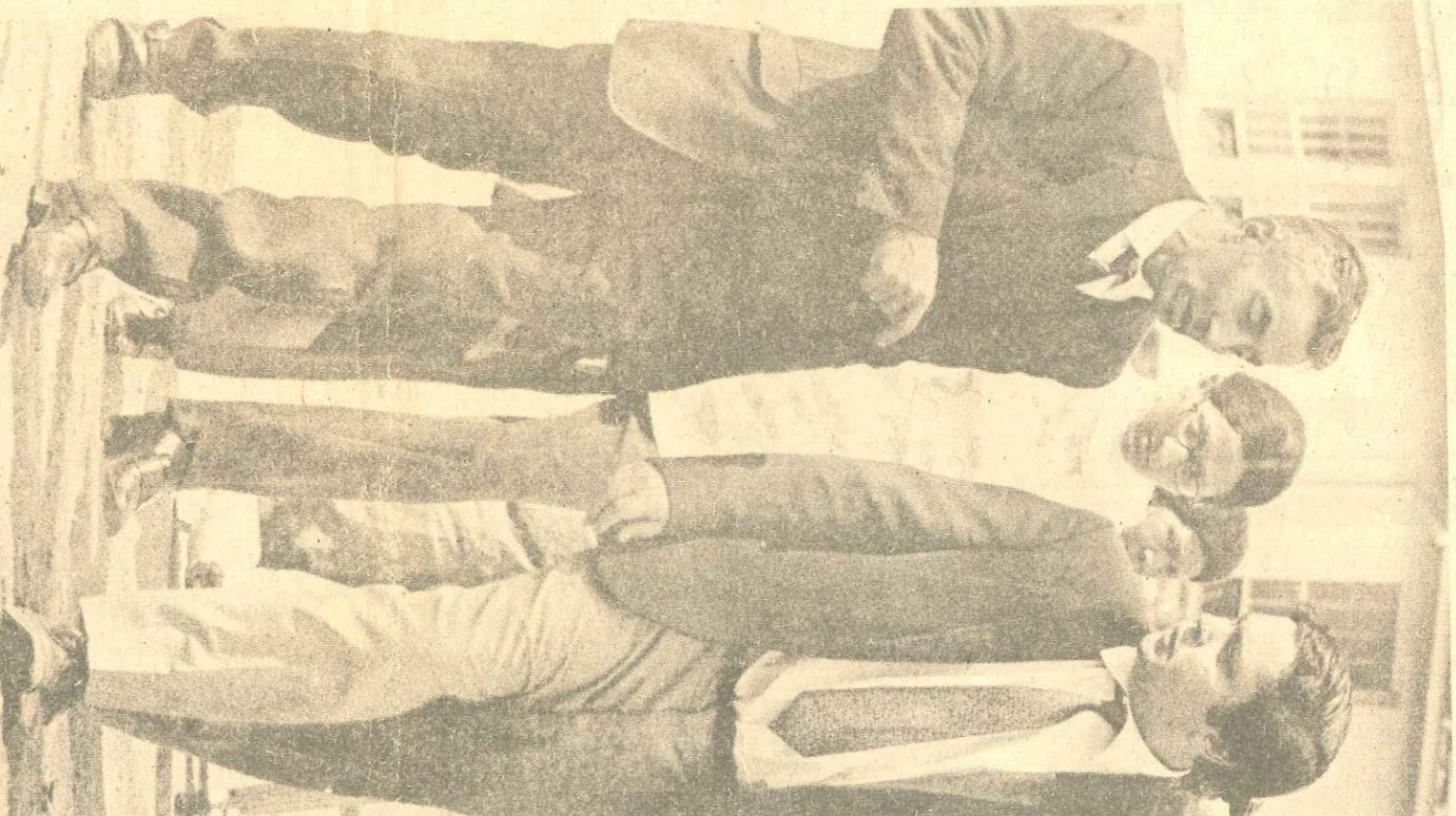
● About February 28, 1968: Solomon Mochipane — No inquest. Magistrate endorsed post-mortem report that death due to natural causes.

● March 10, 1969: James Leskoe — suicide by hanging.

● June, 1969: Caleb Magesho — unknown, natural causes, according to statement by Brigadier Venter, head of Security Police.

● September, 1969: Imant Haron — natural causes, according to inquest.

● January 21, 1971: Mhagani Cuthesha — natural causes.



● Mr. Ismael Essop and his daughter, Aifra, with a POST reporter at the Ismael home in Roodepoort.

"I'VE NEVER seen anyone so close to being a corpse!" This was the anguished cry of detainee Mahomed Essop's father moments after seeing his son under guard in a barricaded room in the H. F. Verwoerd Hospital, Pretoria.

Essop's son may have been admitted under another name. "Can't you allow Mr. Essop to take a quick look at the patients to make sure his son is not one of them?" she was asked.

POST Reporter

The father, Johannesburg business tycoon Ismael Essop, who lives in Roodepoort, saw his son at three o'clock on Wednesday afternoon — exactly an hour before another political detainee Ahmed Tl-mol allegedly jumped to his death from the 10th floor of John Vorster Square.

Throughout Wednesday Johannesburg was rife with rumours that Mohamed Essop (also known as Seeday), a 21-year-old medical student, had died while in the custody of the Security Police.

Mr. Essop Sur's high speed dash to the Pretoria Hospital in an effort to see his son, started at 11 o'clock on Wednesday after a mystery phone call.

He went with his daughter, Aifra, whose sister, Fatima, was also detained in the widespread Security Police round-up of Indians, mainly in the Roodepoort area.

The mystery phone-caller said that she had information about the 21 Indians detained by the Security Police at the weekend.

She said that Mahomed Essop was being kept in a room in the Cassim Adam Ward of

the H. F. Verwoerd Hospital. When Mr. Essop was told about the phone call he collapsed on the pavement outside his shop in Market Street. Earlier POST called at the Essop's palatial home in Roodepoort. Aifra Essop came to the door.

"Could you please come back later — we are being raided by the Special Branch at the moment," she said. It was the ninth raid on the Essop home since Mohamed Essop was detained last Friday night.

The Essops arrived at the H. F. Verwoerd Hospital about noon. They went straight to the Cassim Adam Ward, but they were barred at the entrance by the matron.

Window

Mr. Essop managed to get a look through the outside window of the room under police guard. He saw the White Guard but was unable to get a look at the patient in the room as the bed was directly under the window. The frosted glass window was closed immediately afterwards.

The Essops sat down to waiting for the start of the visiting hour at three o'clock when free entry into the ward would be allowed — but not of course to the guarded room.

As an added precaution the authorities had placed a bed directly across the doorway of the guarded room. Visitors began to pour into the ward and Mr. Essop went with them.

For him, the bed was a blessing in disguise — he climbed on it and looked through the glass panel above the door.

Jumping down he told POST, "There is no doubt. It is my son. I've never seen anyone so close to being a corpse," he half-sobbed.

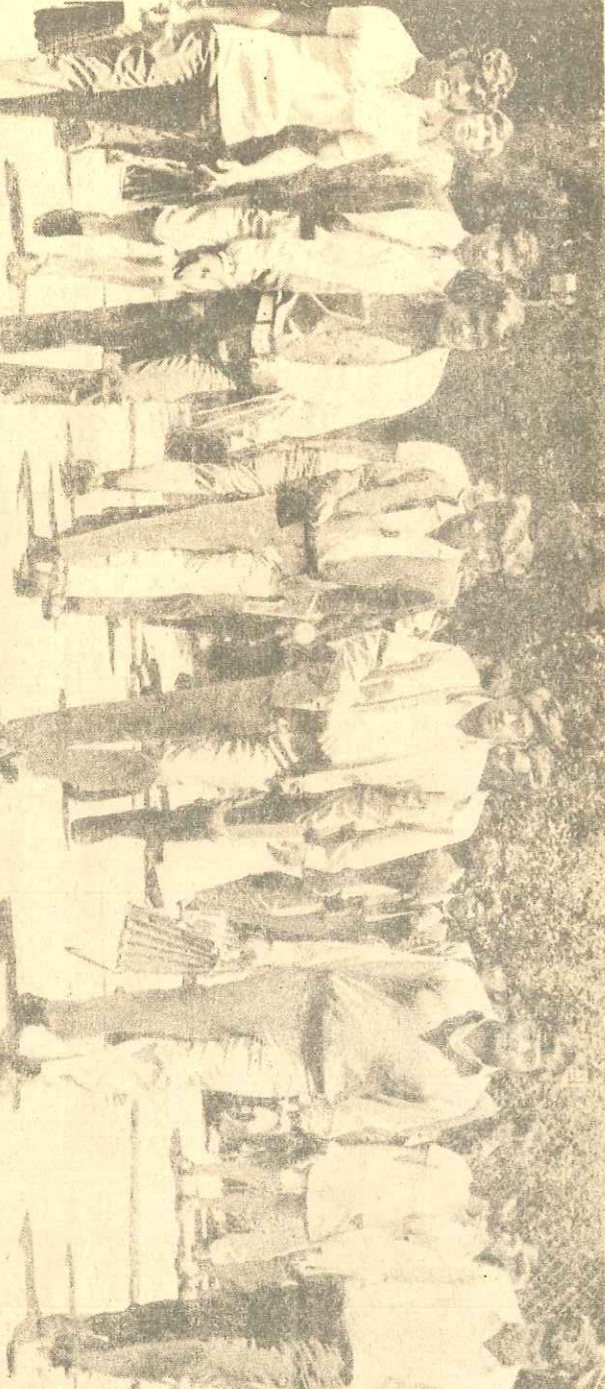
'Police obviously abusing power'

THE Police are obviously abusing their powers — was Progressive MP Helen Suzman's comment on the death of Ahmed Tl-mol.

"The whole Act is disgusting," she told POST. "And it is high time it was struck off our statute books."

"Normal processes of law should suffice when there is no national emergency," Mrs. Suzman had spent most of the night trying to get Ministerial permission for detainee Mohammed Essop's family to visit him in hospital.

She could not contact the Minister of Police or the Prime Minister by telephone. She left for



Students mourn

STUDENTS walk out of the Transvaal Indian College of Education as they go into mourning over the death of detainee Ahmed Tl-mol who fell from John Vorster Square.

They are wearing black bands of mourning on their wrists.

At 10 am today they will leave in a group to attend lectures in quarters yesterday.

Roodepoort. Yesterday they held a half hour sit-in on the college's courtyard.

Then they staged a mass walkout, leaving lectures in afternoon. White college lecturers

leave and made no effort to stop them.

A senior student told POST, "We have proved that we aren't frightened by Special Branch intimidation. The spirit dissent

has happened."

The group of students talking to POST grew hushed as a car swept by. "Special Branch," they whispered.

"We will ignore lectures tomorrow and attend the funeral," students said. They will leave by

in an angry mood. Mrs. Suzman has been the only member of the Government of the day who has not been interviewed since