

Interrogation is described by Essop

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ESSOP today told the Terrorism Act trial in Pretoria of interrogation by the police after he and Mr Ahmed Timol were arrested at a roadblock.

MR ESSOP said he was not nervous of the police inspecting the boot of a car he was driving and in which hund-

reds of communist and African National Congress pamphlets were found.

Mr Essop, one of the accused in the Terrorism Act trial, was being re-examined by his senior defence counsel, Mr J. Browde SC.

Today is Mr Essop's fourth day in the witness box. He was being re-examined on the events of October 22 last year when he and Mr Ahmed Timol were arrested after being stopped in the car which contained the pamphlets.

Mr Timol later died in police detention.

BOOKS

Today's proceedings started nearly half an hour late.

Mr Essop (22), a medical student, Mr Yousuf Hassan Essack (21), a clerk, Mr Indhrasen Moodley (27), a lecturer, and Mrs Amina Desai (51), a businesswoman, are facing a main charge under the Terrorism Act and alternatives under the Act and the Suppression of Communism Act.

The four Indians have all pleaded not guilty before Mr Justice Snyman at the Supreme Court hearing in the Old

He asked Mr Timol for an explanation, and Mr Timol said a dreadful thing had happened to him.

At the time Mr Essop did not think he was guilty of anything.

Earlier Mr Essop told the court he and Mr Timol were on their way to a party in Vrededorp when they were stopped.

It was suggested to him that, according to this story, they would have arrived at the party about 11 pm. Was this not too late for such a party?

Mr Essop replied that some of these parties went on till about 4 am.

Mr Browde asked Mr Essop about his interrogation by the police.

NOT SATISFIED

Mr Essop said he was taken into a room at the police station after the roadblock and was asked to tell the police all he knew about where he and Mr Timol were going. He said he told them, but they were not satisfied.

"I won't say anything about the assaults," he added.