

# COLONEL COVER TIMOL FAMILY

LIEUTENANT COLONEL WILLEM VAN WYK of the Security Police said at the Timol inquest in the Johannesburg Regional Court today he was extremely shocked to hear news of Mr Ahmed Essop Timol's death on October 27, last year. After hearing the news the witness went home.

The Security Police officer was today being questioned by Mr I. A. Maisels, QC (for the Timol family). There was a further dispute over documents today.

The inquest magistrate, Mr J. J. L. de Villiers, and an assessor are inquiring into the death of Mr Timol, a 30-year-old schoolteacher who fell from the tenth floor of John Vorster Square while in police custody.

In reply to questions, Lieutenant Colonel van Wyk said that on October 28 last year he was told Mr Timol was in the custody of a Sergeant Rodrigues of the Security Police when he fell from the tenth floor.

Mr Maisels had just begun cross-examining Colonel van Wyk when a dispute over documents arose.

### Documents

Yesterday, the officer told the court that on certain documents found in the possession of Mr Timol, the names "Quinton, Martin and Smith" had appeared. These people were later traced.

Today, Mr Maisels claimed he had not seen the documents bearing these names, and told the witness to "go and find

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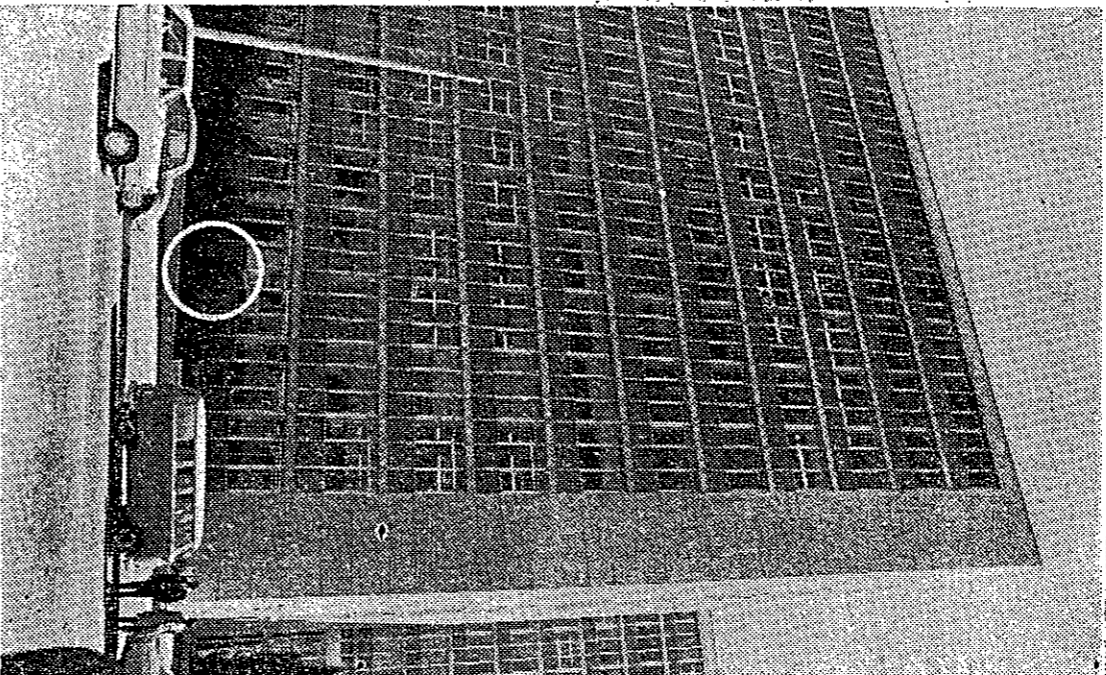
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The circle marks a shrub outside the front of John Vorster Square. It was here that Indian detainee Ahmed Timol fell to his death from the 10th floor last October. Police today gave permission for the Press to photograph the spot.

## Timol inquest evidence

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no doubt that the full names of these people were Mr Quentin Jacobsen, his twin brother, Henry, and Mr Martin Cohen, a former detainee.

Mr Maisels asked Colonel van Wyk whether this question of any connection with Mr Jacobsen was of grave importance, and the witness replied that it was.

Mr Maisels: You made the allegation that Mr Jacobsen and Mr Timol were so closely connected that they had made plans to carry out sabotage?— That is my opinion.

Colonel van Wyk said he made the statement about the suspected connection between Mr Jacobsen and Mr Timol in an affidavit.

Mr Maisels asked the witness whether he knew that Mr Jacobsen was prosecuted under the Terrorism Act. The Security Police officer replied that he was not connected with that case.

Mr Maisels put it to him that Mr Ahmed Essop Timol was a member of the Johannesburg Primary School Committee, at Johannesburg.

Mr Martin Cohen was a former detainee and that he was called as a State witness at Mr Jacobsen's trial. He also put to the witness that in that trial the State did not allege that Mr Cohen was an accomplice. Again Colonel van Wyk replied that he was not involved with the case.

Questioned further, the witness said that Mr Jacobsen was a very lucky man to get off (loosom).

Colonel van Wyk was then asked about Mr Timol's interrogation.

Mr Maisels asked the witness why there was not a single piece of paper that Captain Bean, Mr Timol or the witness wrote during Mr Timol's interrogation.

### Connection

Mr Maisels then went on to question the witness about the methods used by the police during interrogations.

Mr Maisels submitted that it had been said that pressure was used to get a detainee to make a statement.

He suggested that the witness was keen to find out whether there was a connection between Mr Timol and Mr Jacobsen and asked whether angry questions were put to Mr Timol.

had made his own involvement absolutely clear.

He added: "What this man was guilty of was being head of a main unit of the Communist Party. He rodeed certain pamphlets and was found in possession of other unlawful documents. He knew how to make pamphlet bombs. In other words this saboteer had been party to the letting off of bombs which released pamphlets and at the same time activated tapes. He was also in contact with the Communist Party in Britain."

Mr Maisels then asked Colonel van Wyk what else Mr Timol was alleged to have done.

Colonel van Wyk: "I can say that as a self-confessed communist he was involved in a plot to bring about revolution and mass murder in South Africa."

But apart from the points put to him by Mr Maisels he knew of nothing else Mr Timol had specifically done.

Earlier, the colonel said he had first heard of Mr Quentin Jacobsen the day after Mr Timol's death.

Mr Maisels: "At this point in the opinion of the police Mr Timol headed a main cell of the Communist Party in South Africa and Mr Jacobsen was associated with him?"

The witness agreed that this was so, and added: "I still say Mr Jacobsen and Mr Timol were involved in