cancelled on 'friendly' advice

Staff Reporter

THE MANAGER of a pleasure resort at Lenasia yesterday cancelled his offer to have a religious meeting for Mr. Ahmed Timol, the dead detainee, on its property after being advised by an official of the Department of Community Development.

The Nirvana Pleasure Resort, where the meeting was to be held on Sunday, is run by Mr. Mohamed Mandoo. The property is leased from the Department of Community Development.

Mrs. Mandoo said yesterday her husband had cancelled his offer to allow the gathering to take place at the resort when he discovered it was to be a "political meeting".

ADVICE

She said an official of the Department of Community Development had visited the resort at 7 am on Monday. He advised them against allowing the meeting to take place on the resort.

"I had allowed the use of the hall for the prayer meeting because I felt sorry for the parents of the dead man," she said yesterday.

"Neither my husband nor I are interested in politics. We did not realise it was to be a political meeting. It was only when this man pointed this out did we realise the danger that we would become involved in politics."

She said they had taken the advice of the official because it was "friendly" advice.

● The Secretary for the Department of Community Development, Mr. J. H. Niemand, said last night that he knew nothing of the matter. He suggested a member of his department be approached so the matter could be investigated. He could also not comment on the department's policy in regard to tenants taking part in politics.

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Dandy submits meekly to death

people. American television companies filming in the Republic have used him for years. Dandy had no hangups," said Mr. Robinson.

Mr. Bristow decided to have the lion shot and asked the Army campers nearby to do the killing. Sergeant-Major B. J. Clarkson shot Dandy between the eyes with an FN rifle.

The lion, obeying instructions from his handler, lay motionless for "two hours before the shooting. He meekly submitted and made no attempt to escape.

According to S/Sgt-Major Clarkson, Mr. Bristow patted Dandy on the head and gently scolded him shortly before he was shot. "Dandy, why did you have to be so stupid," Mr. Bristow said.

Dandy's mate, Lady, and her three cubs remained in the cage. Police and Mr. Bristow would not allow anybody near the truck, because the lioness was upset.

The shooting of the film was almost complete and only a few minute sequence was to be filmed in the area, said Mr. B. White, managing director of Jones Films. Mostly filmed in Zululand, the story concerns farmers and poachers.

Mr. White said they would hurriedly finish shooting, but did not yet know whether Dandy would be replaced.

Mr. Chapman was "exceptionally kind to animals," said a friend, Mr. Roy Allen.

"Jimmy loved animals. He photographed them and made documentary films about them. He was very much an outdoor man," Mr. Allen said last night.

Mr. Allen worked with Mr. Chapman on the set of "Creatures the World Forgot" in South West Africa.

"He was excellent at his work, very keen and fastidious," Mr. Chapman was a bachelor, and when on location he lived in a caravan.

"His caravan was fully equipped, neatly packaged and laboratory. He had a 16 mm projector and screen and he used to show films in his caravan," said Mr. Allen.

Mr. Chapman worked for the SABC before the Second World War and was their correspondent in the Western Desert.

He also travelled extensively

Embassies push for meetings with detainees

By CLIVE EMDON

THE BRITISH, German and Australian embassies and the United States Consul General's office in Johannesburg have made inquiries and representations to the South African Government and Police in their concern for the welfare of six foreign citizens detained by the Security Police in the past week.

They have also had discussions with one another.

Mr. Quentin Jacobson, a Briton, and Mr. Joergen Wagner, a German, both photographers arrested last Tuesday for alleged drug offences and later under the Terrorism Act, are still in detention.

So too Mr. David Smith, a Briton and Mr. Martin Cohen, an Australian.

WOMEN

Fifteen Indian men and women, a Malay woman and a White student are still detained under the Terrorism Act and have now been held for more than 14 days.

A British Consulate official said last night the two Britons, Mr. Jacobson and Mr. Smith, would be visited at John Vorster Square early today. He said permission had come through for the visit early in the evening.

Yesterday Mr. Wagner, 23, was visited at John Vorster Square, police headquarters in Johannesburg, by the German Embassy's legal and consular officer, Miss C. H. Kuss.

She told the Rand Daily Mail last night she had seen him for half an hour between noon and 1 pm.

Two police colonels were present throughout the interview which was conducted in an office.

'HAPPY'

She said: "We were very happy to be granted access to Mr Wagner.

"He had no specific complaints and seemed in good health."

Miss Kuss said a condition of the interview was that she could not discuss matters related to his detention. This would be allowed at a later stage with a lawyer if and when Mr. Wagner was charged.

"I explained to him why it had taken us so long to see him," Miss Kuss said.

"The main thing is that he knows the embassy is doing something."

She said the police told her they would keep in touch with the embassy which has asked for further meetings with Mr. Wagner. The possibility of sending him food and clothing is still to be taken up by the embassy.

PERMIT

Miss Kuss said Mr. Wagner had been in South Africa for 18 months. She was unable to say if he was an immigrant or a visitor with a resident's permit.

Meanwhile, both the British and Australian embassies are awaiting news on when they can see the two Britons and Australians being detained.

Both the British Ambassador, Sir Arthur Snelling, and the Australian Ambassador, Mr. T. W. Cutts, have visited the South African Minister of Foreign Affairs, Dr. Hilgard Muller, on instructions from their governments.

A British Consulate official said the Australian and German embassies and United States Consulate officials had held discussions concerning the nature of the Terrorism Act and were making individual representations.

An Australian Embassy official confirmed a report from Canberra that the Australian Government is seeking an urgent interview with Mr. Martin Cohen, on of the detainees.

HEALTH

Mr. Nigel Bowen, the Minister of Foreign Affairs in the Australian Government, told this to the Australian Parliament yesterday. He said: "We have an assurance that he is in good health and we have passed on this information to h parents in Sydney."

Cohen's father, Mr. S. B. Cohen, a Sydney businessman, said he was relieved to hear the news but still wanted the full facts on his son's detention.

He said he was keeping a constant vigil by his telephone as he had done so since he first heard of his son's imprisonment last Saturday.

He said he could not understand why his son was in jail as he had never been in trouble before.

"He is what I call the boffin type — only interested in books, concerts and music."

He said his 26-year-old son left home six months ago on a working holiday around the world. Mr. Martin Cohen is a nephew of the late Senator Samuel Cohen a former Liberal Party senator in the Australian Government, who died last year.

Local lawyers silent

STAFF REPORTER

TRANSVAAL LAWYERS are keeping silent in the face of mounting calls for a judicial probe into the treatment of Security Police detainees.

The chairmen of the Southern Transvaal Bar Council, the Pretoria Bar Council, and the General Council of the Bar of South Africa all refused to comment yesterday on the Cape Bar's statement, which expresses concern over the number of people who have died in detention and calls for a judicial inquiry.

Mr. G. A. Corder, SC, of the General Council, and Mr. C. P. Eloff, of the Pretoria Bar, both said their councils would not be making any statements on the matter.

"We are not interested," Mr. Eloff said.

Mr. W. Schreiner, said the Southern Transvaal Council had taken no decision yet.

9 found guilty of armed meeting

ESTCOURT — Nine elderly Africans were yesterday convicted in the Estcourt Magistrate's Court on charges of attending an armed gathering and were sentenced to fines of R50 (or 90 days) conditionally suspended for three years.

Originally 180 men — all members of the Amangwe tribe — appeared on the charges.

The men's appearance in court arises from an incident last month in the Loskop area near Estcourt, in which State veterinary officials were allegedly obstructed by residents of the area who opposed the officials when they tried to carry out the inoculation of cattle against contagious abortion.

Yesterday, after discussions between the 180 accused and their defence, it was decided that nine men should stand trial and after their pleas to guilty while the charges against the remaining 171 were withdrawn by the State.

US girls released after 30 hours

Staff Reporter

THE TWO American girls who were detained in Soweto on Sunday morning, were released from John Vorster Square on Monday afternoon after about 30 hours' detention — but their African student friend has not been heard from yet.

The two girls, Miss Deborah Marcus, 23 and Miss Judith Lieberman, 26, who have been travelling through east Africa since January, were arrested at the home of Mr. Sidon Sidelong, also known as Tilotsane. They paid admission of said fines of R10 each for being illegally in Soweto.

Yesterday at the home of Mr. Sidelong, his grandmother, Mrs. Nito Tilotsane, said: "We have been spending sleepless nights since my child was taken away."

Another African, Mr. Boogie Mohamudi of Soweto, who was questioned last week after visiting the Pritchard Street studio of the British photographer brothers Quentin and Henry Jacobson, has also been detained.

Relatives told me yesterday that plainclothes policemen took him away on Saturday morning from his uncle's house in Soweto.

The two American girls yesterday said they had intended visiting Cape Town and Swaziland after a short stay in Johannesburg. They will now return to Tanzania to continue their tour of Africa.

SWA — 3 Swapo men in Canada

OTTAWA — Three representatives of the South West African People's Organisation (Swapo) said in Ottawa yesterday they had asked the Canadian Government to discourage Canadian investment in South West Africa.

The three, led by Mr. Moses Garte, Swapo's administrative secretary, were speaking at a Press conference after seeing External Affairs officials.

They said they were well received by Mr. Jon Church, executive assistant to the External Affairs Minister, Mr. Mitchell Sharp, and Mr. J. C. G. Brown, director of one of the department's African Affairs divisions.

Mr. Garter said the United States Government has discouraged United States firms from investing in SWA by warning them not to expect any type of Government assistance.

RELAX GRIP ON ECONOMY, URGES TUCSA

STAFF REPORTER

THE GOVERNMENT should relax its tight grip on the economy if it wanted to avoid trade union-employer clashes over increased earnings next year, Mr. L. C. Scheepers, vice-president of the Trade Union Council of South Africa, said yesterday.

A large number of wage agreements expired during 1972, and it could be accepted that solid demands would come from the unions for increases to restore purchasing power eroded by the highest inflation rate for at least 25 years," he said.

Some of the Government's curbs on spending and the tax credit c[illegible] headroom of the [illegible] action under exigency [illegible] own prosperity of wage-ers and employers.

F[illegible] ers could be expecting to [illegible] as justification for supporting or condoning [illegible] for higher earnings.

HIT HARD

Mr. Scheepers said: "It is would lead to long drawn-out and disruptive negotiations between the unions and employers. The unions, it must be remembered, have seldom if ever had such strong grounds for wage demands."

Trade union leaders were unanimous in their demands for the abolition or a drastic revision of the sales tax.

"There are few if any countries in the world where the worker is hit so hard by taxation as he is in South Africa."

Drop in butter price denied

Staff Reporter

THERE WOULD be no decrease in the price of butter in the foreseeable future, in spite of the unexpected popularity of yellow margarine, the manager of the Dairy Industries Control Board, Mr. P. Maree, said yesterday. He denied that there had been an extraordinary decline in butter sales.

"You can't go by comparative statistics," Mr. Maree said. "The figures for October this year can't be compared with those of October last year because there was considerable panic-buying during October last year caused by reports that the price of butter would increase.

"In fact, the demand for butter is rising again," he added. "In dairy products like butter and cheese you can't assess a trend on weekly figures, or even monthly figures. Some concerns, for example, are already laying in Christmas stocks. Others will wait until later.

"Our sales figures increase appreciably every week, and you can't form a long-term forecast on these figures," he added.

"What I can tell you though, is that no alteration in the price of butter has been considered by my board."

A margarine manufacturer yesterday expressed doubts whether what he described as the dramatic sales of yellow margarine would affect butter

MAN IS SHOT IN BOTH ARMS

STAFF REPORTER

THE CONDITION of an Edenvale petrol station attendant, shot through both arms during a holdup on Monday, was last night said to be "not serious".

According to the police, Mr. Steven Motlatla, and two other attendants were closing the petrol station in Modderhill Road when an unknown African shouted at Mr. Motlatla, who carried the cash, to hand over the money.

Before Mr. Motlatla could react, the African opened fire and shot him in both arms. He made off with R50 in cash and the small change dispenser.

No arrest has yet been made and the police investigation continues.

... on public to speak up about detainees

DURBAN. — "Ultimate responsibility for the manner in which a nation was governed rested not with the Government, but with people of the country," said Mr. Len Boyd, provincial leader of the Progressive Party.

He was speaking at a public protest meeting in Durban last night against "recent Security Police activity and the detention of the detainee, Mr. A. Timol.

Mr. Boyd urged the people of the country to make their voice heard on all important issues, as they would "fail abjectly" in the discharge of their duty if they remained silent or if they allowed public apathy, or any form of intimidation, to silence them.

Mr. Boyd said that, in the past, public reaction had forced change. He cited the 90-Day Detention Law which was allowed to lapse following a strong public outcry.

From time to time the Government needed the restraining hand of public opinion, while the public's representatives had the responsibility of heeding the views of the people.

BALLOT

Mr. Boyd had some remarks to make about people who believed that protest in South Africa was profitless. In a modern state the rights of the citizen did not begin and end with placing a cross on a ballot paper once every five years.

"No nation whose constitution provides for elected representatives ever places absolute political power in the hands of their representatives. They are, and remain, responsible to the people."

Mr. Boyd said that the people rejected outright the idea that the price which had to be paid for state security was the surrender by every individual of the protection which laws should give him.

"We do not for one minute accept that you cannot enjoy national security while dispensing justice," he said.

He pointed out that often in the history of mankind, men had had to speak out boldly "against the tyranny of rulers who had sought to take absolute power into the hands of the State."

The chief [illegible] was no less in modern times — Sara[illegible]

NO CHANGE ... U.P. BANTUST... POLICY—GRAA...

POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

BLOEMFONTEIN. — The Leader of the Opposition, Sir De Vil... omitted last night he could not foretell the result of all race con... future constitutional form of the United Party's race federation.

Opening the United Party's National Congress in Bloemfontein, he criticised those "who want to anticipate the period of consultation and come up with ready-made solutions for the final stage."

Although he emphasised there should be continuous consultation at all levels, Sir De Villiers gave no indication of being prepared to change the party's African policy or appoint a committee to re-examine it.

Without mentioning names, he appeared to rebuke Mr. Japie Basson, the United Party front bencher, for his talk of multiracial discussion groups and the urgent need for a change of direction in the party's race policies.

PROBLEMS

Referring to those who produced "stunt solutions", without there being any properly organised system for responsible consultation, he said:

"They base their views and alleged solutions on haphazard discussions with selected and frequently undisclosed individuals.

"That is no way to solve problems which can affect the very life of a nation, problems affecting that most delicate of all subjects, human relations.

"And the sooner adjustment to that this is a time for change, I believe it is, but the chance that the people of South Africa most urgently desire is not stunt solutions of racial problems, but a change of Government, a blooming economy and a chance to lead decent lives."

GROUPS

It was significant that in his outline of the party's three-stage race policy, Sir De Villiers avoided any specific mention of the presence of the Black representatives in the House of Assembly for the country's urban populations.

They received but one brief reference, in which he said that in the Union parliament, the Senate and the provincial councils.

He pointed out that if any form of consultation was to be meaningful [illegible] representatives [illegible] and administrators [illegible] groups would have a say in the central Parliament, [illegible] in between.

Talking about Asian and Non-White leaders [illegible] he said [illegible] what [illegible] whatever solutions were arrived at, they would be referred to several provinces [illegible] whose views.

● There would be no change in the [illegible] constitutional [illegible] form, the provision of machinery for consultation at all levels, without the approval of the White electorate in a referendum or general election;

● White leadership would be accepted and protected in the interests of all races;

● He said that as long as the White man took the major responsibility for financing and administering matters of common interest, they would remain under White political control.

STAGES

Sir De Villiers listed the following three stages in race relations, each of which would necessarily overlap.

● The party would examine and review all legislation which is discriminatory and offends the rule of law or impinges on the dignity of the individual to determine which laws should be repealed or amended. It would also promote economic growth to raise the living standards of all sections.

● The party would introduce interim constitutional reforms to provide proper machinery for consultation with Non-Whites at all levels, including the Parliamentary level, as to the future constitutional form to be adopted.

● What the result in that consultation would be cannot be seen at this stage but it would at a later stage when [illegible] could be [illegible].

DESTINY

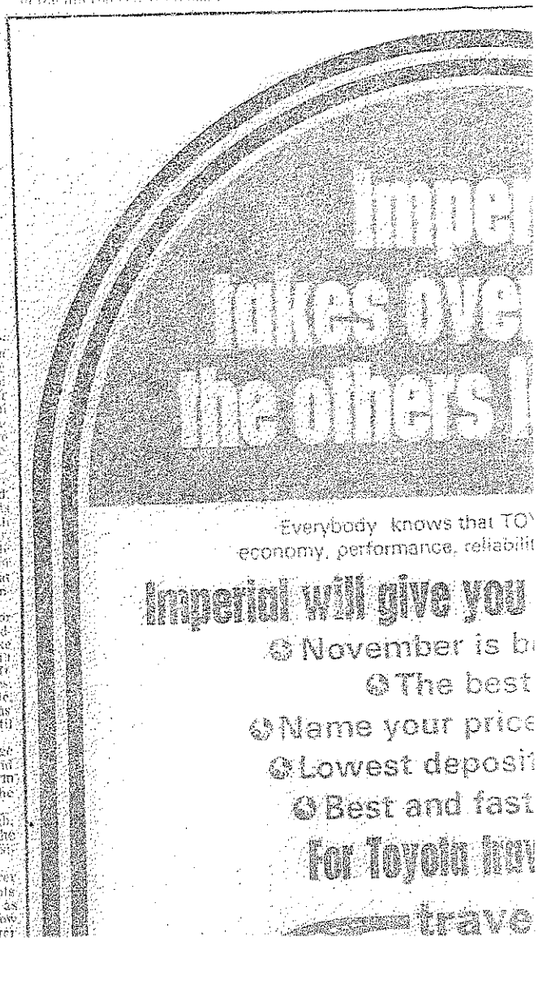
Sir De Villiers added that a State [illegible] was already in accordance with [illegible] in the Union of [illegible].

Through the implementation of the [illegible] principles would be followed to [illegible].

● An [illegible] would start a [illegible] for the country in the Union of [illegible].

● This [illegible] would [illegible] its own [illegible] of the [illegible] Council.

● In [illegible] would [illegible] representatives [illegible] of the [illegible] Council and the [illegible] Council.



... MAN TURNS TO PROGS