

# Essop: new 8/11 court order

NINE DOCTORS and nurses who, according to Mr I. A. Maisels, QC, have allegedly been withholding information about the Security Police detainee, Mr Mohamed Essop (21), will be subpoenaed to give evidence in the Pretoria Supreme Court on February 22 next year.

Mr Justice Bekker and Mr Justice Marais today extended a temporary order preventing the Security Police from assaulting Mr Essop, interrogating him unlawfully and applying undue pressure on him.

The purpose of the postponement — granted in spite of police objections—was to allow the procuring of evidence from the nine people.

Mr C. F. Eloff, SC (for the police) had asked that the order granted by Mr Justice Marais on October 29 be set aside.

Condemning the withholding of evidence about such things as the condition of Mr Essop, Mr I. A. Maisels, QC (for Mr Essop's father) said: "If this attitude is condoned then we had better close down court. . . . It appeared that 'every possible obstacle' was being laid in his way to prevent him from placing evidence before the court, Mr Maisels said.

He was addressing Mr Justice Bekker and Mr Justice Marais on the return date of an order relating to the Security Police detainee, Mr Mohammed Essop (21).

On October 29, Mr Justice Marais granted a temporary order restraining the police from assaulting Mr Essop, interrogating him in any manner other than that prescribed by law or exerting undue pressure on him.

#### APPLICATION

The judge also recommended that a full investigation be held and that doctors of the parents' choice be allowed to see Mr Essop to allay the public concern.

He also ordered that the matron of the H. F. Verwoerd Hospital be present at today's hearing to reply to an allegation that she denied to Mr Essop's father that Mr Essop was a patient at her hospital. The order was granted after an urgent application by Mr Ismail Essop, who told the court that he found his son in the H. F. Verwoerd Hospital, Pretoria, on October 27.

His son appeared to be very ill, was hardly breathing and

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## All-race protest in Natal

Own Correspondent

**DURBAN** — More than 1 000 people of all races yesterday packed the APS Hall, Durban, at a mass meeting called by the Natal Indian Congress to protest against the death of a detainee, Mr A. Timol, and the dawn raid on political and church leaders, and students.

A resolution passed at the meeting called for the immediate release of those detained, and protested at the dawn raids.

Mrs Sushila Gandhi, the daughter-in-law of Mahatma Gandhi, prayed for the welfare of the detainees, as well as for Mr Timol and also for the victims of terrorists in the Caprivi Strip.

She said she did not believe in violence and her prayers went for those who had been killed by violence.

Mr C. Sewpersadh, acting chairman of the congress, said the death of Mr Timol had caused pain and concern to all the Black people of the country.

"As long as the Blacks remain voteless and denied political rights this sort of thing will continue.

"There is a widespread feeling that something sinister is going on in the dark and lonely cells where the detainees are being held."

He called for a commission of inquiry into the question of how the 17 detainees had died, while being held by the police.