

Timol inquest: counsel probe claim by Mr. X

Timol ever looked shocked, upset or anxious, was after Mr. X had told them that it was known who Quentin, Martin and Henry were, he said.

His reason for saying this was that Mr. Timol's eyes were "wild and staring", also he bent his head. He did not say anything, he said.

Immediately after he, Captain Van Niekerk and Mr. X left the room, after asking Sgt. Rodrigues to stay with Mr. Timol, they walked down the stairs.

He did not think that Mr. Timol saw Mr. X because he was sitting with his back to the door. Mr. X came about two steps into the room, he said.

Mr. De Villiers: The whole room is about 18 paces.

Mr. Maisels: He must have been very close to Mr. Timol.

Questioned by Mr. Maisels, Captain Gloy said that of course there was nothing to stop Mr. Timol from looking around at Mr. X.

While walking along the passage on the ninth floor, a Sgt. Joubert came running towards them saying "Timol has jumped".

Captain Gloy: I said: "You're joking." He was serious and after a while I believed him. He went back immediately to the "interrogation office" he said.

"I walked up, I did not run." When he got to the office there was nobody there. He looked through the window and

saw somebody lying on the ground next to the building. "I was shocked," said Captain Gloy.

He later saw Sgt. Rodrigues in the office of Colonel Greyling. He told him that he had been sitting on the southern side of the table, in chair A, when Mr. Timol asked to go to the toilet. When Sgt. Rodrigues arose, Mr. Timol also got up. He "made as if" going to the door, suddenly turned around, pulled the window open and fell out.

Mr. Maisels then told the court that he was going to put to the witness a verbatim interview given by Major-General Buys to the Press.

He read an Afrikaans newspaper report: "Ahmed Timol was sitting calmly in a chair. There were Security men with him. At one stage two of them left the room. Mr. Timol suddenly jumped up, aimed at the door. A Security man jumped up to intercept him, but the Indian ran to the window and jumped through. He was not scared or injured by anybody at any stage."

This differed from Captain Gloy's version in that he had said that Sgt. Rodrigues had said Mr. Timol "pretended to move towards the door."

"Aiming" gives the impres-

before that but could not remember how long after Mr. Timol's death this was, or when he was first asked to make a written statement. Neither could he remember when he first saw Major-General Buys about it.

Mr. Maisels put it to him that it seemed from the statement as if, if not the whole day, at least the major part of the day was spent in questioning Mr. Timol about these three names.

Mr. Timol some coffee. He also gave me and Captain Van Niekerk our salary cheques and chatted to us. As far as I can remember he was standing all the time.

A photograph of the office was being handed in. He was sitting on the southern side, Captain Van Niekerk and I were sitting on the other chairs. The windows were closed at all times because of the traffic noise, Captain Gloy said.

Questioned by Mr. Maisels as to whether there were more secret reasons, Captain Gloy said no.

As far as he could remember, Sgt. Rodrigues never sat down on a chair but leant against the table, he said.

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"The very last subject discussed in Mr. Timol's presence — immediately before he committed suicide — was 'Quentin, Martin and Henry.'" Captain Gloy said.

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