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SECURITY POLICE evidence on Mr. Ahmed Timol's reaction to a disclosure by "Mr. X" that Mr. Quentin Jacobsen's identity had been established was extensively probed by counsel for the Timol family in the Johannesburg Regional Court yesterday.

Security Police evidence continued before Mr. J. J. L. de Villiers on the third day of the inquest into the death of Mr. Ahmed Timol, 30-year-old Rooodepoort school-leaver, who fell to his death from the tenth floor of John Vorster Square on October 27, last year.

Captain C. J. Dirker showed the court one of the additional 30 documents which Mr. I. A. Maiseis Q.C. for the Timol family, had asked him to bring to court. It was not handed in as an exhibit.

Captain J. H. Gloy, examined by Mr. Maiseis, said he had interrogated other people prior to Timol as a member of the security police. He would not say he was an experienced interrogator.

He and Captain Van Niekerk alternately questioned Timol for more than 32 hours. The first occasion was on October 23 from 7.30 am until 8 pm. "He was co-operative about documents found in his possession. He did not seem afraid," Captain Gloy said.

He questioned Timol again the next day from 8 am to 8 pm, and resumed his examination on the day of his death from 8 am to 3.30 pm. "He refused to tell us some things I regarded as important. I don't think he was more resistant than on the previous days. On all three days he was co-operative — with exceptions," he said.

Notes were taken on all occasions.

Captain Gloy told the court he preferred not to reveal the content of the notes. Mr. Maiseis told Mr. De Villiers he would prefer to argue the matter with him in chambers.

When the proceedings resumed, Mr. S. A. Cilliers, for the Security Police, said he had had the opportunity to go through the 16 pages of notes with the investigating officer. On the suggestion of Mr. Maiseis, part of the notes

which concerned a particular case, was isolated.

Mr. Maiseis agreed that only two pages, which related to "one particular incident" would be dealt with in court.

Questioned further by Mr. Maiseis, Captain Gloy said notes were not only taken on one day. "I and Captain Van Niekerk took down instructions for other members of the police force," he said. "I don't think they are dated," he added.

Mr. Cilliers read part of the notes made by Captains Gloy and Van Niekerk during the



Captain J. H. Gloy with Timol minutes before he fell.

interrogation. According to this the car used on the night of their arrest belonged to Mr. Mahomed Essop's father.

Questioned by Mr. Maiseis, Captain Gloy said he had questioned Mr. Timol about "Quentin, Martin and Henry," but could not say for how long. It was "an intensive interrogation," he said.

He might have questioned Mr. Timol about these three names for about 10 minutes to an hour, he said. He made a sworn statement on November 4, Captain Gloy said. He did make a statement

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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. Maiseis 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.

Captain Gloy: "The statement does give that impression, but it did not happen like that. The statement was an affidavit in short, he said. He did not mention all the subjects about which Mr. Timol was questioned. There was no other statement in existence because he destroyed the initial one, he said. The initial one was not really a statement, but "loose notes." They were not in any greater detail than the affidavit. He never made a more detailed statement than the affidavit.

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

Mr. Quentin Jacobsen was arrested on November 2, he said. He read in the newspapers that Mr. Jacobsen's relationship with Mr. Timol was investigated at his trial, Captain Gloy said. He did not know what happened at the trial.

The officers in charge of Mr. Jacobsen's case were Colonel Coetzee and Captain G Ferreira.

Mr. Maiseis said there would have been a reason for Mr. Timol to jump out of the window if the questioning on Quentin, Martin and Henry and Quentin's arrest "had played an important part."

"I want to say that the importance of Quentin is grossly exaggerated," he said.

Mr. Maiseis then asked who the person was who came into the office with the news that Quentin had been arrested.

Mr. Timol some coffee. He gave me and Captain Van Niekerk our salary cheques chatted to us. As far as I remember he was standing together. On this the last day of his life he seems to have answered a large number of questions which you recorded. He seems to have been more co-operative on the Wednesday than ever before.

Captain Gloy: Judged from the documents it does look that way, but it is not really the case. On the two previous days, we did not take comprehensive notes. He made hundreds of denials.

The officer, Mr. X, came into my office and gave me some information. Shortly before that Sgt. Rodrigues brought me, Captain Van Niekerk and

Mr. Timol some coffee. He gave me and Captain Van Niekerk our salary cheques chatted to us. As far as I remember he was standing together. On this the last day of his life he seems to have answered a large number of questions which you recorded. He seems to have been more co-operative on the Wednesday than ever before.

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

Questioned by Mr. Maiseis to whether there were secret reasons, Captain said no.

As far as he could remember Sgt. Rodrigues never sat on a chair but leant against a table, he said. The "first and only time

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