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Mandela appeal

MRS. WINNE MANDELA'S appeal against a conviction for contravening her house arrest order will be heard only next year — during the first term of the Appeal Court.

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Tidal wave

MASSIVE relief operations got under way yesterday in the tidal wave-torn Cuttack area of eastern India where 3 391 people are now known to have died.

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Airport strike

AIRPORT STRIKE. HEATHROW Airport, one of the busiest in the world, faced total shutdown last night as a strike by ground service workers spread.

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Massive guard

A MASSIVE security guard protected Queen Elizabeth yesterday during the ceremonial opening of the British Parliament's new session.

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Gary and Papwa

GARY PLAYER and Sewsunker "Papwa" Sewgolum have been purposely drawn to play together in the \$25 000 (about R20 000) Dunlop International Tournament, which begins in Sydney tomorrow.

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Timol's father makes statement

By CLIVE EMDOM
MR. YUSUF TIMOL, father of the dead detainee, Mr. Ahmed Timol, made a statement yesterday to Major-General C. A. Buys, the Chief of the CID, who is investigating the circumstances of the death at John Vorster Square, Johannesburg, last Wednesday.

Mr. M. S. H. Cachalia, the father's lawyer said Maj-Gen. Buys had asked for the statement. The investigation is expected to be completed this week.

Meanwhile, it is known that 19 persons are still being detained in terms of the Terrorism Act in Johannesburg, Pretoria and Durban. None has access to lawyers or family.

Yesterday, Mr. Sam Garda, brother of the 32-year-old detainee, Mr. Yusuf "Chubb" Garda, confirmed that he had spoken to his brother by telephone early one morning.

This has been the only known case of direct communication between a detainee and his family in the past 10 days since the first arrests.

Police have, however, allowed Mr. Uusuf Garda and Dr. M. Momoniat — who has since been released — to answer written questions put to them by their families.

In their replies, Mr. Garda gave instructions on the running of his shoewear business and Dr. Momoniat on his medical practice.

Each night in the past week between 40 and 50 people have gathered to pray at the Gardas' Vrededorp, Johannesburg, flat.

Mr. Sam Garda said he stooped to his brother on the telephone at 6.15 am last Thursday. Until that time, the family had been allowed to take him food every day.

The detainee said that, in future, they should not bring so much food and stipulated: one flask of tea, one flask of coffee, one pear, one banana, one apple and a packet of cigarettes a day.

"For the past four days they have refused to take food from the family to him," Mr. Garda said.

Mr. Garda said he was told by a senior Security Police officer that he should have known by last Thursday whether his brother would be released or put on trial. "We have heard nothing since."

Progressive Party MP for Houghton, said yesterday that the Terrorism Act "should be struck off the Statute Book at the first opportunity"

In an interview she said that no amendment to Section Six of the Act would prevent abuses of the powers given to the police to hold people in solitary confinement.

Mrs. Suzman added that she had opposed the Act, unlike the United Party, at every stage of its passage through Parliament, because it was obvious even at that time that such powers would be abused.

When the 90-day Detention Act was enforced and magistrates visited detainees, it "in no way prevented suicides and deaths under strange circumstances."

"All those laws that give Ministers or the police the right to deprive a man of his liberty before he has been duly charged in a court of law, found guilty and convicted, must be repealed," Mrs. Suzman said.

Parliament had made a "parlous mistake" in giving these vast powers. It was a tragedy that the official opposition did not see fit to oppose these laws in principle when they were first introduced.

"I have no doubt that this gave the Government the green light to go full steam ahead in using its full power to detain people without trial," she said.

Professor Barend van Niekerk, of the University of Natal's Law Department, said the Terrorism Act was the "antithesis of justice" and appealed to the legal fraternity "to kill the Act by refusing to accept evidence

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'Dean accused — apartheid guilty'

By BOB HAYES
London Bureau

LONDON. — The British Press yesterday conducted its own dean "trial" — and found apartheid guilty.

There was also criticism of the South African Government's ham-fisted agents. The Daily Mail calls them nature's understudies for "Carry On Spying".

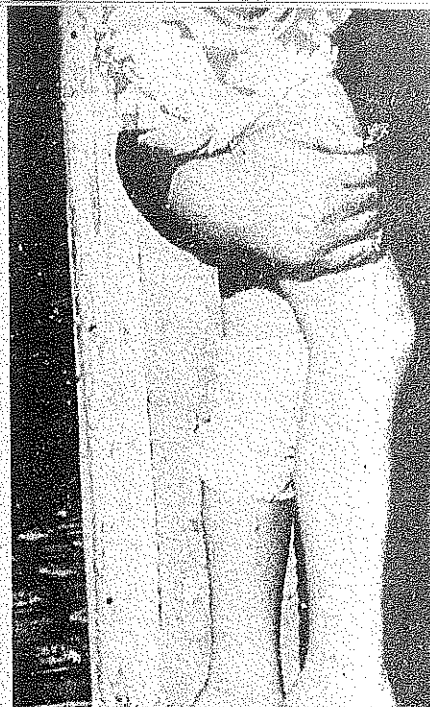
Fleet Street's serious papers all accord the trial front page treatment, while the popular tabloids devote prominent headlines on inside pages.

The Daily Mail said: "Mr. Vorster's new tactic is apparently to gag churchmen by jailing them and to discredit them by association with shady conspiracies."

HIDEOUS

"But the plan has backfired in this case... where else outside the Soviet Union can a man be jailed for five years for showing Christian charity? "The trouble about these trials is that it is always the South African Government which ends up on trial. And in the end it is apartheid which is found guilty."

The Mirror — "Where the guilt



JACKPOT ANSWER

THE CORRECT solution to Tuesday Jackpot No. 93 is on Page 2.

Jailed for drugs

CAPE TOWN. — Mr. F. A. B. Juhl sentenced Dominick McGrane, 20, of Dublin, Ireland, to six months' imprisonment when he found him guilty in the Cape Town Magistrate's Court yesterday of being in possession of 40 tablets of LSD.

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