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Coloured councillor hears of vote to oust him

Own Correspondent

LONDON. — When Mr. Norman Daniels flew into London from the United States for a 10-day Government-sponsored tour, he learnt of the Cape Provincial Council's vote that will remove himself and his fellow Coloured councillors from Cape Town City Council.

While the move had been expected, he said he was "very sad".

It was a "backward" and "negative" step.

"It had been hoped that in the end second thoughts would have prevailed," he said. "After all, this inherent right has been enjoyed by Coloured people for 114 to 115 years and it has worked very well to the advantage of Cape Town City Council and the city as a whole."

Mr. Daniels said the Coloured members of the council had never regarded themselves as representing people, but as representing the city and acting for and on behalf of it.

"One hoped that this realisation would have got through to the Provincial Council and that more mature thoughts would prevail. I was one of those people who hopefully felt that because of the long association, Coloured people had had as representatives on the City Council, and the nature and responsible manner in which they performed their duties, the Provincial Council would have appreciated that taking them off the roll would be a negative step."

Mr. Daniels felt that neither Cape Town nor the entire Province would benefit from the move and it could only be hoped that saner views would prevail between now and September 1972.

Mr. Daniels, who is secretary of the Textile Workers' Union, has just completed an intensive 45-day tour of the United States as the guest of the Labour Department. It was a "fascinating and wonderful" experience.

Witness tells of threats at John Vorster Sq.

By CAROL STEYN

A WITNESS told the Johannesburg Regional Court yesterday that while he was in a room in John Vorster Square, three men threatened to throw him out of a window and testify he had committed suicide.

Constable Mohammed Kahn of the Kliptown Police Station, gave this evidence before Mr. A. H. de Wet in a case in which Mr. Desnae Dasaruth Ramparshad, 44, of 9th Street, Lenasia, was charged with attempting to defeat the ends of justice. Mr. Ramparshad was found not guilty and discharged.

He had pleaded not guilty to a charge that, after an Indian boy, Cyril Tambi, had allegedly been murdered on August 14 last year and four men, Mr. Suresh Ramparshad, Mr. Krishan Maharaj, Mr. Hunsrach Maharaj and Mr. Harry Kandial had been charged with the murder, he had, while the case was still being investigated by the police, attempted to induce an Indian girl to make a statement to the effect that Ashindra Latskama had told her he had murdered Cyril Tambi.

STATEMENT

Mr. Kahn told the court the 15-year-old Indian girl had made a statement to him. He later made a statement about this to a police officer, he said.

Questioned by Mr. L. Lawrence, SC, Mr. Kahn said this statement had been made at John Vorster Square "under threats."

Mr. Lawrence: "Surely you are not going to say that somebody at John Vorster Square threatens even police?"

Mr. Kahn said that on June 22 last year, he was taken by White detectives into an office where there were three Indian men. One of these men was Mr. K. Tamid, the father of Cyril Tamid, who was found strangled in a quarry in August last year. Mr. Kahn said.

The detectives left the room

"to allow the Indians to deal with me."

The men told me to stand in a corner. He was smacked twice by Mr. Tamid. Then he was assaulted by all three men.

After this the men lifted him from the floor and one of them said, "I'll throw you out of the window and we'll make a statement that you committed suicide," Mr. Kahn said.

They wanted him "to say something which was not true," he said.

The White policemen never came back, Mr. Kahn told the court.

"I was screaming but nobody came. They could have heard when I screamed but nobody came," Mr. Kahn said.

He said the assault took place with the full knowledge of the CID.

He assumed the office was on the third floor of John Vorster Square.

One of the White policemen who had brought him to John Vorster Square was in charge, Mr. Kahn said. The policeman "never suggested anything" to him, but later took a statement from him. This statement was untrue.

He did not complain to this policeman about the assault, because he was "still in fear". He later told a Captain Engelbrecht that the statement was incorrect.

Questioned by Mr. Lawrence, Mr. Kahn said he knew he was making a serious allegation against a senior police officer.

He also knew this statement was later used in the Supreme Court by the police to oppose a bail application, he said.

He complained the next day to his station commander about the assault. The station commander referred him to "higher authority", Mr. Kahn added.

Mr. Ramparshad was discharged after the conclusion of the case for the State.

Magistrate rejects abortion, extortion story

Staff Reporter

GERHARDUS PETRUS MEYER, 27, was jailed for three years and eight months after his conviction in the Pretoria Regional Court yesterday on 58 charges of cheque fraud involving R9 340.

Meyer, a salesman, of Riverbank Mansions, Riviera, Johannesburg, is present serving a four-year jail term for similar offences.

He said he had committed the crimes because he had been the victim of an extortion campaign against him by a Mr. Horn.

Horn, a former teller at a City bank, had threatened to tell his wife he had supplied her money for abortion procedures on a girl who had become pregnant by him, Meyer said before his marriage.

Horn also said he would tell Meyer's wife of an amount when he had committed a cheque fraud involving R9 340. He succumbed to Horn's demands for money and numerous articles, he said.

JEWELLERY

When he could meet Horn's demands out of his own pocket no longer, he opened his bank accounts at several banks and small amounts in numerous bank names to obtain cash books.

With cheques from these books he bought articles in the amount of R9 340 from various shops. The parcels, which were either sold or the money given to Horn, included the item itself given to him, included jewellery, cameras, radios, a welding plant and others.

In January 1970 he was told by a medical doctor that he was sterile and could not have been responsible for the pregnancy which led to the extortion.

The Magistrate, Mr. D. J. Jansen van Rensburg, who the court rejected his story about the abortion and the cheque fraud.

He jailed Meyer for two years on each of 58 charges of cheating nine years and eight months. It was ordered that four years of the sentence be concurrently with the sentence he is serving at present.

