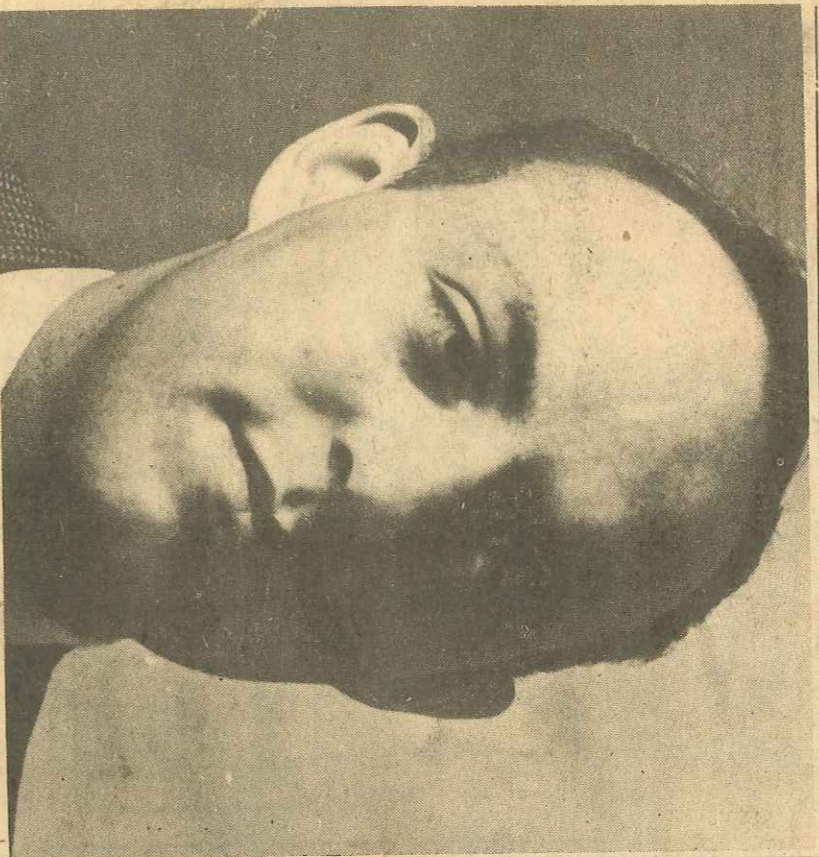


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John Harris, who was arrested soon after bomb blast.

## SENSATIONAL NEW TRIAL— AFTER HARRIS?

POST Reporter — Johannesburg

**A** 26-year-old Johannesburg teacher, who was taken from his bed in his Roodepoort home by Security police a few hours after the station bomb outrage on July 24, is the most discussed man in South Africa today.

No incident in recent times has aroused so much shock and so much talk as the station bomb blast. And the trial of John Harris, former banned chairman of the South African Non-Racial Olympic Committee, in connection with the outrage is expected to be one of the most sensational in South African legal history.

Public interest reached a high pitch when it was reported that Harris would probably appear on Wednesday in the Pretoria Supreme Court.

There was intense speculation on the nature of the charge. One newspaper report said that he would appear on Wednesday on a charge of murder. Harris did not appear on Wednesday.

Instead the Pretoria Supreme Court was the venue of another sabotage trial in which eight African men are charged.

A witness for the defence said that Umkonto was against terrorism. Mr. H. J. Beyers, for the State described the witness — Peter Mogano — as "a mealy-mouthed hypocrite".

### Interest

But the main interest was still in the appearance of Harris.

Meanwhile it is understood that the Special Branch have completed their investigations of at least one more 90-day detainee — and possibly two or three — in connection with sabotage. Court appearances are

expected to follow before long — and there are likely to be sensational developments.

The possibility of one big sabotage trial in Pretoria, involving people from the Cape as well as in the Transvaal is the subject of speculation as a result of the summoning to Pretoria of a senior member of the Attorney-General's staff in Cape Town, Mr. M. M. Beukes, for "special duty" in connection with sabotage cases.

This move follows a meeting of Attorney-Generals of the Republic in Pretoria over a fortnight ago.

The new trial — or series of trials — will, it is believed, be even more dramatic than the Rivonia trial. These, it is understood, will definitely Court appearances are

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# DEATH OF DETAINEE A SHOCK

POST Reporter

**THE** death of 90-day detainee, Suliman Saloojee—who fell from the seventh floor of Johannesburg police headquarters at The Grays, on Wednesday, about 4 in the afternoon, as hundreds of people were hurrying home from work — has shocked the country.

Mr. Saloojee, aged 34, was an attorney's clerk. He was known to his friends as "Babla". He was a former executive member of the Transvaal Indian Congress and the Transvaal Indian Youth Congress.

He had been under 90-day detention for 65 days when he fell to his death.

He is survived by his widow, Julie, a 25-year-old factory worker. He had no children. The last time his wife saw him was 10 days ago.

### 'Pray for me'

She was too shocked to be able to speak to newspapermen on the day after her husband's death. But a relative told POST that the last time Mrs. Saloojee saw "Babla" he asked her to pray for him.

He told her he was suffering from nerves— although he was physically fit. He was being treated by a doctor at the Rosebank police cells where he was being detained.

Relatives told POST that Colonel Klindt, Security Chief for the Witwatersrand at The Grays, had promised them that the body would be released to

them on Thursday afternoon. Arrangements were being made for a service to be held at The Mosque at Vrededorp; for the body to be taken to his home at 84 Crown Road, Fordsburg, and then for the funeral to be held on Thursday night at Croesus.

A number of banned people were refused permission by the Chief Magistrate to attend the funeral.

A relative told POST that no purpose would be served by demanding a post-mortem.

There was also discussion of a possibility that schools at Lenasia and Roodepoort might be closed in sympathy with the family.



Julie Saloojee



Suliman Saloojee

Pamphlets announcing Saloojee's death were distributed in Vrededorp and Fordsburg on the night of his death.

It was officially reported in Pretoria that he was due to be charged at the time of his death. It is known that Saloojee was being interrogated when he leaped from the window.

But exactly what form the interrogation took is not known — and not likely to be known — because the questioning of detainees takes place under close security and security measures. The drama of the questioning in the seventh

floor of The Grays turned to tragedy as an onlooker saw the bearded man stand for a moment at the end window — then plunge to a parapet on the first floor. Firemen strapped the dying man to a stretcher and lowered him to the street. He died in an ambulance on the way to hospital.

In January this year Mr. Saloojee was served with a five-year ban under the Suppression of Communism Act.

He had been arrested on several occasions for his political activities; firstly, in 1962 for his part in the Defence Cam-

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Relatives and friends of the Saloojees gathered to mourn a few hours after the death

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# 90-DAY SWOOP AT DAWN



Mr. M. P. Nalcker, pictured with his wife shortly after he had been granted bail during the Lady-smith trial.

## At least 6 detained

POST Reporter — Durban.

THE Durban Security Police made dawn raids on Thursday and arrested a number of Indians. The best known among those detained is Mr. M. P. Nalcker, a former Natal Editor of "Spark" and a former 90-day detainee.

Others known to have been detained in the swoop were Mr. George Ponen, a Durban clothing factory owner, Mr. Paul Mohan, of Overport, Mr. Jack Governder, Mr. K. Swaminathan, of Asherville, and Dr. S. Randeree.

## Saloojee is third 90-day man to die

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His banning came the day after his mother's funeral.

He was married two years ago after his marriage plans had been upset twice by his arrests during 1960. Before he was married, he shared a flat with Mr. Mohamed Kathrada — who is now serving a life sentence at Robben Island after the Rivonia Trial.

Mr. Saloojee was 41n. slightly built. He had been seen only twice during his detention this year by his wife. He had a beard. He had a food to him at about 6 p.m. each day.

Mr. Saloojee was a keen follower of sport and sup-

ported the non-racial South African Soccer League and was a member of the one-time "New Age" cricket club.

Saloojee was the third detainee to die while under detention.

The first was Looksmart Solwandle who was found dead in a cell in the Pretoria prison in August last year. It is believed he hanged himself in his cell.

Another 90-day detainee is also alleged to have taken his own life by hanging himself in a cell in a prison in the Eastern Province last year.

Mr. N. G. Patel, Saloojee's employer, said he was shocked at "Gabbas's" death. He said: "I had known him for five years — and he was not the sort of man you would expect to commit suicide."

People in Durban who knew Saloojee expressed shock at the tragedy. There have been renewed calls for the 90-day clause to be ended.

### Act to go?

On the night of Saloojee's death, the Minister of Justice, Mr. Vorster, said at a National Party Congress in Johannesburg that the 90-day detention clause would be suspended as soon as the Government was satisfied that circumstances warranted it — because the Government did not want it to be a permanent part of the law in South Africa.

He issued a warning however, that "it could be reinstated within a quarter of an hour if the Government regarded such a step as necessary."

### Father of 7

Mr. Governder, the father of seven children, was unemployed for a long time after he was arrested during the 1960 emergency.

Mrs. Governder told POST that when her husband was detained, she was released as soon as he answered certain questions.

She was also told that he had been taken to the Greenwood Park police station.

Mr. Ponen is the owner of a Durban clothing factory. He was one of the first Indians in Durban to marry a white woman.

Mr. Swaminathan is the father of five children and worked for the Durban Indian Child Welfare Society.

Mr. Mohan, POST was told, was a former member of the Natal Indian Youth Congress.

Dr. Randeree, a Durban medical practitioner, was warned by the Chief Magistrate of Durban in November last year.

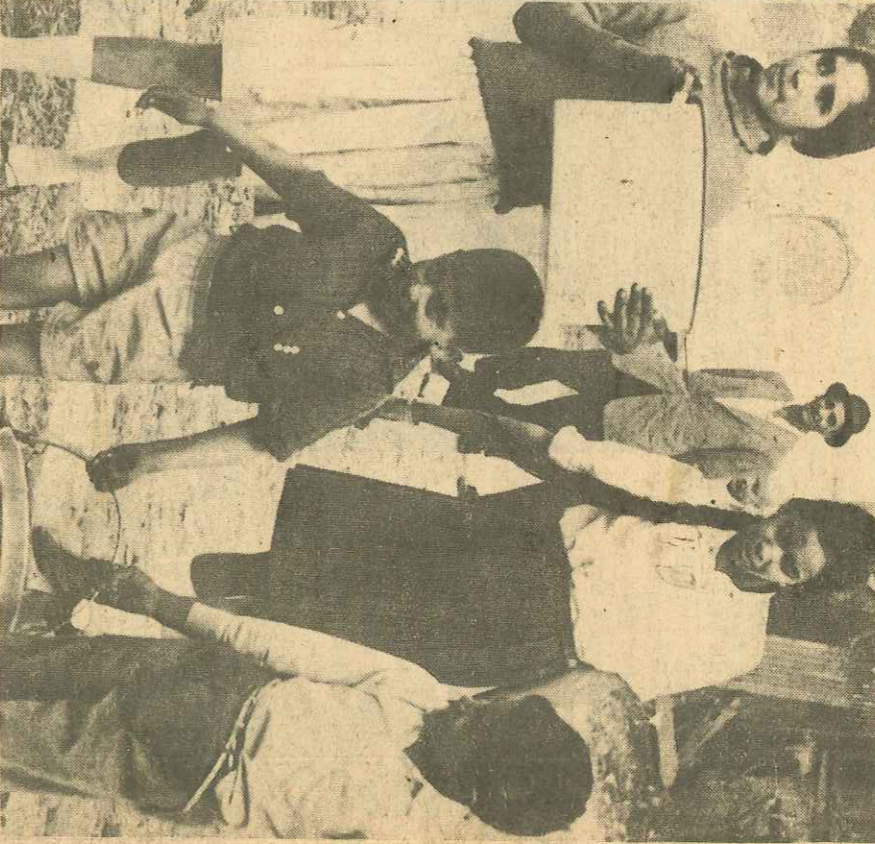
## SENSATIONAL NEW TRIAL?

(Continued from Page 1) ly "life-or-death" trials — because of the serious nature of the charges.

The Government has made little headway in its efforts to get back two other people whom the police want — as accessories before the fact — in connection with the station bomb outrage.

They are: DENIS HIGGS, 30-year-old lecturer, who was dramatically kidnapped by the South African Government. The Government is making efforts to have him extradited from Britain.

LORNA SYMMINGTON, 23-year-old Johannesburg teacher, who is now in Ndola, Northern Rhodesia. A move by the South African police to have her extradited from Southern Rhodesia failed. But the police still want her — and new legal moves to get her back



The Mahomed children of Marindale coming back from the church across the street, where they go to draw water for their household needs.

## Health threat after 20 families' water is cut

POST Reporter — Johannesburg. TWENTY Indian families living in Marindale, near the centre of Johannesburg, have been without their regular supply of water for five days now.

A senior official of the Department of Indian Affairs and a well-known member of the National Indian Association have been asked to plead with the Department of Housing, who ordered that the water be cut off.

A serious threat to the health of the residents in the area has developed. Toilets have not been flushed since the water was stopped at 1 p.m. last Saturday. Rubbish bins are overflowing as removal of refuse has also been stopped.

Elderly people without children have to hire men at 10c per errand to fetch water for them.

A leading Johannesburg Indian, who did not wish his name to be published, told POST: "The land in question belongs to the Department of Housing and quit notices were served on the community on May 29 this year."

"Alternative accommodation was offered in a block along the same street.

"The removal is not being resisted in any way. The community asked for an extension of time until the end of December. One of the things they want to do is to improve their new homes."

"Negotiations with the departments about the cutting of the water supply are nearly complete and we are hoping for a

## Alleged killer gave up

By Theo Themba — Johannesburg. A TOWNSHIP taxi-driver who surrendered himself to the Marshall Square police two days after escaping from custody, while being held on an allegation of murder, this week successfully applied to the Rand Supreme Court to be allowed out on bail.

He is Stephen Rampai, who with five others, appeared before Mr. R. C. Green in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court on Thursday at an inquiry into the alleged murder of Mr. Moses Bisoona, owner of the Lily

Mr. Boice was shot dead outside the cinema on the night of May 31 on this year.

The other five men are Joseph Legwala, his brother, Petros, Benjamin Ndaba, Paul Khasana and Stephen Rampai. All appeared in court on Tuesday. Rampai was the only one represented.

On Wednesday morning, Mr. D. A. Bregman, instructed by Mr. Z. Gamiet, applied to the Supreme Court for bail for Rampai. Mr. Justice Colman granted R100 bail and ordered him to report every Saturday to the police at Orlando. Rampai stated in his application that he and five others were arrested early in June. He said he escaped from custody and went home to hide.

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## The 'Gin' should win

GERMISTON — The feature race at Germiston this week is ready-made for the bottom weight, Plymouth Gin. He has been an impressive winner carrying more weight than he has on Saturday and looks the best bet on the card. King Condor should be the main danger, with Haylor next best, writes MOWGLI.

### SELECTIONS

- 12.35: Penrose 1, Dumgoyne 2, My Word 3.
- 1.10: Belle Romane 1, Hyello 2, Chapel Royal 3.
- 1.50: Composed 1, Conger 2, Firestone 3.
- 2.25: Gelsia Girl 1, Impish Lad 2, Watchit 3.
- 3.00: Plymouth Gin 1, King Condor 2, Haylor 3.
- 3.35: La Petite 1, Bleu Fleur 2, French Kiss 3.
- 4.15: Charlemagne 1, Rhett Butler 2, Fiesta Day 3.
- 4.50: Golden Pie 1, Frism 2, Bouillabaisse 3.

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