

and other farms situated to other farmers so that larger, more productive lands could be created.

Sir De Villiers spoke at a United Party meeting in Wolmarasburg, Transval, and Mr. Streicher at a party meeting at Riverdale, Cape. Both dealt at length with the plight of the country's farmers.

**Bigger debt**

They referred to a report in a Nationalist newspaper on October 10 which quoted an economist as saying that the number of white farmers should be reduced by 40,000.

The report then quoted the Minister of Agriculture, Senafor Dirkie Uys, the department's policy adviser, Dr. Famie

**Income**

"But out of this remaining total of farms you would again have a percentage who would be small farmers in comparison with the rest, and then the process would repeat itself over and over.

"And when production costs rise, then in 10 years or so it will be said that the next group of small farmers must disappear."

In the past year, said Sir De Villiers and Mr. Streicher, income from farming was about R30-million more than in the record 1967-68 year, but the net income was R62-million less than in that record year. Production costs were rising alarmingly.

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Consolidating units was only part of the solution, and one wanted to keep the ineffective farmer against his will on the land.

"If there are not regular price adjustments, and if lower production costs are not possible, then even the biggest and most efficient farmers cannot be "economic".

The answer to the farming problem was not to create a number of big farming corporations or big individual farmers who could hold a pistol to the head of the consumer.

South Africa should call a halt to the process whereby good farmers were being lost to the land. The smaller towns could not be allowed to bleed to death.

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# 13 INDIANS HELD IN SECURITY SWOOP

BY PIERRE CLAASSEN and JENNIFER MILES

**IN A BIG Security Police swoop early yesterday in Roodepoort, Newclare and Johannesburg, 13 Indians — three of them women — were reported to have been taken to John Vorster Square police headquarters for questioning.**

Sixty typewriters at Roodepoort State School and Kaizer Commercial School, Roodepoort, were confiscated.

The Security men swooped on seven homes in Lappies, Roodepoort, and confiscated more typewriters.

Eight of those detained were released yesterday morning after they had made written statements. One was detained again and is being held in custody with four others.

**Teachers**

Relatives of those in custody have been refused information about their whereabouts or reasons for their detention.

The detainees include Mrs. Amiba Desai, mother of Dr. Zureena Desai who was

accused with Professor John Blacking in 1969 under the Immorality Act.

The others are: two State school teachers, Mr. K. K. Nalk and Mr. Ahmed Timol, a medical student, Mr. Mohammed Salim Sedat and a Newclare private secretary, Miss Katija Chotchia.

The others detained and later released were: Mrs. Yvonne Kajee, principal of the Kaizer Commercial College in Roodepoort; Mr. Kamulal Vallabh, a student of Lappies; Mr. A. Timol, father of one of the detained teachers and his younger son, Haroon, three brothers, Messrs. Ismail, Amin, and Ebrahim Esop, Johannesburg business men.

A youth, known as Harish, was also detained and later released.

Mr. Sedat and Mr. Timol were detained before the Lappies raid.

At 3 a.m. Special Branch officers called at the home of Mr. A. Timol of Roodepoort, a

commercial agent, searched his flat and confiscated a typewriter and some papers belonging to his son, Ahmed, a teacher.

Mr. and Mrs. Timol do not know what has happened to Ahmed. Mrs. Timol said one of the officers told her that he had been detained in New-ster Square.

Miss Katija Chotchia was detained at her work at 10 a.m. yesterday after three security men had searched her home in Monclair, on the outskirts of Johannesburg.

At John Vorster Square Major Viviers told me he had had many queries about the detentions, "but I know nothing of them and as far as my knowledge goes nobody has been arrested."

Maj. Gen. Tiny Venter, Pretoria Chief of Security, was not available for comment and his deputy, Brigadier P. W. Kruger, said he had no knowledge of the arrests.

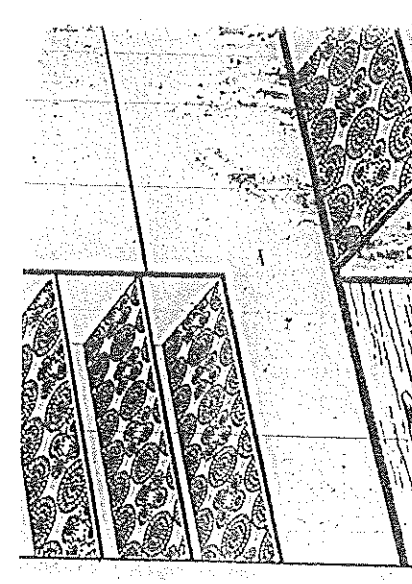
## Police hunt man after hotel shooting

SUNDAY TIMES

Police are searching for a young man in a red Vaillant car after a shooting incident at the Belgravia Hotel, Jubilee Street, Johannesburg, last night.

A man in his mid-fifties was shot in the head on the steps of the hotel shortly after 8 p.m. He was taken to the General Hospital in a critical condition.

Earlier he had been seen sitting in the hotel's lounge with a young man with whom he walked to the entrance. Police description of the man who drove off in the Vaillant is 5 ft. 10 in. and aged about 25. Before the shooting he had an argument with the wounded man, who is believed to be a Portuguese.



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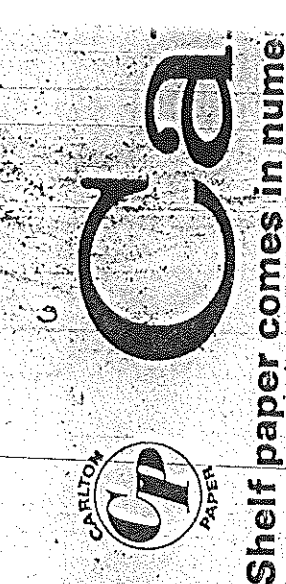
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# end his fast

By PAMELA DIAMOND

CAPE TOWN, Saturday.

**THE FASTING ANGLICAN PRIEST, Father Bernard Wrankmore, will break his fast at 7 p.m. tomorrow when he takes the sacrament at a private communion service for his family and close friends at the Mission for Seamen chapel in Cape Town.**

This will be the first morsel of food he has eaten since he began his nation-stirring fast 67 days ago in protest against the death, while in police detention, of the Imam Abdullah Haron, a Cape Town Moslem leader.

In an interview today, propped up in his bed at the Mission to Seamen, Mr. Wrankmore disclosed that he had received "a message from God" on Thursday night that he should end his fast on Sunday morning — "and let the public take over the cause."

He told me: "I didn't decide anything. God told me to end it on Sunday. And God knows what He is doing."

Mr. Wrankmore received me in the bedroom of his flat at the Mission to Seamen where he and his wife are employed. He lay under heavy blankets, shivering in spite of the warm clothing he wore — a thick polo-neck sweater, a woollen tracksuit, woollen bedsocks and a heavy fur-collared overcoat.

## Healthy

Yet, although he confessed to being too weak to walk, he looked amazingly healthy with clear blue eyes alive in his suntanned face.

"This last week has been the worst in my life. But now I'm over the hump and it's like being reborn. I'm so very happy," he said simply.

He added: "You've no idea how I feel. It's like being a child again. Everything seems so new, so fresh. It's as if my spirit just wants to sing all the time . . . and now it won't be long before my body is singing, too."

Speaking with a serene smile, Mr. Wrankmore told me how and when he had received "God's guidance."

He said: "A man doesn't always get God's guidance in the obvious way. He'll be asked to do something for someone else, and, in doing so, pick up the clue. This is how I received the idea of getting the public to show their solidarity by joining the Ramadan fast."

## Escape

"It all started when I was still up there on Signal Hill. I received this letter from a Cape Moslem who once helped a man called Wrankmore to escape from a prisoner of war camp in Germany. He thought it was me — actually it was my brother, Norman — and he asked me to visit him."

Mr. Wrankmore described his meeting with the Moslem invalid in hospital on Wednesday morning, at the beginning of the knowledge "that the end was pretty close".

He said: "He was reading a book on the Ramadan fast, and suddenly I got this message from God. Suddenly it hit me, I realised that this was the answer. I realised — this is what I'm meant to do . . ."

"When I finally got back to where I was staying in seclusion, I was exhausted and I fell asleep for three hours. When I woke up, I was fired to set it all in motion. That is when I gave my statement calling on the public to join me in a token fast."

## Nightmare

"At this stage I was breathless, blacking out. I really felt my life was going. It had been a nightmare week, as you know."

"There were the three threats that I had become aware of, all frightening. There was a warning that certain people were trying to have me certified, which would have destroyed everything I had achieved. There was also the real possibility of my suffering permanent brain damage or death."

"Again I fell asleep for two hours. I woke up and I felt wonderful. It was in the early hours of the morning. I remember I read the Bible, and everything in the Scriptures just spoke to me . . ."

Father Wrankmore said that on Thursday, when the public response to his call to join in his fast started, he knew he was "almost there".

Then, in the early hours of Friday morning, as he lay in bed meditating, the message from God came through loud and clear.

Describing what happened he said: "I was full of love after the overwhelming response that was coming in. And I said to God: 'I know You're going to end it. But when?' . . . and then God said to me: 'Yes. You must end it on Sunday.'"

Asked if he had actually heard the voice of God, Mr. Wrankmore replied: "What I'm trying to explain to you is that I virtually have mental telepathy with God. I ask Him a question — and I receive an answer."

"If you have God's grace with you and you're doing His will, then when you pray and ask, you just know."

"He told me right from the beginning to play the role of peacemaker. This is what I have done! Now I know that I have fulfilled the will of God for me."

"Now it is up to each and every South African to find out and fulfil the will of God for themselves."

● Young Nats tired of Afrikaans Press.



from the wife of the fast, for Mr. Wrankmore after he had announced his decision to end his fast.

## The slow climb back to health

SUNDAY TIMES Reporter

CAPE TOWN, Saturday. AFTER COMMUNION SERVICE tomorrow Father Wrankmore will have his first breakfast in 67 days. It will consist of carrot juice.

The 47-year-old Anglican priest will have to drink liquids, such as diluted milk and fruit juices for at least three or four days before he goes on to solid foods, according to metabolism specialists. He will then be able to take