

## Timols

and Dr. I. W. Simpson, the State pathologist, were present in court at the start of the proceedings but left soon afterward.

When Mr. and Mrs. Timol emerged from their first visit to the room in which their son spent his last moments, they looked drawn and shaken.

Starting stoically at the photographers pursuing him, partially-blind Mr. Timol tapped his way down Commissioner Street, his weeping wife leaning on his arm.

"My heart is so sore," said Mrs. Hawa Timol, who is suffering from the after effects of a nervous breakdown.

"All the sorrow of the past few months welled up in me again when I entered the room from which Ahmed fell."

Mr. Timol said he felt "sad and bitter."

After the hearing was resumed, a further two adjournments took place in quick succession. Mr. De Villiers introduced a note of humour in the tense courtroom scene by announcing he had forgotten his spectacles.

This pause in the proceedings was followed by an adjournment to enable Mr. Cilliers to discuss with Mr. Maisels whether certain information would have to be withheld under Section 6(6) of the Terrorism Act.

Senior police officers — including Maj.-Gen. Buys, Colonel P. J. Greyling, head of the Security Police, Johannesburg, and Major J. F. C. Fick, of the CID, showed no emotion while Mr. Maisels passionately objected that the inquest would be "farical" if Section 6(6) were applied.

His objection was upheld and three police witnesses then gave evidence on the events leading up to the arrest of Mr. Ahmed Timol at a roadblock in Coronationville, Johannesburg, late on the night of Friday, October 22, last year.

They also described the subsequent interrogation which lasted until the next Wednesday afternoon, when Mr. Timol fell from the tenth floor of John Vorster Square police headquarters.

In the public gallery, supported by friends, Mrs. Timol continued to dab her eyes while her husband clenched his white stick, his mouth pursed.

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## CID chief bars Press at 'court'

Staff Reporter

MR. AND MRS. YUSSUF TIMOL and their son Haroon were part of a straggling file which trooped to John Vorster Square, Johannesburg, yesterday, to inspect the room from which Ahmed Timol fell to his death nearly six months ago.

Also in the procession were prominent members of the police force and legal representatives of the Timol family and the State.

An in loco inspection was requested by Mr. I. A. Maisels, Q.C., who is appearing for the Timol family. The inquest into Mr. Ahmed Timol's death was resumed in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court yesterday.

Mr. Timol, 30, a Roodepoort school teacher, allegedly jumped to his death from the tenth floor of police headquarters while being interrogated by the Security Police on October 27 last year.

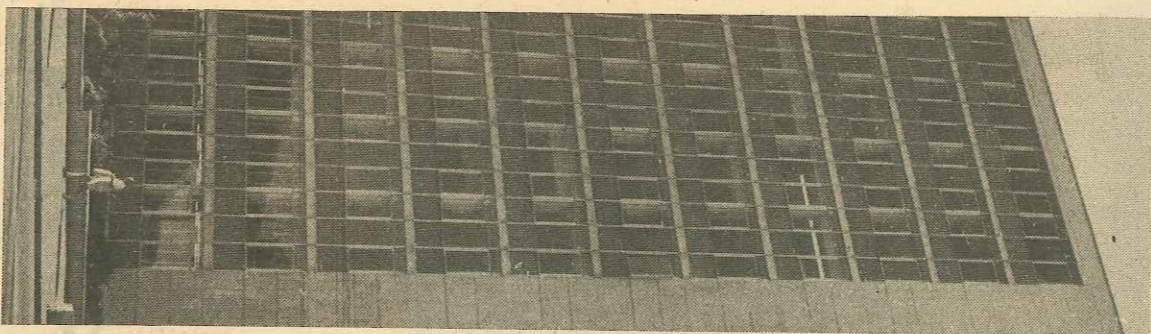
The hearing originally opened on December 1, 1971, but was adjourned half an hour after the start when Mr. Maisels applied for access to documents in the case.

On arrival at John Vorster Square, Mr. Maisels and Mr. G. R. Bizos, together with their instructing attorneys, Mr. M. S. H. Cachalia and Mr. M. A. Loomat, and Mr. and Mrs. Y. Timol, inspected the site of death — an 2,7 metre shrub growing near the southern side of the building.

"There are still signs of damage to it," the magistrate, Mr. J. J. L. de Villiers, said later in court.

Mr. S. R. Cilliers, representing the police at the inquest, Mr. De Villiers Mr. P. A. J. Kotze who is deputy senior prosecutor, and Mr. A. Beukes, his assistant, also visited the death site.

Three pathologists — Dr. J. Gluckman and Dr. H. A. Shapiro, who are independent observers assisting Mr. Maisels,



John Vorster Square

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MAJOR-GENERAL C. A. BUYS, head of the CID, yesterday refused the Press permission to enter John Vorster Square — after the presiding magistrate at the Timol inquest, Mr. J. J. L. de Villiers, had already granted permission for Pressmen to attend the inspection in loco held in an office on the tenth floor.

The in loco visit meant that the court had legally moved to police headquarters, at which the CID chief chose to bar the Press.

Asked to comment, General G. Joubert, the commissioner of police, last night said from Cape Town, "I am very sorry that he had not allowed you in." He would investigate the matter, he said.

The court looked at some shrubs outside the building and then moved towards the entrance.

"Sorry, this is as far as you are going," said Maj.-Genl. Buys.

General Joubert said, "It is our prerogative to refuse you entry to police stations."

He also said: "I am very sorry that he had not allowed you in."

He refused to comment further. "before he had heard the other side of the story". He would contact Maj.-Genl. Buys as soon as possible, he said.

Legal advisers said last night that when an inspection in loco is held the court adjourns to that location.

The advisers said that means the magistrate is the person in charge, except in cases where the inspection takes place on private property, or property under the control of the police.