

Sisulu heard on "freedom radio"

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THE VOICE OF WALTER SISULU, former A.N.C. leader who vanished while under 24-hour house arrest in Johannesburg in April, was heard in a pirate "freedom radio" broadcast in Johannesburg last night.

An announcer, speaking in Zulu, Sotho and heavily accented English, identified the station as: "Freedom Radio, the broadcasting service of the African National Congress."

Most of the 15-minute broadcast, which began at 8 o'clock on the 90-metre band, was taken up by a speech by Sisulu, who, the announcer claimed, was the underground head of the A.N.C.

The announcer also claimed that the broadcast came from "the underground headquarters of the A.N.C. somewhere in South Africa."

Sisulu was under house arrest and on bail of R6000 when he left his home in April. He has not been seen or heard of since.

His wife Albertina and his son Max were detained recently under the 90-day detention law.

A radio expert said today it was possible for the illegal transmitter to be anywhere within a radius of 250 miles of Johannesburg.

The Post Office is trying to check whether it came from South Africa or one of the High Commission Territories.

Police silent on 'Freedom Radio' claim

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Staff Reporter

SENIOR police officials in Pretoria would not comment yesterday on a report that Walter Sisulu, the former A.N.C. leader who disappeared while under 24-hour house-arrest in Johannesburg in April, had made a "Freedom Radio" broadcast.

The report said Sisulu spoke for about 15 minutes in Zulu, Sotho and English in a broadcast that was heard in Johannesburg on Wednesday night.

UNDERGROUND H.Q.

It was claimed during the broadcast that the station was "Freedom Radio, the broadcasting service of the African National Congress."

The announcer was reported to have also claimed that the broadcast came from an underground headquarters of the A.N.C. somewhere in South Africa.

In Cape Town, the Minister of Justice, said yesterday that he knew nothing about Wednesday night's "Freedom Radio" broadcast:

"I have not yet received a report on the matter," he said.

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Police pounce on house in Northern Suburbs

Rand Daily Mail
12 July 1963

A GROUP of security police led by Colonel J. G. Klidt last night raided a house in a Johannesburg northern suburb and arrested six Whites and 12 non-Whites, including the former secretary of the banned African National Congress, Walter Sisulu.

All are being held under Section 17 of the General Law Amendment Act—the 90-day arrest provision.



WALTER

Colonel H. J. van den Berg, of Security Police head-quarters in Pretoria, said this morning that the arrests were a culminating point in intensive investigations throughout the country to counter subversive activity.

"It is one of the most important round-ups so far. And as far as the police are concerned it is true to say that never have so few done so much for so many," he said.

The police were still working ceaselessly on similar investigations, he added.

Police smashed what was believed to have been the A.N.C. underground headquarters in South Africa.

The police raids followed the detention earlier this week of two Africans in the Northern Suburbs. Both are being held for 90 days.

Sisulu jumped bail of R6,000 a month ago at the close of a preparatory examination in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court.

He will appear again on charges of furthering the objects of a banned organisation.

The Whites arrested were Mr. Lionel Bernstein, a listed Communist, an advocate, Mr. B. A. Hepple, Mr. Denis Goldberg, Mr. and Mrs. A. Goldreich and Dr. H. Festenstein.

Among the non-Whites were Walter Sisulu, 50-year-old former leader of the A.N.C. who is known to have spent six months in Moscow in 1954, Gowan Mbeki, a listed Communist from the Eastern Cape, and Raymond Mslaba, also from the Eastern Province and A. Kathrada, an Indian, who disappeared in May while under house arrest.

African woman

In addition to these seven, other African men and one African woman were arrested.

The house where the arrests were made was surrounded late yesterday afternoon. Colonel Klidt walked in and informed the occupants that they would be held in custody pending further investigations.

No attempt to resist was made by the occupants.

The house which belongs to Mr. and Mrs. Goldreich was thoroughly searched and the police took possession of certain documents and instruments.

Also concerned in yesterday's raid were Colonel D. J. Venter and Major J. H. Howell, a number of junior officers and N.C.O.s.

Mr. Bob Hepple is a Johannesburg advocate and a former lecturer in law at the University of the Witwatersrand. He is a son of Mr. Alex Hepple, former Labour M.P.

The arrests were made at the Rivonia home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Goldreich.

Other Whites arrested include Mr. Hilliard Festenstein and Dennis Goldberg, both former members of the banned Congress of Democrats.



BOB HEPPLE

Sisulu and six Whites among 17 arrested

Special Correspondent and Sapa

JOHANNESBURG.—Special Branch police claim to have smashed the underground headquarters of the banned African National Congress when they swooped on a house in the northern suburbs last night.

ON THE RUN SINCE MARCH 8

Evening Post 12/7/63

JOHANNESBURG. — Police had been searching for Mr Walter Sisulu since he disappeared on March 8 while out on bail of R6,000.

The bail was estreated.

The 50-year-old bearded Mr Sisulu was the former secretary general of the banned A.N.C.

Mr Sisulu was born at Encobo in the Transkei on May 18, 1912.

He has travelled in Israel, Rumania, Poland, Russia, China and Britain.

Mr Sisulu was banned under the Suppression of Communism Act and was under a house arrest order.

Police believed that Sisulu fled to Bechuanaland. Members of the Bechuanaland People's Party said that he was in Lobatsi. Then followed a report that he was in Mozambique.

On June 19 his wife, Mrs Albertina Thetiwe Sisulu and his 17-year-old son were arrested under the 90-day "no-trial" clause of the Sabotage Act.

'Pirate' radio

The younger children were taken into the care of friends.

Late in June it was reported in Johannesburg that Sisulu's voice had been heard on an illegal radio for 15 minutes.

An announcer identified the station as "Freedom Radio," the broadcasting service of the African National Congress.

Mr AHMEN KATHRADA was formerly general-secretary of the Transvaal Indian Congress. His house arrest order was served on him on October 22 last year outside the old Jewish Synagogue in Pretoria where Nelson Mandela was being tried for incitement.

Mr Kathrada was born at Schweizer Reneke. He is a Muslim and has travelled in East Berlin, Poland and Czechoslovakia.

He was detained during the 1960 emergency.

New Brighton

Both Mr GOVAN MBEKI and Mr RAYMOND MHLABA are from New Brighton, Port Elizabeth.

Both have been banned under the Suppression of Communism Act.

Mr Mbeki, who was detained in the 1960 state of emergency, is a former A.N.C. official.

He went into hiding when several African leaders, including members of the Continuation Committee, were arrested before the conference was held in a country-wide police swoop.

A well-known journalist and former teacher, he was news editor of the banned New Age—a left-wing weekly newspaper published in Cape Town.

Mr Mbeki is married. His wife lives in Idutywa.

Mr Mbeki holds the B.A. and B.Econ. degrees of the former Fort Hare University College.

He was for a time a member of the old Transkeian General Council. He represented the district of Idutywa for four years.

Russia

Mr Mhlaba, married with four children, was chairman of the New Brighton branch of the A.N.C. for five years and once a member of the provincial executive for about five months.

In 1961 he slipped out of the country and police said he received sabotage training in Moscow.

Mr HILLIARD FESTENSTEIN is a former member of the banned Congress of Democrats.

Mr A. GOLDRICH, who was arrested with his wife, was also a former member of the Congress of Democrats. He designed the sets, costumes, programmes and posters for the musical, "King Kong."

Mrs A. GOLDRICH is a housewife and mother of two children.

Mr ROBERT HEPPLE (also known as Bob) is a Johannesburg advocate and a former lecturer in law at the University of the Witwatersrand. He is the son of Mr Alex Hepple, former Labour M.P.

Mr DENNIS GOLDBERG is a former member of the banned Congress of Democrats.

Mr LIONEL BERNSTEIN is a Johannesburg architect, and a named communist who was placed under 12 hours house arrest in November.

They arrested 17 people — including Mr Walter Sisulu, Mr Ahmed Kathrada and six Whites.

All are being held under the 90-day "no trial" provision of the Sabotage Act.

Among the Africans held are two from Port Elizabeth. They are Mr Govan Mbeki and Mr Raymond Mhlaba.

The Whites held are Mr Hilliard Festenstein, Mr and Mrs A. Goldreich, Mr "Bob" Hepple, Mr Dennis Goldberg and Mr Lionel Bernstein.

Only the names of the Whites and Messrs Sisulu, Kathrada, Mbeki and Mhlaba were disclosed by the police.

The raid was made at the home of Mr and Mrs Goldreich.

POLICE GUARD

HOME

The Goldreich house is set well

back from the road in "sleepy hollow"—part of the suburb of Rivonia. It is not visible from the road.

This morning two armed policemen stood guard at the gates and refused to allow anyone but police to pass through. As a reporter arrived Col Rocco de Villiers, Hospital Hill police chief, walked out of the gates and warned the reporter not to try and enter.

"This is something very big and we do not want to be worried now," he said.

A neighbour said that the Goldreichs had lived in the house for about two years.

This morning Mr Lionel "Rusty" Bernstein accompanied two plain-clothes police officers around his Observatory home in a thorough two-hour search of every room and out-house.

TOLD NOT TO

WATCH

They brought him to the house at 9.30 a.m.

Police warned Mrs Hilda Bernstein when she tried to see what they were confiscating. They ordered Mrs Bernstein and her 20-year-old daughter, Toni, not to watch the search.

Miss Toni Bernstein was still in her pyjamas when the police arrived.

Mrs Bernstein heard of his arrest for the first time when telephoned by a reporter.

Mr Bernstein was allowed to say goodbye to his wife and three children and was then escorted to a police car.

Mrs Bob Hepple said she was "rushing to Marshall Square" when she was telephoned about her husband.

'IMPORTANT

ROUND-UP'

Lieut-Col H. J. van der Berg, of the Special Branch headquarters in Pretoria, said the arrests were a culminating point in intensive investigations throughout the country against subversive activity.

"It is one of the most important round-ups so far.

"As far as the police are concerned it is true to say that never have so few done so much for so many," said the Special Branch officer.

"The police have been, and still are, working tirelessly on similar investigations."

SURROUNDED

HOUSE

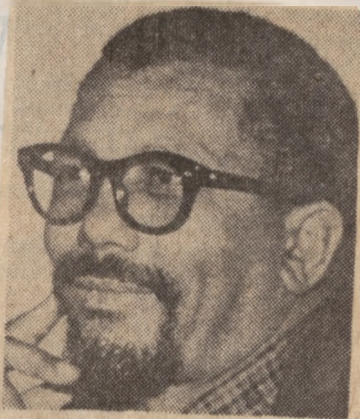
Col J. G. Klindt, head of the Special Branch, led the raid.

Also concerned in the raid were Col D. J. Venter and Major J. H. Howell, a number of junior officers and N.C.O.s

After police surrounded the house Col Klindt walked in and told the occupants that they would be held in custody pending further investigations.

No attempt was made by the people to resist arrest.

The police raids followed the detention earlier this week of two Africans in the northern suburbs. Both are being held for 90 days.



WALTER SISULU



AHMED KATHRADA

Security swoop on Rand

SPARKS HUGE INVESTIGATION

SUBVERSION

END NEAR Arrests give new clues— police chief

PRETORIA REPORTER

THE arrest of six Whites and 12 non-Whites, including the former secretary of the banned African National Congress, Walter Sisulu, in Johannesburg yesterday, was a major breakthrough in the elimination of subversive organisations, General Keivy, Commissioner of Police, said in Pretoria last night.

"We are following up clues that will undoubtedly lead to the end of all subversive elements," he said. "The arrests at Rivonia yesterday were the culminating point of investigations lasting the past week.

"We have confirmed what we suspected all the time. The people arrested would not have been able to get away," General Keivy said.

The house, which was raided yesterday, was thoroughly searched and equipment and documents taken into police custody were being closely studied, he said. The documents might take a number of days to peruse properly, he added.

Police yesterday combed every inch of the secluded luxury country house in Johannesburg's outlying northern suburb where the 18 people were detained. The arrests have sparked off country-wide investigations, reports the "Rand Daily Mail" crime reporter, Carl Vermaak.

Apart from apparatus and documents confiscated soon after the arrests, yesterday's search revealed important data, typewriters and other articles.

Documents

Police said that it would take them weeks to study all the documents, including those found in the house of Mr. Lionel Bernstein, one of the detained men.

Police would not disclose what articles had been confiscated. Asked if radio equipment was included among confiscated articles, during the raid he said no further information could be divulged.

A reporter and photographer of the "Rand Daily Mail," who flew over the house yesterday, saw articles being loaded into police cars. Policemen were visible outside the spacious house, which is set in large grounds, surrounded by trees and shrubs.

Two long poles, similar to radio masts, were noticed on two sections of the house.

The house is owned by Mr. Arthur Goldreich, a well-known city artist and his wife Hazel. They and the other 16 arrested are being held under the 90-day clause of the General Law Amendment Act.

The police coup was systematically planned. When Lieut.-Colonel George Klindt, head of

the Johannesburg Security Branch, headed a group of men into the house and told the occupants that they were being held, police and police dogs were concealed in the grounds.

Yesterday morning police took Mr. Bob Hepple, one of the arrested men, to his home in Victory Park for a brief period. They left later with Mr. Hepple, taking some papers with them.

PROMINENT MEN AMONG ARRESTED

STAFF REPORTER

THE five White men arrested in the police swoop on African Nationalist Congress underground leaders in Rivonia are all highly educated. They attended leading South African schools and graduated from the Universities of Cape Town and the Witwatersrand.

They are: an advocate, Mr. Bob Alexander Hepple; a doctor of medicine, Dr. Hilliard Festenstein; and engineer, Mr. Dennis Goldberg; and two architects, Mr. Lionel Bernstein and Mr. Arthur Goldreich.

The sixth White, Mrs. Hazel Goldreich, is a qualified nursery school teacher.

Colleagues and acquaintances of some of the men expressed surprise and shock yesterday when told of the arrests.

A senior colleague said he was completely surprised at the arrest of Dr. Festenstein, whom he described as a "very promising" research worker.

Mr. Ajax Hepple, former Labour M.P. in the House of Assembly, was drinking tea and browsing through the newspapers early yesterday

morning when he was shocked to see his son's name among those arrested.

Some of the arrested men have been associated with left-wing organisations in the past or have been subject to banning orders.

Arthur Goldreich, a South African artist, is employed as an architect by a chain store firm. He graduated from the University of the Witwatersrand and later attended the Institute of Technology in Haifa and the Central School of Arts in London.

As a schoolboy he won prizes for his paintings. In 1955 he won an award as the best young painter of the year in South Africa and in 1958 he accepted

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MR. AHMED KATHRADA
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MR. A. GOLDREICH
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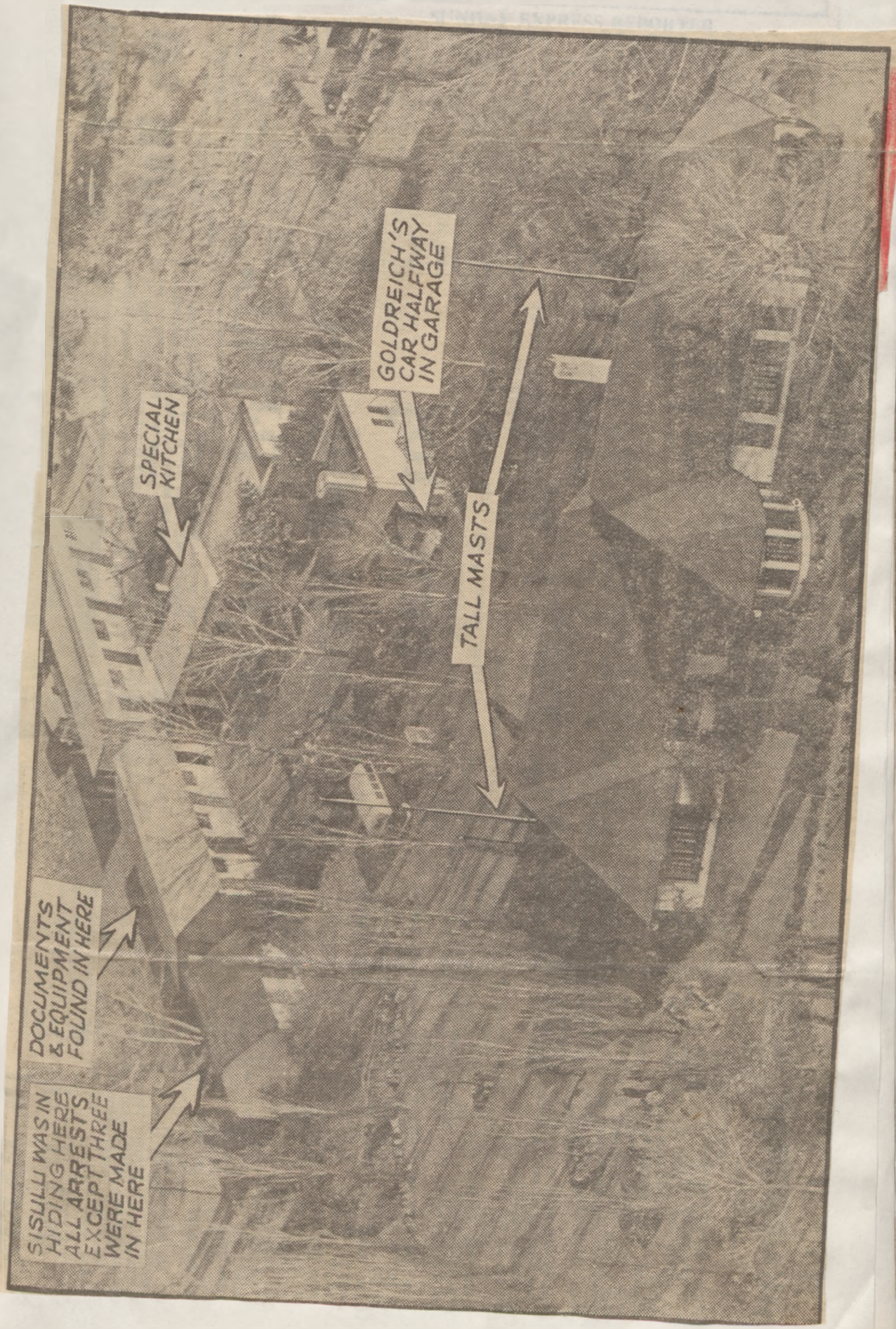
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A rear view of the Rivonia, Johannesburg, house, from the air yesterday. Two tall pinpointed poles in the foreground are similar to radio masts, but police would not say if radio equipment had been found in the house.

Picture by JAN HOEK



This aerial view of the Goldreich homestead at Rivonia pinpoints the layout of the premises shortly after Thursday's dramatic police raid.



SPECIAL KITCHEN

GOLDREICH'S CAR HALFWAY IN GARAGE

TALL MASTS

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ARRESTEES MAY FACE TREASON CHARGE

Sunday Express
14/7/63

SUNDAY EXPRESS REPORTER

THE 17 people who were detained in last week's Security Branch raid on a house in Rivonia, Johannesburg, face the possibility of being charged with high treason.

I learned this during an interview with senior Security Branch officers in Pretoria yesterday.

The 17—six Whites and 11 non-Whites—can be charged on any of the following counts, three of which could result in the death penalty being imposed:

- High treason.
- Sabotage.
- Furthering the aims of a banned organisation.
- Harboured men wanted by the police.
- Aiding refugees to flee South Africa by way of an underground escape route.

I learned also that a certain amount of radio equipment was found in the house when the Security Branch swooped on Thursday afternoon.

A list of names was found in which appear the names of several known Communists.

The Special Branch were unwilling to state if further arrests could be expected as a result of

the documents which were found in the house.

They disclosed, however, that the house had been under surveillance "for quite some time."

The Security Branch officers preferred not to comment on many of the questions I put to them.

"The 17 people will be charged at a later date. In view of this, it would be unfair to disclose the nature of other evidence we uncovered," one of the officers said.

The grounds of the house have been scoured by policemen using mine detectors.

I asked the Security Branch officers if they had made the raid as a result of information obtained from a person detained under the 90-day clause of the General Law Amendment Act.

"No comment," was the reply. I told the officers that I had asked this question because I understood that Mr. Leon Levy

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Goldreichs Se Huis

Dagbreek
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BO: Die Goldreichs se huis is heeltemal onsigbaar van die pad af. Die huis is tussen die bome geleë, min of meer in die rigting wat deur die pyltjie aangedui word. Die twee polisiemanne op die foto bewaak die paadjie wat na die huis lei. Net aan gemagtigde mense word toegang verleen. In die agtergrond kom 'n polisievoertuig aangery.

TRANSMITTER & BOOSTER FOUND IN BIG SWOOP

From Our Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG, Sunday.

A POWERFUL radio transmitter and booster was among the equipment found by the police at the Rivonia home of Arthur Goldreich, the scene of Thursday's sensational police raid.

Two tall masts, believed to be for radio transmissions, flank the house which, surrounded by trees, is completely invisible from neighbouring roads.

I learned this today, when I visited the house with police permission.

Also found in the extensive outbuildings and servants' quarters of the house were a number of duplicating machines, nitric acid, pamphlets and literature dealing with guerrilla tactics and the construction of home-made weapons.

The raid, which was directed by senior members of the Security Branch, was carried out by about 40 policemen. They drove into the grounds concealed in a bakery van and a dry-cleaning van, then they fanned out, completely surrounding the house and servants' quarters.

DISCOVERED

Two police dogs were stationed at the rear of the servants' quarters—and it was here, in an outbuilding occupied by one of the arrested men, that two Whites and 12 non-Whites were discovered.

When the police entered the room, the man tried to escape by climbing through the rear window, but was forced back by a snarling police dog, "Cheetah." All those in the room were then handcuffed. One African ran away, but was brought down by a police dog and seized.

Neither Arthur Goldreich, the

artist-owner of the house, nor his wife, Mrs. Hazel Goldreich, were on the premises when the police arrived. Shortly afterwards, Mr. Goldreich drove up and was arrested.

WOMAN ARRESTED

Later, Mrs. Goldreich also arrived by car. She was arrested without any incident.

A considerable time later, after the arrested persons had been removed, Dr. Hilliard Festenstein drove up to the house and was also arrested.

The outbuildings are adjacent to a store-room in which the duplicating machines, nitric acid and literature were found. In another room, also part of the servants' quarters, a portion of an outbuilding had been converted into a kitchen with a coal-stove and large, electric refrigerator.

Members of the South African Army, who have been assisting the police, are expected to resume their search of the grounds with sensitive detectors tomorrow (Monday).

Policemen are still guarding the house. They turned away a number of people who entered the grounds today.

VORSTER CONFIDENT

The Minister of Justice, Mr. B. J. Vorster, said in Durban at the week-end that he was confident the police were well on the way to smashing subversive organisations in South Africa (writes the "Mercury" Crime Reporter).

He said that the police were determined to smash the Umkonto We Siswe—"Spearhead of the Nation" to pieces.

The Commissioner of the South African Police, Lieut.-General J. M. Keevy, said in Pretoria yesterday that the police were now definitely getting to the hard core of the group responsible for subversion in South Africa in the last year. Further arrests could be expected.

RED CHINA

In Hong-Kong at the week-end, the head of the African National Congress was reported to have returned from Red China with a promise of support for an armed rising in South Africa, states Sapa-Reuter.

A newspaper report said that the A.N.C. chairman, "the most hunted man in South Africa," and leader of an underground army of saboteurs, was travelling under the name of John D. Marks.

(On June 26, the New China news agency reported that John Marks had arrived by air in Peking. Marks, who was under 12 hours' house arrest, recently fled from South Africa).

It is further reported that South African security police have tracked down another subversive organisation which has

ARRESTS CAUSE TALK IN P.E.

THE arrest of well-known former African National Congress leaders in Johannesburg yesterday was discussed in low murmurs by many people in trains, buses and public places all over Port Elizabeth last night.

It surprised many to learn the better-known African men were caught hiding in Johannesburg. Most people believed they had left the country. The two Port Elizabeth men, Mr Govan Mbeki and Mr Raymond Mhlaba, have been away from their New Brighton homes for some time.

Both banned

Mr Mbeki disappeared about a year ago and Mr Mhlaba left in 1961. Both men are under the Suppression of Communism Act ban restrictions.

Mr Mbeki, a former school teacher, ex-trader and well-known journalist, is a graduate of Fort Hare. He studied for the B.A. degree at the same time as Chief Kaiser Matanzima.

For some years they held similar views while both men were members of the former Bhunga Council — United Transkeian Territorial General Council — until Chief Matanzima accepted the Bantu authorities scheme.

Private study

Mr Mbeki also holds the B.Com. degree which he obtained by private study. He taught at several schools, including Clarkebury Institution.

Later he turned to business. From 1941 to 1951 he ran a trading store at Idutywa. He returned to teaching and while he was teaching at Ladysmith, Natal, he was dismissed for taking part in political activities.

In 1955 he became news editor of the banned Cape Town left-wing weekly newspaper, New Age.

During the 1960 state of emergency he was detained with several New Brighton and Kwazakele political leaders.

Into hiding

In 1961 he went into hiding but later he was arrested and charged under the Unlawful Organisations Act and the Suppression of Communism Act. With 17 other prominent men he was sentenced to a year's imprisonment by a Johannesburg magistrate, but acquitted on appeal.

Mr Mhlaba was a regular speaker at New Brighton meetings before the ban was imposed on the A.N.C. He was chairman of the New Brighton branch. At one time he was a member of the provincial executive.

He slipped out of the country in 1961, shortly after his wife's death. Mrs Mhlaba was killed in a collision at the intersection of the Grahamstown and Uitenhage roads.

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Handcuffed

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IN JARE : KEEVY

Polisie het nou talle leidrade oor ondermyners

Van Ons Politieke Beriggener

PRETORIA.

DIE POLISIE het pas die grootste welslae in baie jare behaal, die opruiming van Kommunistiese en ander ondermynende organisasies in die Republiek, het die Kommissaris van Polisie, genl. J. M. Keevy, gister hier aan Die Transvaler gesê.

„Ek sê nie ons het ondermynende bedrywighede in die Republiek nou heeltemal uitgeroei nie, maar dat ons hulle 'n gevoelige nekslag toegedien het, is seker.”

Genl. Keevy het gesê die Polisie het nou baie werk om te doen. Daar is stapels dokumente wat nagegaan en uitgesif moet word, en daar is talle ander leidrade wat opgevolg sal word. Eers as die werk afgehandel is, sal die werklike omvang bepaal kan word van die groot deurbraak wat nou behaal is.

Afgesien van die arrestasie van ses blankes en twaalf nie-blankes in 'n huis by Rivonia naby Johannesburg, heg genl. Keevy ook baie waarde aan die opsporing van 'n nuwe ondermynende organisasie in Suid-Afrika, wat as die Yui Chui Chan bekend is.

HOOFKWARTIER

Sowat 'n dosyn nie-blanke lede van dié organisasie is die afgelope naweek in die Kaapse Skiereiland en in Noord-Kaapland aangekeer.

Die Yui Chui Chan se hoofkwartier is in Kommunistiese China, vanwaar dit ook geldelike en ander bystand ontvang.

Genl. Keevy het gesê die organisasie is nog nie lank bedrywig in Suid-Afrika nie, en hy beskou dit as 'n groot prestasie van die Polisie dat dit so gou vasgevat kon word. „Dit is 'n uiters gevaarlike organisasie wat baie slim te werk gaan. Hulle is gesleper as Poqo, die A.N.C., of ander Kommunistiese organisasies wat in Suid-Afrika bedrywig was.”

Op vrae het genl. Keevy gesê die organisasie het nog nie met sy eintlike bedrywighede in Suid-Afrika begin nie. Die aanduidings is dat hulle nog besig was om ondergronds te beplan en te organiseer met die oog op sabotasie en die omverwerping van die Staat se gesag.

„Ons was van die beplanning bewus van die begin af, en ook dat hierdie organisasie hier geplant was. Ons het net gewag op die regte tyd om toe te slaan,” het genl. Keevy gesê.

MELLOR

Intussen het lt.-kol. Hendrik van den Bergh, hoof van die Veiligheidsafdeling van die Polisie, in die naweek lig gewerp

op die rol wat die Britse vrou Bridget Mellor en 'n Johannesburgse onderwyser, Eric Vaughan Stone, na bewering in die Republiek gespeel het.

Albei is onlangs ingevolge vanjaar se Algemene Regswysigingswet aangehou. Mej. Mellor — sy is die stiefdogter van 'n Britse miljoener — is sowat tien dae gelede losgelaat op voorwaarde dat sy nie na Suid-Afrika terugkeer nie. Stone, wat ook 'n Britse onderdaan is, sou in die naweek gedeporteer word.

Mej. Mellor en Stone het vermoedelik 'n aandeel gehad in die onwettige smokkel van Bantoes uit en na die Republiek. Albei is aan die einde van Junie naby 'n polisiepos by Stokpoort aan die grens van Betsjoeanaland aangehou.

Die polisie het eerste op mej. Mellor afgekom. Haar motor het 'n pap wiel opgedoen, en onderwyl die polisie haar gehelp het, het sy verskeie vrae gestel. Kort daarna het 'n motor die polisiepos genader. Mej. Mellor het in die pad gespring en met haar hande beduie, waarop die motor omgedraai en weggejaag het. Die polisie het die motor voorgekeer.

ONTKEN

Stone was in die motor. Hy en mej. Mellor het eers ontken dat hulle mekaar ken, maar het mekaar later op die voornaam genoem. Hulle wou nie op vrae van die polisie antwoord nie, en is later aangehou en na Pretoria gebring.

Volgens kol. Van den Bergh se verklaring het Stone dié dag Bantoes oor die grens probeer smokkel. Die polisie het ook oor inligting beskik dat mej. Mellor en Stone voorheen betrokke was by die onwettige vervoer van Bantoes uit die land.

Na verneem word, heg die polisie ook groot waarde aan die klopjag wat Donderdag op die huis in Rivonia uitgevoer is. Afgesien van die arrestasies wat gedoen is, het die polisie ook 'n groot klomp dokumente, 'n radiosender en ander belangrike leidrade ontdek. Daar is rede om te vermoed dat die huis die hoofkwartier was van verskeie organisasies wat in die afgelope tyd in die Republiek bedrywig was.

Die mense wat aangekeer is, word aangehou ingevolge die aanhoudingsbepaling van 90 dae van die Algemene Regswysigingswet. Van hulle sal moontlik eersdaags in die hof verskyn.

RIVONIA RAID YIELDS MORE

Crime Reporter

POLICE now believe that the raid last week on a Rivonia, Johannesburg, house which led to the arrest of 18 people was a bigger and more important security operation than even they had at first realised.

This is becoming evident daily with the finding of more revealing documents.

The secluded country mansion, which cannot be seen from the road, has been systematically searched by the police since Thursday last week.

At that time police took possession of documents and other articles.

TYPEWRITERS

Since then the house has yielded more information almost every day. Policemen guard the gates as the search goes on.

Yesterday a squad of detectives were still at work in the spacious and luxuriously furnished rooms, drawing up detailed inventories of the confiscated articles and documents.

A search of the grounds has already revealed typewriters for which the police are believed to have been looking for some time.

The typewriters are being examined by experts. Police have not revealed whether experts who went over the grounds of the house with detectors discovered anything of value.

Detectives are expected to continue their search at the house today.

Nuwe wet gaan organisasies 'oovlek'

Van Ons Durbanse Verteenwoordiger

DURBAN.

AL DIE ORGANISASIES wat binnelands teen die Republiek saamgespan het, en dit miskien nog beoog, sal binne die volgende week of ses „tot op die been oopgevek word”.

Geen moeite sal ontsien word om die land te suiwer van hierdie ongewenste elemente nie. Vir wat reeds bereik is, verdien die S.A. Polisie alle lof.

So het mnr. John Vorster, Minister van Justisie, gister in 'n telefoniese onderhoud van sy vakansietuiste by Umdonipark. Sezela aan die Natalse Suidkus gesê.

Min. Vorster het gesê hy kan in dié stadium nie volledig kommentaar lewer op die jongste opsienbare arrestasie nie, omdat hy nog nie oor al die gegewens beskik nie. „Ek wil egter net sê dat ons nou die vrugte pluk van die sogenaamde 90-dae-wet. Was dit nie vir verlede jaar en vanjaar se wetgewing nie, sou ons nie nou hierdie resultate gehad het nie.

BESWARE

„Dis te hope dat diegene wat destyds so heftig beswaar gemaak het teen die wetgewing, nou sal besef dat dit nie om dowe neutte deur die Parlement gevier is nie.”

Adv. Vorster sê dat die jongste gebeure en veral die ontmaskering van die Rooi Chinese-organisasie Yui Chiu Chan presies klop met die inligting waaroor hulle reeds geruime tyd beskik het — selfs van lank voor die indiening van die Wetgewing.

Die Minister sê hy was en is nog steeds voortdurend in voeling met die polisiehoofkwartier en het dae voor die jongste arrestasies geweet dat 'n aanslag deur die Polisie gemaak gaan word.

Hy verwag geen verdere groot-skeeps arrestasies nie „maar die opruiming wat nou aan die gang is en die sifting van die gegewens sal die Polisie help om alle organisasies wat binnelands teen die Republiek saamspan, tot op die been oop te vlek. Dit sal binne die volgende week of ses gebeur.”

Mnr. Vorster sê hy kan nie met genoeg beklemtoning verwys na die skitterende werk van die Polisie nie. „Ek persoonlik is trots op hul prestasie wat die kulminasie is van maande se harde werk waartydens een man twee se werk moes doen. Die hele Suid-Afrika kan dankbaar wees vir wat die Polisie vermag het.”

Rivonia documents may lead to arrests

Pretoria Reporter

THE Security Police are making a close study of the pile of documents found in the Rivonia house of Arthur Goldreich after a police raid last Thursday.

The Commissioner of Police, Lieutenant General J. M. Keevy, said in an interview yesterday that the police had every reason to believe that a close study of the documents would lead to further arrests.

He said that the information collected would lead to a further weakening of the already crumbling organisation of subversive movements which were threatening the peace and security of the Republic.

TO BOOK

“We will work night and day to bring all those people connected with these organisations to book — from the top to the bottom. Wherever they are we will wrinkle them out,” General Keevy said.

In last week's raid Mr. Goldreich, his wife and four other Whites, an Indian and eleven Africans, including the former secretary-General of the African National Congress, Walter Sisulu, were arrested.

Since the raid no further arrests have been made.

General Keevy said that the days of leaders of subversive activities who had not yet been arrested were numbered.

Lieutenant Colonel H. J. van den Bergh, of the Security Police headquarters in Pretoria, said yesterday that it would take several days before the real value of the documents found in the house could be accurately assessed.

Painter RDM removes 14/7/63 canvas in protest

Staff Reporter

A JOHANNESBURG artist yesterday removed his painting from an exhibition of 85 artists and sculptors—because Arthur Goldreich was one of them. "I can't face seeing my painting hanging next to his," he said.

"Artists shouldn't mix in politics," said Mr. Victor Ivanoff, who is also a cartoonist for an Afrikaans newspaper, after his sudden withdrawal yesterday.

"I feel very strongly about Goldreich's revealed activity. I think his painting should have been withdrawn from the exhibition, but as the gallery wouldn't do this, I removed mine."

The exhibition—"Artists of Fame and Promise"—is probably one of the most important annual exhibitions in Johannesburg.

FEW SELECTED

Painters and sculptors from many parts of South Africa submit their work, and from these only a few are selected. They were judged this year by Mr. Anton Hendriks, director of Johannesburg's Art Gallery, and Walter Battiss.

The exhibition will be opened today by Mr. I. Glyn Thomas, vice-chancellor of the University of the Witwatersrand.

Goldreich, who was arrested last Thursday when police swooped on his Rivonia home, has been chosen for previous exhibitions.

His R63 painting selected for this year's exhibition is called "Mary's Tree" — semi-abstract in vivid oranges, yellow and blue.

"We feel that Mr. Goldreich's painting is something quite separate from politics," commented Mr. Lawrence Adler, one of the owners of the gallery, yesterday.

MUCH SUPRISED

"This is an open competition and the paintings were submitted months ago. Why should we take sides in this matter? We were as much surprised as anyone else to hear of his arrest.

"There is absolutely no question of the painting being withdrawn."

Mr. Ivanoff's surprise action came as the organisers were putting the finishing touches to the exhibition and the opening dinner.

He has also decided not to attend the dinner. "This was the first time my work had been chosen for the exhibition," he said yesterday, "and I was very pleased.

"But in my heart, I can't face seeing my painting hanging next to his."

" OF CLUES FOUND IN RIVONIA

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Raid 'justifies' 90-day law

From Our Correspondent

Durban, Tuesday.

MR. VORSTER said this morning that, from the "wealth of information" gained in Thursday night's dramatic raid in Rivonia, Johannesburg, he was confident that every subversive organization would be run to ground—and smashed.

The Minister of Justice made the statement at Sezela, where he is holidaying, adding: "I do not expect country-wide arrests, but nothing will now be spared to rid our country of these undesirable people."

He would not make any further comment on the Rivonia raid, except to say: "We are now reaping the fruits of the 90-day detention clause."

If it had not been for the legislation last year and this year the police would not have had the startling success in their swoop on the Goldreich (Rivonia) home.

"Now I sincerely hope that those who so strenuously objected to the legislation will

realize the wisdom of the Government's decision," he said.

"We had information long before the legislation was passed in connection with the latest arrests, and also with the Chinese Yui Chan organization in South Africa.

Chinese organization

"I do not expect any large-scale country-wide arrests, but the wealth of information that was captured in the Rivonia raid will considerably ease the task of the police in running to ground and smashing all internal subversive organizations. This will happen within the next week or so."

While at Sezela Mr. Vorster is in direct touch with police headquarters in Pretoria. He told me he had known for some time that the Goldreich house would be raided, and was happy to learn on Thursday night that the police had been so successful.

Police praised

Mr. Vorster praised the Security Branch and all other branches of the police which were involved in the Rivonia operation.

"Their achievement was the culmination of many weary months of investigation and hard work, in which each man mostly did the work of two. The whole country owes a debt of gratitude to the police for their fine work," he said.

FAMILY OF DOCTOR

ARRESTED

AT RIVONIA—LEAVING

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Children upset and anxious

SUNDAY EXPRESS REPORTER

MRS. IRIS FESTENSTEIN, wife of Dr. H. Festenstein, one of the 90-day detainees arrested in the raid on a house in Rivonia, Johannesburg, left by air for London on Friday night, with her two sons, Michael, 7, and Richard, 4.

Mrs. Festenstein, a qualified midwife, was one of the first to introduce the "Lamaze" method of painless childbirth to South Africa. She had a flourishing practice in Johannesburg.

She was met in London by South African friends.

The two Festenstein children had been upset and anxious since their father's arrest. Michael said to his mother the day after the arrest:

"Daddy has been arrested for 99 days — oh, well, one day gone. I know I must be happy."

Dr. Festenstein is employed at the South African Institute for Medical Research, where he was the head of the Tissue Bank. He had been doing important research work on problems of immunity.

July swoop

Among others arrested in the Rivonia swoop on July 11, were Mr. Bob Hepple, an advocate, Mr. Dennis Goldberg, an engineer, Mr. Lionel Bernstein, an architect, Mr. Arthur Goldreich, an artist, his wife, Mrs. Hazel Goldreich, and Mr. Walter Sisulu, former secretary of the banned African National Congress.

The children of Mr. Bob



DR. H. FESTENSTEIN . . . arrested while doing important research.



MRS. HAZEL GOLDREICH . . . a meal a day from outside.

Hepple are too young to understand why their father is not there. One is two years old, the other seven months. Mr. Hepple's wife, Shirley, has seen him twice—for 10 minutes each time, through a glass frame—to discuss business and domestic matters. He is allowed no books except the Bible.

Mrs. Esme Goldberg, wife of Mr. Dennis Goldberg, has come from Cape Town and is staying with friends in Johannesburg. She saw her husband yesterday.

Mrs. Hilda Bernstein, wife of Mr. Lionel Bernstein, saw her husband last week.

Wanted clothing

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Goldreich are being held in Marshall Square; the others are all in Pretoria. The men in Pretoria asked for warm underclothing and were allowed to receive it.

Since Friday, Mr. and Mrs. Goldreich have been allowed to receive one meal a day from outside. They met close relatives last week to discuss what was to be done about their children, Nicholas, 9, and Paul, 5, and to discuss business matters. The children are staying with relatives.

Mrs. Albertina Sisulu, wife of detained Walter Sisulu, is still

being held under 90-day arrest, but their son was released on Friday night. The Security Branch told the Sisulu children to take food to their father in Pretoria.

Suggestion denied

Relatives of Mr. Wolfie Kodesh and Mr. Leon Levy, who left South Africa on July 12, have denied suggestions that the Rivonia raid was due to information supplied by them.

They said it was made quite clear by police and the detainees, at the time of the negotiations, that the granting of the exit visas was unconditional.

They did not leave the country under a specially requested escort, but under heavy police guard, which was not there to protect them, but to prevent them from getting away, the relatives claimed.

[Mr. Vorster, the Minister of Justice, told the Press on Friday: "The Rivonia raid last week came as a direct result of information received from people held under the so-called No-trial Bill."]

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Waarom Skielike Om

GROOT ONTHULLING RIVONIA-KLOPJAG

VERWAG NA

(Politieke Korrespondent)

DIE openlike bekentenis van linksgesinde koerante dat die A.N.C. Kommunisties geïnspireerd is, word in politieke kringe met besondere **aandag waargeneem.**

Tot minder as 'n maand gelede is die A.N.C. voorgelou as 'n gematigde organisasie waardeur die Bantoe sy normale aspirasies kon uitleef. Verlede naweek het die polisie 'n strooptog op die Rivonia-huis van die Goldreichs uitgevoer, en die verwagting is dat op onthullende inligting afgekomm is.

Is die skielike ommeswaai 'n poging om ou spore uit te wis en om voorbrand te maak? Walter Sisulu is ook daar in hegtenis geneem en Sisulu is 'n bekende A.N.C.-voorbok indien nie

sy leier nie. Onlangs is nog in persberigte heftig ontken dat Sisulu Luthuli vervang het.

Dit word as insiggewend beskou dat berigte die klem daarop laat val dat Kommunistiese

infiltrasie in die A.N.C. eers onlangs plaasgevind het. Die propaganda van die liberaalgesindes het so sterk deurgewerk dat selfs die Opposisie dit geglo het.

In die laaste paar weke van die Volksraadsitting het sir de Villiers Graaff nog die volgende vraag gestel: „Is die A.N.C. nasionalisties, Afrika-nasionalisties of Kommunisties?”

Twee dae voor die verdagting van die sitting het mnr. Marais Steyn, adjunk-leier van die V.P., ook gesê dat hy niks van die A.N.C. weet nie, en ontken dat daar onder andere twee jaar gelede reeds bewyse gebring is dat dié liggaam Kommunisties is.

Mnr. John Vorster, Minister van Justisie, het onlangs verklaar dat hy reeds sedert 1949 bewus was van Kommunistiese invloed in hierdie liggaam.

In 1958 het die Amerikaanse professor Edwin Munger oor Kommunistiese aktiwiteite in Suid-Afrika as volg geskryf: „Die A.N.C. word op nasionale en grotendeels op provinsiale vlak oorheers deur blanke Kommuniste.”

Kleiner Euwel

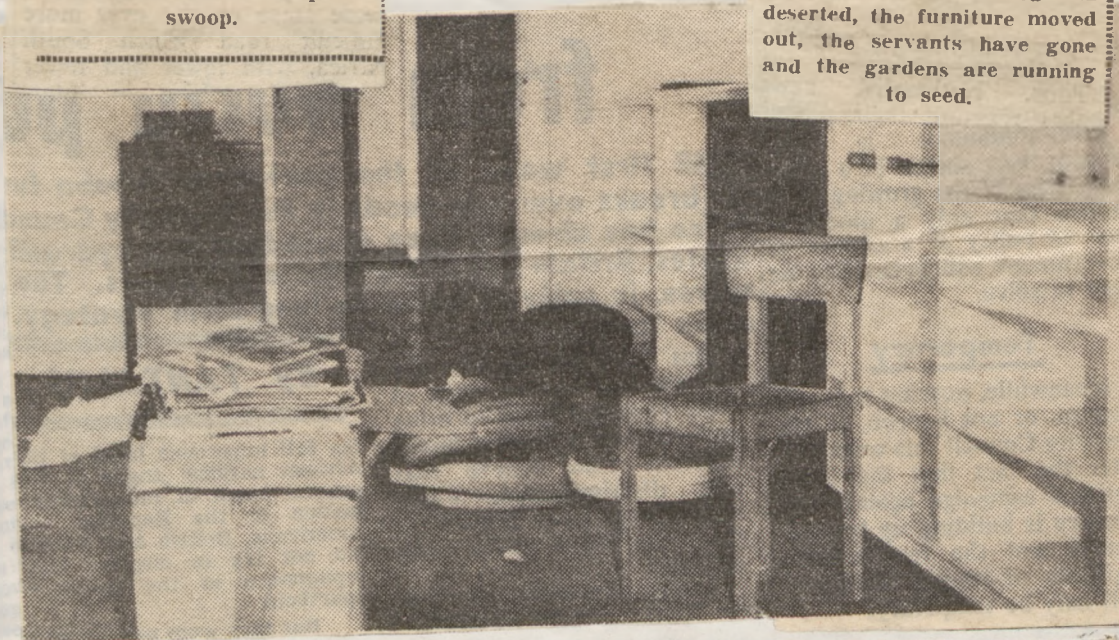
In die lig van die onlangse verskerping van binnelandse veiligheid in Suid-Afrika is die volgende opmerkings van prof. Munger oor oud-kaptein Albert Luthuli, vir wie hy nogtans aangeprys het, nou ook van belang:

„Hy gee elke aanduiding dat hy sterk Anti-Kommunisties is, maar ek kan nie help om te wonder of hy nie in 'n nou hoekie with the Government breathing down his neck' nie Kommunistiese hulp sal aanvaar as die kleinste van die twee euwels.”



BELOW
(LEFT): Empty, except for discarded papers and magazines and broken bits of furniture, stand the rooms in the Arthur Goldreich home. The household goods and furniture of the family were removed soon after the police swoop.

(TOP): West wing of the Goldreich home at Rivonia, where Arthur Goldreich, his wife, four other White people and 11 non-Whites were taken in a dramatic police swoop. The home is abandoned and deserted, the furniture moved out, the servants have gone and the gardens are running to seed.



One of the number of rubbish heaps in the yards of the Goldreich home. Empty bottles, tins, tools, broken kitchenware all add to the atmosphere of desolation attending the once lush home.

GOLDREICH HOME DA FORLORN

Sunday Express
**No police guard
there now**

By HANK MARGOLIES

LIFE comes to a standstill in the previously luxurious home of Mr. Arthur Goldreich and his wife, Hazel, at Rivonia, Johannesburg, since the police raided it on July 11 and took the owners away under the 90-day detention law.

The police guard which had been maintained for some days after the raid had been finally withdrawn when I visited the place yesterday. The beautiful thatched home overlooking a wide lawn looked as if a tornado had struck it. It stood derelict and littered.

A tour of the premises gave me a clear indication of the thorough search the police had made for documents and other evidence of alleged subversion. With the exception of a few broken-down bits of furniture, the house had been cleared of all possessions by relatives of the Goldreichs.

Papers burnt

The house itself was locked and the windows were fastened. Curtains were drawn over most of the windows, but through some of them empty, deserted rooms could be seen.

There were several rubbish dumps and traces of at least six bonfires in which papers had been burnt. There were four large dumps of empty bottles, including at least one of French champagne empties. The outhouses, or servants' quarters, consisted of 12 rooms in three separate buildings. Broken-down furniture was piled in one room; in other rooms were long-disused oddments of furniture, including an electric stove and refrigerator.

In still another room I found newspapers, magazines and photographs taken overseas.

I saw copies of Hansard — reports of Parliamentary debates — dating from January this year to May. There was a Government Gazette containing the Bill setting up an independent Transkei.

In a toolshed about 200 yards from the house were dozens of abandoned tools. Work had evidently come to a sudden standstill there. In one servant's room crusts of bread lay on the table alongside a cup and saucer. Tea leaves had dried in the bottom of the cup.

In another of the outhouses were hundreds of photos showing rehearsal scenes of the African operetta, "King Kong," for which black-bearded Mr. Goldreich — an industrial designer — had designed the sets and the costumes.

A children's swing and hammock still stood on the lawn, but the children had been taken away by members of the Goldreich family, who are caring for them.

FOOTNOTE: In the police

swoop on July 11, 17 people were taken into custody at the Goldreich home. Besides Mr. Goldreich and his wife, four other Whites and 11 non-Whites were taken away.

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Weather

WEATHER BUREAU
Forecast for today:
A SENSIBLE PARTLY CLOUDY
DAY.
CAPE: Fine and mild.
NATAL: Mildly fine and
cool.
D.F.C. Partly cloudy with
drizzle.

Not talking

HOW SPECIAL BRANCH

KODESH, LEVY

^{TOLD} ^{POLICE}
*Their reward was release from
jail and permission
to quit S. Africa*

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By VIVIAN GRAHAM

L EON LEVY and Wolfie Kodesh, who were detained under the "90-days" Act, supplied the information that led to the dramatic police swoop on the Goldreich house in Rivonia, Johannesburg, this month, when 17 people, including Walter Sisulu, former secretary of the banned African National Congress, were arrested.

Levy and Kodesh, who were secretly released from jail, remained under police guard — at their own request — until they left South Africa permanently.

A few days after their departure, Security Branch police raided the Rivonia house.

Levy, former president of the South African Congress of Trade Unions, was an accused at the Treason Trial.

Kodesh was a director of the left-wing weekly newspaper, New Age, which was banned by the Minister of Justice, Mr. Vorster.

Levy and Kodesh are now in Britain. They were allowed to leave the country on condition that they never return.

Close guard

Both men left South Africa under a tight security guard less than a week before the police struck in Rivonia on July 11.

Leon Levy left for Britain by air from Jan Smuts Airport on July 3. Miss Bridget Mellor left on the same plane after being told that she would not be allowed to return to South Africa.

Kodesh, also under police guard, sailed from Cape Town on July 5.

Both men asked for a police escort from the time of their

release until the time of their departure from the country. During the period of their detention they were allowed no visitors.

The police refused to make any comment when I put these points to them, but I have learned from reliable sources that Levy and Kodesh did in fact supply the information which enabled the police to swoop on the Rivonia house.

Neither of them, I learn, was rewarded financially. Their reward for "spilling the beans" was their release from jail, and permission to quit South Africa for ever.

On July 11, within a week of their departure, the police pounced on the Rivonia house. It had not been under surveillance for more than a few days.

Levy and Kodesh were arrested and detained under the "90-day" provisions of the General Law Amendment Act.

Section 17 of the Act lays down that "no detainee shall be released until he has answered all questions to the satisfaction of the Commissioner of Police."

Senior officers of the Security Branch in Pretoria refused to discuss events leading up to the release of Levy and Kodesh, or to reveal any of the sources of information which led to the Rivonia raid.

Not talking

"The police never disclose the sources of their information," I was told. A Security Branch officer would neither confirm nor deny that the information which led to the Rivonia swoop emanated from Levy or Kodesh.

Although the security police refused to disclose any of the information resulting from the Rivonia raid, I learned this

Weather

WEATHER BUREAU'S forecast for today:

TRANSVAAL: Partly cloudy and mild.

CAPE: Fine and mild.

NATAL: Mainly fair and cool.

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week that, two days before the police struck, a quantity of documents and other objects were removed from the farmstead.

The documents are believed to have been removed in a van which was seen by neighbours in the main road in Rivonia. It contained what appeared to be filing cabinets.

The property at Rivonia, known as Lilliesleaf Farm, was owned by Navion Properties (Pty.) Ltd. The president of the company is believed to be a Mr. D. Fyfe, now overseas.



LEON LEVY... photographed as he made a daily bus journey to court in Pretoria as an accused in the Treason Trial.

8/27/63
Rivonia owner flies off

From Our Correspondent

FRANCISTOWN, Tuesday. BECHUANALAND police today made a pre-dawn check on the airfield at Francistown to ensure that none of the four 90-day escapers, Arthur Goldreich, Harold Wolpe, Moosa Moola and Abdulhai Jassat, was on a plane to Tanganyika.

Among the 29 South Africans on the chartered Dakota that left at dawn for Dar es Salaam was Vivian Ezra, a Johannesburg electrical engineer who owned the house at Rivonia at which Goldreich and several others were

arrested in July by security police.

He fled hours before security police arrived at his home in 11th Avenue, Orange Grove, to arrest him.

For the past fortnight he has been staying with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hodgson in Lobatsi. Mrs. Ezra and their three children are still in Johannesburg.

He said today: "I have no idea

where my four escaper friends are. I do not know whether they will try to make their way here or not."

Mr. Ezra, who is re-growing the beard he shaved off before fleeing South Africa, added: "My family will be all right in Johannesburg. I was not exactly broke when I left."

An immigration spokesman said the check on the aircraft was made to ensure that nobody other than those registered would be allowed to board it.

Another payload is expected to leave on Thursday.

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GOLDREICH LANDLORD IS SOUGHT

Staff Reporter

A JOHANNESBURG man whom police want to question about the ownership of the Goldreich house is in Bechuanaland.

He is Mr. Vivian Ezra, who has been in the Protectorate for almost two weeks and is living with Jack and Rica Hodgson, the couple who fled South Africa while under house arrest, in Lobatsi.

Security Police in Johannesburg say they want to interview him about "certain puzzling"



MR. VIVIAN EZRA . . . in Bechuanaland.

aspects of the ownership of the Rivonia house in which 18 people—among them Goldreich and Walter Sisulu—were arrested on July 11.

Their initial investigations showed that the house was not owned by Goldreich, but by a company.

SOLE DIRECTOR

Mr. Ezra was apparently the sole director of the company and police have been trying to trace him since investigations began.

It is believed, however, that he disappeared after the Rivonia swoop and later made his way to Lobatsi.

Short and fair-haired, Mr. Ezra refused to make any comment on his presence in Bechuanaland when approached this week.

He would not talk either about his future plans, but it is believed he intends leaving the territory soon and going farther north, possibly Dar-es-Salaam.

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26/8/63
Ezra in north: has no news of Goldreich

Own Correspondent

DAR-ES-SALAAM. — An East African - chartered Dakota aircraft landed in Dar-es-Salaam from Bechuanaland yesterday with 29 South African refugees — 24 Africans, four Coloureds and a White, Mr. Vivian Ezra, of Johannesburg. All looked tired.

A further batch of refugees is expected tomorrow.

Mr. Ezra, alleged owner of the house at Rivonia, Johannesburg, where Arthur Goldreich and others were arrested in a Security Branch swoop on July 12, was last to leave the aircraft.

He disclaimed all knowledge of the whereabouts of Goldreich and three others who escaped from Marshall Square, Johannesburg.

FEARED LAW

Asked whether he did own the house at Rivonia, Mr. Ezra said: "The newspapers say so."

Mr. Ezra said he had not been under any arrest but left South Africa because of the 90-day detention law.

He said he left South Africa about six weeks ago and had been in Bechuanaland about three weeks staying with Jack Hodgson, who escaped from house arrest.

The banned African National Congress in South Africa is sending the refugees to sanctuary. They are being aided financially by independent African countries. Many of the refugees hope to acquire scholarships.

WOLPE ESCAPE TO FRANCISTOWN

Flown from Swaziland dressed as priests

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From a Staff Reporter

A RTHUR GOLDREICH and Harold Wolpe reached Francistown at half-past eight this morning and will leave by air for Dar es Salaam tomorrow.

They landed at Lobatsi from Swaziland by light plane yesterday—dressed as priests. As the plane touched down they jumped out, ran towards some Bechuanaland police, their mock robes swirling round them, and shouted: "We have never been happier to see policemen."

Moosa Moolla and Abdulhai Jassat, their associates in the break-out from Marshall Square, reached Swaziland independently.

They left there on Friday and are expected to link up with Goldreich and Wolpe in Francistown

in time to fly on the "refugee plane" tomorrow

The four escaped from Marshall Square during the early morning of August 11. They were being detained under the 90-day clause, Goldreich being one of those held in the Rivonia raid, in which Walter Sisulu was netted.

Disguise cast off

Wolpe and Goldreich were driven to Francistown overnight by Ismail Bhana, an African National Congress organizer who has been in Bechuanaland for five weeks.

This morning—now without their clerical disguise—they were interviewed by the District Commissioner, Mr. P. Steenkamp, for 40 minutes. Policemen were present. Goldreich wore a brick-red sweater and slacks. Wolpe wore a sports jacket. Both were unshaven and looked tired.

After the interview they were greeted by a committee of African refugees and escorted to an hotel to bath and sleep.

It is believed the four men split up soon after their escape in Johannesburg, where a young policeman is facing charges of having helped them to get out of the cells.

Evaded manhunt

On gaining freedom, Wolpe and Goldreich obtained the garb of priests. Goldreich shaved his heavy beard.

Thus disguised, the men evaded the biggest manhunt the South African police have ever mounted.

The Swaziland Government today said that, according to their information, two men, described as "Rev. Mr. Shippon" and "Rev. Mr. Mitchell," arrived in Swaziland on Friday. Their presence was not known until just before they embarked in a light aircraft at Matsapa airfield, near Manzini, at 9.10 a.m. yesterday. They just

said they were on their way to Lobatsi.

South African police headquarters repeatedly discounted theories that they had successfully reached Swaziland, and they concentrated their search in and around Johannesburg, and on roads to Basutoland and Bechuanaland.

Last week Wolpe's brother-in-law and law partner, James Kauttor, was detained and his houses in Forest Town, Johannesburg, and at Hartbeespoort Dam were searched. The police have not indicated whether he will be released now that his brother-in-law is known to have left the country.

Rivonia raid

Goldreich, his wife and 15 others were detained after police raided their Rivonia home on July 11. Wolpe was detained near the Bechuanaland border—the police refuse to say where and when—about the same time.

Moolla was one of the first people held under the 90-day clause and was rearrested on August 7 immediately his first period of detention ended. Jassat was one of six men charged with sabotage. He was discharged at the outset of the hearing, but was detained under the 90-day clause as he left the courtroom.

The weather

TRANSVAAL till 6 p.m. tomorrow.—Fine and warmer generally.

FREE STATE.—Fine and warm. Noon temperature, 72.

CAPE TOWN.—Fine with no wind. Noon temperature 61.

DURBAN.—Fair and mild. Noon temperature, 73.6.

CITY TEMPERATURES.—At Joubert Park: Today at 8 a.m., 58; 3 p.m., 72; yesterday maximum, 70.2; yesterday's minimum, 52.2. Wind: North-west.

LOCAL SUNSET today, 5.55; sunrise tomorrow, 6.24; sunset tomorrow, 5.54.

Vorster: They were two of our biggest fishes

The Star's Pretoria Bureau

MR. VORSTER, the Minister of Justice, commented that the escape of Arthur Goldreich and Harold Wolpe was a great loss in the campaign against subversion. Then he added: "But you don't lose a war by losing a skirmish now and again."

Mr. Vorster learned of the escapers' arrival in Bechuanaland early today. Told of the methods they used, he said: "That just shows how well organized they were."

Goldreich and Wolpe, he said, were two of the most important leaders of the underground movement. "There can be no doubt

that two of the big fishes have got away, but some very important ones still remain in our net."

Mr. Vorster (who was speaking in Pretoria) said the escape by Goldreich and Wolpe would not affect the trial of the other people arrested in the raid on the Goldreich Rivonia home.

"It will be more or less like producing 'Hamlet' without the

Prince — but the show will go on just the same."

Asked how Goldreich's activities had remained undetected for so long, Mr. Vorster said that the bearded artist was one of the top men in the underground, but had worked as an undercover man.

Was he merely an enthusiastic amateur, or did he have any special training for his role in the underground?

"Goldreich was a professional," said Mr. Vorster. "These people have been preparing for these things for years and years and some people in Parliament would not believe me when I told them."

"It all goes to show that you cannot take any chances with these types."

"BIG PROFIT"

Did he regard the escape as a great blow to the police campaign against the underground movement?

"One can expect to lose a battle now and again," said Mr. Vorster, "but on balance we are showing a big profit. We still have the initiative and we intend keeping it."

"You don't lose a war by losing a skirmish now and again."

He declined to comment on whether any official request would be made to Bechuanaland asking for the return of the escapers.

GOLDREICH TELLS: HOW WE ESCAPED

From Our Correspondent

Francistown, Wednesday.

ARTHUR GOLDREICH and Harold Wolpe refused to talk today about their 17-day adventures while eluding capture by the South African Police. Said Goldreich: "All that is a secret. We do not want to involve anyone."

He said they bought their clerical disguises in South Africa. They made their way to Swaziland by car, leaving it 10 miles from the border. They trekked into the bush to beat the border post (They arrived there last Friday).

Said Goldreich "We decided on this clothing as the best and cheapest form of disguise. We never once felt that we were going to be challenged."

Once in Swaziland they chartered a small aircraft to get them to Lobatsi. "It was a most unnerving experience flying across the Transvaal. Any moment we expected South African Air Force fighters to come sweeping up and force our small plane to land."

MET HODGSONS

"Our hearts were in our mouths until we actually crossed the Bechuanaland border."

"We did not know until we arrived at Lobatsi—where we met the Hodgsons—that there was a refugee plane going to Dar es Salaam. We have money, and we intended to charter our own plane."

"We did not even feel safe in Lobatsi, having read about Dr. Abrahams. In fact we will not feel completely safe until we have reached Tanganyika."

Mrs. Kantor asks release of husband

Mrs. Barbara Kantor said today, now that it was known definitely that her husband's brother-in-law, Harold Wolpe, and Arthur Goldreich were out of the country, she would make representations to have her husband released from detention.

The police did not say, when James Kantor was detained last week, why he was being held, or for how long.

Wife stays in custody

The Star's Pretoria Bureau

Mrs. Arthur Goldreich will not be released, although her husband is out of the country. This was learnt in Pretoria this afternoon.

"She is in custody and will be charged," a Police Headquarters spokesman said.

LOUW: NO COMMENT

From the Political Correspondent

ASKED whether the Government planned to ask the Bechuanaland authorities to return Arthur Goldreich and Harold Wolpe, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Louw, said: "No comment."

A spokesman at the British Embassy said that information was received in Pretoria last night of the escapers' arrival in the Protectorate. He declined to comment on what action the Bechuanaland authorities planned to take.



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REFUGEE PLANE IS GUTTED

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Goldreich, Wolpe stranded—all aircraft banned

From ALLISTER SPARKS

FRANCISTOWN

HOURS before Arthur Goldreich and Harold Wolpe were due to fly from Francistown this morning their plane, a chartered East African Airways Dakota, was mysteriously destroyed by fire on the town's airstrip. No one was injured.

At 10 a.m. today, Wolpe and Goldreich, who dramatically escaped from police cells in Johannesburg on August 11, were sitting disconsolately in their hotel room planning their next move.

They are in a desperate position. The airfield is closed to all traffic—a ban which may last several days—and they have been allowed into the territory on the understanding that they are strictly in transit.

SAPA's special correspondent was authoritatively told that sabotage was suspected. The Dakota was burnt out early this morning. In a Press statement the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Mr. Sidney Dixon, announced that the Dakota was a "complete write-off" and that the airfield had been closed until further notice.

THREE EXPLOSIONS

Mr. Dixon said the fire was first noticed by a watchman. He understood that there were three explosions but it was not known whether they were caused by petrol tanks blowing up. The aircraft had no cargo or any luggage of passengers aboard.

The Dakota, which arrived at Francistown at sunset yesterday, was parked behind a hangar at the airfield which is the private ground of the Witwatersrand Native Labour Association.

At 2.15 a.m. the night watchman spotted flames and gave the alarm. Firemen were called out and, using the airfield's fire-fighting equipment, fought the flames for two-and-a-half hours.

The fire was finally brought under control at 4.45 a.m., but by that time the entire centre section of the Dakota was in ashes.

Only the tailplane and one wing remained intact.

When reporters drove to the airfield at dawn to see Goldreich and Wolpe take off, police stopped them at a barrier and told them no one would be allowed near the airfield.

Mr. Dixon then called a Press conference at the police station where he told reporters about the fire.

NO REPLACEMENT

He said no aircraft, not even a replacement flight to take out the refugees, would be allowed to land until the police had completed their investigations which he implied might take several days.

Asked whether this affected the position of Goldreich and Wolpe who were granted permission to enter Bechuanaland on the understanding that they were strictly in transit, Mr. Dixon said: "I can make no comment about that."

Meanwhile, Goldreich and Wolpe, who were in conference with a number of Africans until after midnight last night, remained in their hotel room this morning.

Goldreich and Wolpe were most upset at this unexpected upset to their escape plans.

Goldreich told SAPA: "I have no idea what the cause of the fire was nor do I know what I will now do."

Ismail Bhana, the A.N.C. representative, who has been organising the refugee flight from Bechuanaland, said that they were considering chartering one of the small three-passenger private aircraft from a charter company at Lobatsi to fly Goldreich and Wolpe to East Africa.

He did not know who the third passenger would be if they chartered the private plane, adding that he had booked a phone call to the A.N.C. offices in Dar-es-Salaam to find out from East African Airways in Nairobi whether a replacement would be sent to pick up the 28 members of the party who were to have flown to Dar-es-Salaam today.

Mr. Bhana said: "The first knowledge we had of the fire was when an unknown African pounded on the door of the room which I shared with Goldreich and Wolpe soon after 4 a.m. and told us that our plane was burning."

"I told him I did not believe and sent him away. Later him to go to the police and tell them what he had told us."



This is what Francistown airfield looks like . . . a light aircraft stands in front of a hangar.

THE BIG ESCAPE DRAMA

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PARSON SAYS:

A RUTHLESS OUTRAGE

By ANN CAVILL

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The missionary, the Rev. Charles Hooper, an Anglican, who fled to Swaziland from South Africa three years ago, last night angrily claimed that he had been the "unwitting dupe" of Goldreich and Wolpe.

The men escaped a full South African Police dragnet for 13 days before arriving in Swaziland last Friday. They are now in Francistown, Bechuanaland, where they arrived by air from Swaziland on Tuesday.

VEREENIGING CAR

Driving a new red car with Vereeniging number plates and posing as Congregationalist clergymen, Goldreich and Wolpe arrived at Mr. Hooper's Manzini home last Friday.

They asked for accommodation and stayed until Tuesday when they left saying they would collect their car in two weeks time.

Mr. Hooper was told by the Swaziland police yesterday that the car had been registered in his name.

He found a case containing disguises—among them women's clothes—abandoned by the "clergymen" at his house.

In a statement to the "Rand Daily Mail" last night Mr. Hooper said: "I regard the whole episode as a ruthless outrage upon my hospitality and a scandalous abuse of the kindness shown towards refugees by the Swaziland administration. I bitterly resent being made the unwitting dupe of what is apparently an unscrupulous organisation."

SUSPICIONS AROUSED

Mr. Hooper said that he had no idea who the men were although he did suspect that they were bogus clergymen.

"Late on Friday evening two men, who introduced themselves as Congregationalist clergymen named Mitchell and Shipton, presented themselves at my door saying they were tourists and that a prominent English churchman had suggested that I might be able to accommodate them for a few days."

"I had never seen either of them before but I offered them hospitality, as is my custom."

"On the following day I noticed that they had arrived in a car with a Vereeniging registration. My suspicions were aroused only gradually."

"I am a busy man and they seemed to

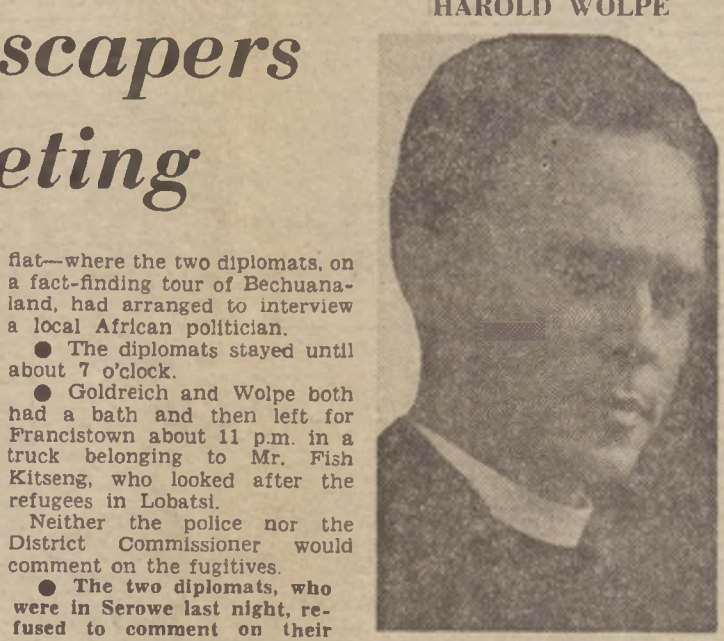
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From Johannesburg, where it

seems they probably remained in hiding for some time, Goldreich and Wolpe made their way to Swaziland. There they reported to the authorities and then, disguised as clergymen flew to Lobatsi in a chartered aircraft.

A police jeep met them on the runway and took them to the local District Commissioner. They have also been interviewed by the Special Branch of the Bechuanaland police.

"The authorities here have treated us very courteously," said Goldreich.

"We were not asked to make any declaration that we would not remain active in South African politics—but that was because we assured the authorities that we were strictly in transit, and would be leaving Bechuanaland as soon as possible."

By jeep

From Lobatsi an African, Mr. Fish Kietseng, drove them by jeep to Francistown.

Both men telephoned their families in Johannesburg yesterday.

All afternoon they received a constant stream of African visitors, mainly members of the Bechuanaland People's Party. At times there were up to 20 people in their room.

Goldreich said he had no comment to make on the allegations of the Rev. Charles Hooper.

Goldreich said he shaved off his beard almost immediately after his escape but would grow it again.

Late last night there were still about 10 Africans in his hotel room. The door was locked and they appeared to be holding a conference.

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LAST REFUGEE FLIGHT?

Bomb believed to have caused plane fire

From a Staff Reporter

Francistown, Friday.

THE PLANE that was to have carried Arthur Goldreich and Harold Wolpe to Dar es Salaam from Francistown was destroyed by an explosion, Capt. John King, Acting Divisional Superintendent of Police, confirmed here today.

It is almost certain the fire was caused by an incendiary bomb placed inside the aircraft.

Col. S. Person, an explosives expert who helped investigate the crash in which Mr. Hammerskjold was killed, is flying from Northern Rhodesia to examine the wrecked East African Airways Dakota.

Squadron-Leader J. MacDonald, Assistant Air Attache at the British Embassy in Pretoria, is already in Francistown to help the investigation.

They will pay special attention to the passenger door of the aircraft. It was reported, said Captain King, that the door appeared to be open while the plane was burning.

Although the plane was almost entirely destroyed the framework of the door was preserved. The experts will try to establish whether it had been forced.

Captain King said that nobody at the airfield saw the first of the three explosions.

IN FLAMES

Two African watchmen reported that after they heard the explosion they saw the plane in flames. They did not see anybody.

Tracks have been found leading from the wreckage to the boundary fence. Police think the person who made the tracks was somebody who could pass the guards unnoticed because they knew him.

An East African Airways

Dakota is expected to arrive tomorrow morning and fly off with Goldreich, Wolpe and 26 other fugitives immediately after refuelling.

A rumour that South Africans would not be allowed to refuel the aircraft was denied by Captain King.

Wolpe and Goldreich will be taken to the airfield by a vehicle from the District Commissioner's office. Captain King said this would be done simply to "clear them out of town quickly and efficiently."

As far as he knew the South African Government had made no request for the return of the two men.

He said Goldreich and Wolpe were being accommodated in the Francistown jail at their own request. They asked for police protection because they feared assault and were being intimidated by members of the public.

Captain King said he had been told by members of the public they were incensed by the presence of the fugitives.

"Although we did not feel that they were fully justified in their fears, we offered them a cell."

TEA IN BED

They slept on cots in the prison courtyard and this morning had tea in bed. Later they strolled outside the jail.

Both men still look tired, but they said they had enjoyed their first comfortable night for weeks.

Sapa's representative reports that the change in the flight plan was made by East African Airways, who feared this plane might suffer the same fate as the other.

There is no doubt their fears are shared by the fugitives.

He says this will probably be the last such flight out of Francistown. But for the fact that the airline was contracted to give passage to this group they would not have risked a replacement plane.

As there are no other passenger-carrying planes available whose owners are likely to be willing to carry fugitives and acknowledged saboteurs, it may well be the end of the airlift from Bechuanaland.

Hunt for mystery man who bought



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escape car

By DESMOND BLOW

POLICE are seeking a mystery man who bought the red American car in which Goldreich and Wolpe fled the country. The car was bought in Johannesburg the evening before they arrived at the home of the Rev. Charles Hooper in Manzini, Swaziland, disguised as priests.

The car was sold to a man who said he was Mr. C. Hooper, of Stegi, Swaziland, for R2,200. The man paid cash.

Mr. John Elmes, a director of York Motors in Malvern East, Johannesburg, said yesterday that a man wearing dark glasses had called at York Motors at about 6 p.m. on Thursday, August 22.

"He said he wanted to buy a car, and almost immediately picked out the 1963 Ford Fairlane 500, which we had bought from a man in Vereeniging.

PAID CASH

"He drove the car around the block and seemed satisfied. He paid R2,200 in cash. The whole transaction took less than 30 minutes.

"As he claimed he was resident in Swaziland I made out the necessary permit for him. The Vereeniging number plate was still on the car when he drove away."

Mr. Elmes said when he read in the "Rand Daily Mail" yesterday that Goldreich and Wolpe had escaped to Swaziland in the car, he immediately telephoned the Security Branch.

PICTURES

"Lieutenant W. P. van Wyk called on me shortly afterwards and took a statement. He showed me pictures of Goldreich, but the man who bought the car was definitely not him.

"The man never once took off his glasses, so I did not get a good look at him. He appeared to be about 38 to 40, and had brown hair. He was of medium height and build and spoke with a cultured accent."

The car is in the possession of the Swaziland Police.

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HELPERS

FRANCISTOWN.—The Bechuanaland authorities will not allow South Africans to have any part in refuelling the relief Dakota, which is to pick up Arthur Goldreich, Harold Wolpe, and a party of other refugees.

The population of Francistown, which includes many South Africans, is generally elated at the destruction of the Dakota originally sent to take the fugitives to Dar-es-Salaam. Yesterday police checked the movements of many residents, and tried to find out if anybody had left the town.

The crew of the burnt-out aircraft, who had on Tuesday flown the first party of 28 refugees from Francistown, reported on their return that Vivian Ezra, the only White in the party, had assumed leadership of the group on the flight.

But when the aircraft landed at Dar-es-Salaam and he again pressed to the front at the immigration counter, African officials told him: "In this country everybody is equal," and sent him to the rear of the queue.—SAPA.

I knew of Rivonia

By DESMOND BLOW

MRS. ANNE EZRA, wife of Vivian Ezra, who is the alleged owner of the house in Rivonia, where Goldreich, Walter Sisulu and 15 others were arrested in July, told me last night that she had been shocked when her husband had told her that he had to go away and did not know when he would return.

"He told me that he was a director of the house in Rivonia and asked me not to ask him any questions.

"I think he was thinking of me and the children and didn't want us to know more than what was good for us," Mrs. Ezra said.

Vivian Ezra fled to Swaziland seven weeks ago, shortly after the Rivonia arrests, and later stayed with Jack and Rica Hodgson in Lobatsi until he flew to Dar-es-Salaam earlier this week.

TREMbled

When I first spoke to Mrs. Ezra a week ago, she was in a highly nervous state. Her hands trembled as she told me: "I have nothing to say."

Last night the strain had gone. She told me: "I am happier than I have been for seven weeks. I have received a cable from Viv saying he has arrived safely in Dar-es-Salaam."

Mrs. Ezra was speaking to me in her rented house in Sydenham, Johannesburg, where she is living with her three children, Gershon, 14, Lee, 11 and Robbie, 8.

NO PLANS

She said: "I hope that we will eventually join Viv, but right now I have no plans."

Mrs. Ezra said she was shocked when her husband had told her that he was a director of the property in Rivonia.

"Until then I had always considered him an arm-chair politician. He sometimes went out at night, but didn't say where he was going and I took it for granted that he was going out on business.

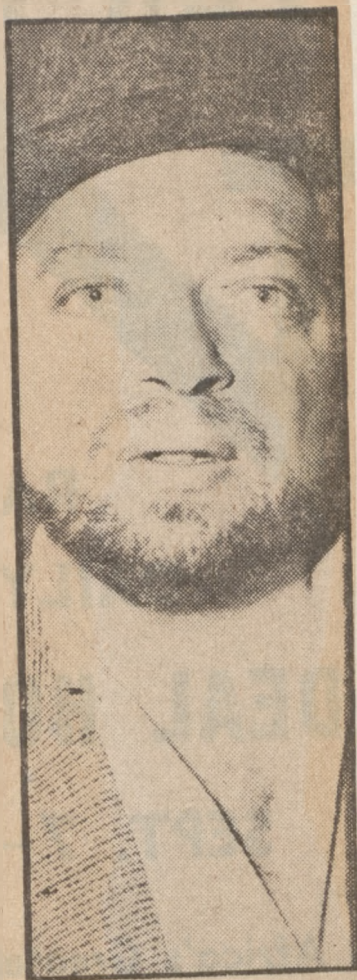
"I still don't know whether he was actively engaged in politics and whether he was aware what was going on at Rivonia. He might have been caught up in it quite innocently."

Mrs. Ezra said she had no strong political feelings. "I'm nothing," she said.

GOLDREICH

She said that Goldreich was the only person of those arrested in Rivonia whom she had ever met.

"Viv said he had to go to Rivonia about a business deal, and the children and I accom-



MR. VIVIAN EZRA
... in Dar-es-Salaam.

panied him. We remained in the car while he went into the house. He came out later with Goldreich and introduced us."

The Security Branch called on Mrs. Ezra about two weeks after her husband's disappearance.

"I told them I didn't know where he was, which was the truth as I hadn't heard from him. I was frightfully worried at the time."

ISRAELI ARMY

Shortly after their marriage 15 years ago, Mr. and Mrs. Ezra went to Israel for four years where Vivian Ezra fought in the Israeli Army during the Israeli War of Independence.

"We had decided to settle in Israel, but 11 years ago came back for a holiday... but never ever saw our way clear to go back again."

Mr. Ezra recently started his own food business after several difficult years.

"We were just getting on our feet at last when Viv left the country. Now I have taken his place in the business."

● See picture on Page 9

EXTRADITION

U.K. talks aimed at blocking escape routes

ABRAHAMS TO SUE VORSTER FOR ILLEGAL ARREST

From **STANLEY UYS**
SUNDAY TIMES POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

CAPE TOWN, Saturday.

NEGOTIATIONS between South Africa and the British Government for the extradition of criminal offenders who seek refuge in the three Protectorates have reached an advanced stage.

The extradition move is aimed particularly at political refugees like Arthur Goldreich and Harold Wolpe, the 90-day escapers now in Francistown, Bechuanaland, and Dr. Kenneth Abrahams, who was due to face sabotage charges in South Africa.

This latest bid by the South African Government to apply a "squeeze" against Basutoland, Bechuanaland and Swaziland as havens for refugees follows a dramatic week in which Dr. Abrahams was returned to Bechuanaland, and Wolpe and Goldreich escaped to Francistown.

As Dr. Abrahams was flown to Gobabis today in a military plane and then taken to the Bechuanaland border his legal advisers in Cape Town said they were instituting an action for damages against the Minister of Justice for the alleged illegal arrest of the Coloured doctor.

The amount of damages to be claimed has not been disclosed, but it is believed to be substantial.

Meanwhile the British Government is continuing its investigations into the kidnapping of Dr.

Abrahams and his three companions from Bechuanaland.

A British Embassy spokesman in Pretoria said that the return of the four men to Bechuanaland did not end the matter, and discussions between the British and South African Governments would still continue.

A report in the *Burger* this week on the extradition negotiations, said "this information is obtained from the highest authority."

This is the first disclosure that discussions have been taking place between the South African and British authorities for the return of refugees — an explosive issue as far as the British Government is concerned.

Neither the office of the Minister of Justice nor the British Embassy in Pretoria would comment on the report today.

It is not clear whether South Africa is demanding the return of all refugees, or only those wanted on specific criminal charges.

It appears that the South African Police have the latter category in mind, but this would mean that persons like Dr. Abrahams and Goldreich would have to be handed over.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Eric Louw, said in Pretoria today that the use of South Africa's air space by unscheduled aircraft was being investigated.

Sapa reports that Mr. Louw had been approached about reports that the aircraft which took Goldreich and Wolpe from Swaziland to Bechuanaland had violated South Africa's air space.

He said that some time ago he instructed the Department of Foreign Affairs to go into the whole question of private-owned aircraft which made unscheduled flights over South Africa.

The plane which flew Goldreich and Wolpe from Swaziland to Bechuanaland is believed to have taken a route which passed right over Pretoria.

Mr. Louw said it was necessary to investigate the whole question

thoroughly.

VORSTER

The Minister of Justice, Mr. Vorster, told the Nationalist Party Congress in Durban this week: "I can tell you that South Africa would never allow political refugees from Swaziland, Bechuanaland and Basutoland to come to this country and continue their attempts to undermine those protectorates."

Colonel H. J. van den Bergh, a senior Security Branch officer, told a Press conference last Saturday that political refugees are using the Protectorates not only as havens, but as bases for subversion.

In an editorial this week the *Burger* said: "It must be obvious that an underground war that recognises no borders, also necessitates underground defence."

"South Africa will perhaps have to go deeply and professionally into this business, for no games are being played from the other side."

"The less that is said in public about such countermeasures the better it would be, but one aim should probably be to deprive the revolutionary of his sense of security once he has left South Africa."

"For that the South African defence will have to develop long and skilful arms in the knowledge that when the life of a nation is involved, unorthodox methods have always been orthodox."

NO LAW

Bechuanaland may soon join Basutoland and Swaziland — in making it a crime for political refugees to plot against a neighbouring state, according to an official at the British Embassy in Pretoria.

Such a law had not yet been passed in the territory, he said, but it was "possible" that the Legislative Council might do so.

In Basutoland and Swaziland conspiracy of this kind is an offence punishable by jail sentences of up to three years and fines of up to R1,000.



HAROLD WOLPE



ARTHUR GOLDBREICH

CABLE THREAT: ALL REFUGEE PLANES WILL BE DESTROYED

DAR-ES-SALAAM.—Would-be rescuers were warned off yesterday by a mysterious telegram threatening that any planes attempting to fly refugees out of South Africa or Bechuanaland would be shot down or destroyed on the ground.

Fugitives silent about past—their future uncertain

From ALLEN LOXTON

FRANCISTOWN, Saturday.

ARRIVED in Francistown last night to find the two political fugitives, Arthur Goldreich and Harold Wolpe, in a state of deep dismay.

They were uncertain about the future after the mysterious destruction of their rescue plane, and the order which returned its replacement to base in mid-flight.

The British authorities are anxious to be rid of the refugees, but determined that they shall have political asylum and be protected against physical assault and abduction.

There is an extraordinary air of mystery about everything connected with the refugees since the destruction of the aircraft which was to have taken them out of the territory on Thursday morning.

Not threatened

I found that, in spite of sensational reports:

● There have been no direct threats of violence to the fugitives apart from bar talk.

● Goldreich and Wolpe (I had this from the two men themselves) were never at any time directly threatened or abused.

● They decided themselves to apply for the safety of residence in the jail because, after the burning of the Dakota, they believed that the threat of abduction was more real than ever.

Although Goldreich and Wolpe have steadily refused to see any newspapermen since they took refuge in the jail, they agreed to see me when I sent in my SUNDAY TIMES card.

Goldreich spoke highly of the civility and kindness of the British authorities, but would say nothing at all about their past exploits or future plans.

He would say nothing at all about the car which he had left with the Rev. Charles Hooper,

the clergyman with whom they stayed in Swaziland.

He said only: "We believe that it is wiser, in the circumstances, to stay here. We do not know what is going to happen. Until the future is clear we believe that we will be less of a nuisance to everybody if we remain in the Francistown prison."

Six-seater plane for fugitives

From a Staff Reporter

FRANCISTOWN, Thursday. — Dr. Kenneth Abrahams and his wife arrived at Francistown today by rail from Gaborones, and were taken to the jail to see Arthur Goldreich and Harold Wolpe, the two 90-day detainees who escaped from Marshall Square, Johannesburg.

The four people greeted each other warmly. Dr. and Mrs. Abrahams were driven to the jail by the District Commissioner, Mr. R. Steenkamp.

Permission has been given for a six-seater aircraft to land at Francistown at 7 a.m. on Saturday to collect Arthur Goldreich, Harold Wolpe and probably the family of Dr. Abrahams.

If Goldreich and Wolpe get away in the plane—the one that was to have taken them last week was sabotaged on the airfield—they will have waited 10 days in Francistown, most of the time in jail because of threats to their safety.

Sapa's correspondent in Francistown says the aircraft belongs to Arusha Air Services of Tanganyika. It is a twin-engined Macchi. The plane will arrive at 6.50 a.m. on Saturday and leave again after an hour's stop.

Sent from the Parkview post office, Transvaal, to the Director of Civil Aviation, East Africa, the telegram warns East African Airways and private pilots not to interfere with South Africa's handling of "Communists and criminals," according to the "Rand Daily Mail" Dar-es-Salaam correspondent.

The telegram is signed Bwana Ndge. "Ndge" is Swahili for "bird."

Although authorities think the telegram may be a hoax or work of a crank, insurance companies are taking it seriously.

CANCELLED

Several charters from East Africa to South Africa and Bechuanaland have been cancelled, including one which was to have taken an American television team to film the situation in Bechuanaland.

Meanwhile, in Francistown, Arthur Goldreich and Harold Wolpe, the Marshall Square escapers, expect to know today when they will be able to fly to Dar-es-Salaam.

They are expecting a telephone call from Dar-es-Salaam this morning which will give them news of their refugee plane, writes a Staff Reporter.

PROTECTION

The men have been under official protection in the Francistown jail for nearly a week. Goldreich, a noted artist, spent most of yesterday sketching. Later he and Wolpe again played cricket on the dusty prison lawn under a burning sun.

Dr. Kenneth Abrahams has spent the last two days at Gaborones, near Lobatsi, giving details of his alleged kidnapping to Bechuanaland authorities.

The South African Government returned Dr. Abrahams to Bechuanaland on Saturday. On Monday he began a 16-hour drive across the desert from Ghanzi to Gaborones in a police truck.

He and his wife, Ottilie, who was flown to Ghanzi to meet him, are expected in Francistown today. They may fly to Dar-es-Salaam with Goldreich and Wolpe.

Claims escape was "political gesture"

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From JACK HALPERN

FRANCISTOWN, Saturday.

IN the first interview he has given since he and Harold Wolpe arrived in Bechuanaland this week, Arthur Goldreich told me exclusively today that they had made their escape from the cells at Marshall Square, Johannesburg, as a political gesture. It was meant to have a wider significance than a personal escapade, he stated.

Goldreich denied the authenticity of previous Press statements attributed to him and Wolpe, claimed sympathy among Africans for their escape, and alleged that his two children had been quizzed by the Special Branch in Johannesburg.

AGONISING POSITION

The two men are in an agonising position. The only really safe way out is by direct flight in a largish aircraft, such as a Dakota, taking them direct to Mbeya, Tanganyika.

But yesterday East African Airways, which had one of its Dakotas sabotaged on the Lobatsi airfield, cancelled a second flight to Bechuanaland.

If an East African Airways plane does not fetch them, Goldreich and Wolpe have two alternatives.

They can try to cross the Zambesi at the northernmost tip of Bechuanaland, where it has a common river border with Northern Rhodesia.

This is barely a few hundred yards wide and accommodates a pontoon crossing.

S.A. patrols

South African forces are believed to be patrolling the congruent Caprivi strip of South West Africa, and in Northern Rhodesia. Sir Roy Welensky's forces were this month given fresh powers to foil and return South African refugees.

Alternatively, Goldreich and Wolpe could try to charter a small plane locally which might barely reach Mbeya direct or could safely refuel en route at Blantyre, Nyasaland.

The asking figure for this trip is £600. But even assuming they have the money, how could Goldreich and Wolpe be sure that, with rewards reportedly well in excess of £1,000 on their heads, a local charter pilot might not land them in South West Africa. To many Whites here, such a man might seem a hero.

I found Goldreich and Wolpe in the courtyard of the Francistown prison, where they have taken voluntary refuge to ensure their safety.

Fit and calm

Contrary to previous Press reports, they are fit, calm and confident. They send out for food of their choice, have radios and newspapers, and are at liberty — though they choose not to leave the prison.

Naturally, they are concerned for their families—Mrs. Hazel Goldreich is being held under the 90-day detention clause and, it was announced this week, is to be charged under the Sabotage Act. Mrs. Anne-Marie Wolpe,

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NEW DANGER FOR FUGITIVES

From JOHN RYAN

FRANCISTOWN, Saturday.

THE present "no-plane" dilemma of Arthur Goldreich and Harold Wolpe could lead them right back into the hands of the South African Police, from whom they escaped so spectacularly.

While the two fugitives were voluntarily waiting in the lock-up here today for further fly-out developments, a fresh extradition treaty between Britain and South Africa was awaiting appropriate signature in Pretoria.

Ever since Dr. Verwoerd declared his Republic there has been no official treaty between the two countries. The declaration meant immediately that the old treaties between South Africa and the other Commonwealth countries fell away and would have to be reviewed.

Although most of them have been re-signed, the old Bechuanaland-South African treaty, for some reason, remained null and void.

But I learnt from reliable sources today that the new draft treaty of extradition has already been approved by both parties.

It needs only the signatures of

the right officials to bring it into force.

Unless Goldreich and Wolpe manage to fly out of Bechuanaland before that happens, they may well find themselves in trouble.

Although such treaties are seldom enforced where political refugees are concerned, the Rivonia arrestees may be charged with breaking out of custody.

And this, of course, is a criminal offence.

● ABRAHAMS TO SUE

● TREK PLANE HELD UP

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GOLDREICH - MYST

Was he an undercover agent?

By HANK MARGOLIES
WHO are Harold Wolpe and Arthur Goldreich, the men who have been described by the Minister of Justice, Mr. Vorster, as two of the most important leaders of the underground?

As the world spotlight focused on them in their jail refuge in Francistown last week, I inquired into their background.

Mr. Vorster had described them as "two of the big fishes who have got away."

Harold Wolpe, attorney's clerk and listed Communist, was well known for his Left-wing activities. He was, consequently, no mystery man.

But Goldreich did not, even to close friends and members of his family, show any active interest in political movements. Mr. Vorster, who was asked how Goldreich had remained undetected for so long, said last week that Goldreich had worked as an undercover man.

If this is so, it would explain why his arrest in the Rivonia raid came as such a surprise to those who knew him.

Dupe — or what?

I set out to establish whether Goldreich was an underground leader, a man who gave refuge to wanted men in the misguided belief that he should help them, or a foolish dupe of Communists? I did not succeed.

His underground life, if underground life he had, remained a complete mystery.

But his outward life was as interesting, perhaps more so, as that of any other talented person.

Here was a man who, as a youth, was an outstanding stu-



Mrs. Hazel Goldreich . . . they married young.

dent both in high school and at the University of the Witwatersrand, a man who showed every promise of becoming one of the leading artists of South Africa.

Although he was active in the extra-curricular affairs in high school and university, he was never politically minded, according to my informants.

Not "arty"

Again, he worked diligently at his art, and was never the "arty-minded, Bohemian type." On the contrary, he was also meticulous in his appearance and dressed well, neatly and conservatively.

He was a good talker and could become loquaciously enthusiastic over almost any subject because of his agile and inquiring mind. With it all, his acquaintances told me, he had a good sense of humour and would entertain a group with miming for hours.

Most of those to whom I talked were shocked when they read of the raid at the Goldreich home in Rivonia and his subsequent arrest.

They still scoff at the idea that he was the "master mind" behind the escape route from Johannesburg to the British protectorates and Tanganyika. None of them have ever heard him discuss politics of any kind domestic or international.

"Arthur was only interested in himself," one associate who worked with him for several years told me. "He was an ardent career man. He didn't mind on whose neck he stepped to get ahead in his work or his job, and in that sense he could be said to have been unscrupulous."

Popular

In other ways Goldreich was said to have been generous to a fault. He would give of his time to assist people if he believed they were worthy of help. When he could, he helped them with money too.

Possibly the first contact with the African world in which he took a personal interest was when he painted two large-sized murals on the walls of the Bantu Men's Social Centre, Johannesburg, as his contribution to the fund-

raising farewell concert given to Father Trevor Huddleston.

He was popular at Pietersburg High School and later at Wits, where he studied architecture.

Goldreich was fond of people of all kinds, all races. He was sympathetic and understanding towards Africans, and enjoyed working with them. He mixed with them socially.

When the African operetta, "King Kong," was produced, it was Goldreich who was chosen to do the sets and design the costumes. He offered to do the work on a percentage basis on profits, believing, according to those associated with the production, that he was practically doing it for nothing.

As it turned out, "King Kong" was a sensational success in South Africa and ran for nearly a year in London. Goldreich, who never expected

to get much out of it, discovered he had made a lot of money from the show.

He was the only South African artist to hold a one-man exhibition in New York and many of his paintings were sold at what would be considered high prices in this country.

Many of his friends, I have found, believe he was just a dupe, a "front," for those engaged in subversive activities in the Republic.

They cannot accept, they told me, that Arthur Goldreich, who loved to talk about himself, his achievements, his ambitions, his work, could have kept it secret if he had been an active leader of subversives.

Goldreich fought in the Israeli War of Independence. He married his wife, Hazel, when he was 20, and they have two children, Nicholas, nine, and Paul, five.



ARTHUR GOLDREICH

photographed in Lobatsi last week.

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SWAZILAND TO SELL ESCAPE CAR

Staff Reporter

THE red Ford Fairlane 500 car bought for R2,200 cash in the name of a Mr. Charles Hooper, in which Goldreich and Wolpe escaped to Swaziland, will probably be sold by public auction by the Swaziland Government.

The amount obtained will go into Swaziland Government coffers.

The Swaziland Commissioner of Police, Major P. Temple, said last night: "As Mr. Hooper has decided he will not claim the car, it will probably be treated as abandoned property and sold in the usual way."

Mr. Hooper said he had at first planned to take legal advice on what to do about the car.

NO CLAIM

"But I have decided not to bother. I will definitely not claim the car. The police have informed me that I should collect the car if I want it, but I have told them I don't want it.

"It is not morally mine."
I asked Mr. Hooper if he had any idea why the car had been bought in his name.

He said: "Your guess is as good as mine. I don't know why they decided on me to come to. I would never have concealed them if I had known who they were.

"All I can say is that they work very differently from me. I don't want their car, the transaction was a forgery and I don't want to be any party to it."

SABOTAGE OF GOLDREICH AIRCRAFT NOT PROVED

SOUTH AFRICAN PRESS ASSOCIATION

DAR-ES-SALAAM, Saturday.

IT is believed here that East African Airways are still prepared to send a relief aircraft to Francistown to pick up the South African political refugees, Arthur Goldreich and Harold Wolpe.

A representative of a banned South African organisation has been negotiating with the airline's principals.

In Francistown tonight Captain John King, Deputy Superintendent of Police, said that the investigation into the cause of the fire that destroyed the Goldreich-Wolpe plane on Wednesday had been completed, and the cause had not been established.

The investigation by Colonel Harold Perkins, Assistant Commissioner of Police in Northern Rhodesia, yesterday afternoon took two-and-a-half hours.

Among the pieces of the plane

that were carefully examined were the remains of the passenger door and its frame.

From outside

Colonel Perkins said he was not able to state if there was evidence of the door having been forced. Sabotage had not been proved.

Colonel Perkins said that the fire started near the petrol-tanks, and not amidships near the luggage compartment as had first been thought.

He added that the fire could have been started from outside the aircraft, and not necessarily from within as had been generally pronounced.

Meanwhile Arthur Goldreich and Harold Wolpe, and the Indian, Ismail Bhana, were still in Francistown jail today.

Three wives and their children wait anxiously

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By GORDON WINTER

THREE Johannesburg mothers were asked difficult questions by their children last week. By different links, each mother was connected, in one way or another, with the dramatic Goldreich-Wolpe affair which is the number one talking point in South Africa. Here are their stories:

● "Daddy is safe at last," Mrs Anne Marie Wolpe jubilantly shouted to her children when she learned that her husband, Harold, had arrived in Bechuanaland last week.

But her happiness quickly turned to fear the next day when news came through that the plane her husband had intended travelling on had been sabotaged.

Mrs. Wolpe's two eldest children, Peta, 6, and Tessa, 5, are still bewildered by the fantastic turn of events in their father's life.

They do not understand why he was "sent to prison" in the first place.

Their father's subsequent escape has confused them further.

When Mrs. Wolpe told them that their father was "free from the South African Police and safe in Bechuanaland" the two little girls burst into tears and asked: "If daddy is free, why can't he come home to us?"

Mrs. Wolpe was still trying to explain to her children when the telephone rang. The operator told her that her husband was calling from Francistown.

During his six-minute call, he blew kisses to his two daughters.

● During my interview with Mrs. Wolpe, I met her sister-in-law, Mrs. Barbara Kantor, whose lawyer husband, James, has been detained under the 90-day clause.

Mrs. Kantor also has problems regarding her children, Brett, 5, and Earl, 3.

They cannot understand why their father (by adoption) was



The scene at the Wolpe home in Johannesburg on Wednesday night, shortly before HAROLD WOLPE telephoned his wife ANNE MARIE and his two daughters, PETA and TESSA (right). The photograph was taken when Mrs. Wolpe was talking to friends, who were discussing her husband's escape.

"taken away by the police" on August 21.

In an endeavour to take their minds off the subject, Mrs. Kantor has now sent the two boys to live in Bloemfontein with their grandfather, Mr. W. Bramley.

● Yet another mother with problems is Mrs. Ann Ezra, of Walmer Street, Sydenham.

Her children, Gershon, 14, Lee 11, and Robert, 8, are also asking questions.

They want to know why their father, 38-year-old Vivian Ezra, fled to Tanganyika, via Bechuanaland, last week.

Mrs. Ezra told me on Friday "I am stumped by the children's questions because I really do not know the answers myself."

Tension breaks

as escapers

leave jail

From ALLISTER SPARKS

FRANCISTOWN.—Tension yesterday went out of Francistown, a town of burning heat and boredom — and which is part of the reason why Arthur Goldreich and Harold Wolpe, the Marshall Square escapers, had to seek refuge in jail.

The intense excitement aroused locally by their sudden appearance a week ago and the subsequent burning of their refugee aircraft is beginning to dwindle.

The two men spent most of the day outside the jail playing cricket with friends.

In the afternoon Wolpe paid a brief visit to a nearby soccer field where a team of local policemen were playing against a side chosen from the large corps of world Pressmen.

Goldreich and Wolpe both telephoned Johannesburg yesterday for news of their families. They were also notified that they would receive a telephone call from Dar-es-Salaam tomorrow morning.

TWO BARS

Their dramatic arrival aroused intense excitement among people who have only a Saturday cinema, a club and two bars to lend gaiety to their lives.

But sudden excitement breaking in on the small town's boredom is only part of the story. The rest is the fact that this is really a South African town.

In the first place there is the huge Witwatersrand Native Labour Association, which owns the airfield and a fleet of Dakotas for ferrying Africans to the Rand mines.

In the second place the whole area, known as the Tati Concession Area, has been owned since 1895 by the Tati Company, an enterprise now controlled by the Glaser Brothers of Johannesburg.

The large number of South Africans associated with these concerns have a strong patriotism.

There is also a certain Wild West atmosphere which goes with Francistown's mining camp tradition. This is the oldest goldfield in South Africa and the Protectorate—mining began here in 1868—and today, with the mines defunct, Francistown virtually lives off the mines of the Witwatersrand.

ADVENTURERS

Its early history is a story of intrepid adventurers. One was a New Zealander named Daniel Francis, who obtained concessions over the area from the Matabele king, Lobengula, for an annual rental of £50 and down payment of "two cases of special beads, one salted mare, one salted stallion and an extra large tobacco pipe costing £2."

After the Matabele War his company became Tati Concessions Limited — forerunner of the present owners, the Glaser Brothers. Thus Goldreich and Wolpe chose to flee what is really territory owned by South Africans.

Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth Abrahams were last night still making their way by road towards Francistown. One of the doctor's first visits will be to Goldreich and Wolpe. He has not met the two escapers, but may fly to Dar-es-Salaam with them.

CRISIS FOR ESCAPERS: RELIEF PLANE RECALLED

From ALLISTER SPARKS

FRANCISTOWN.—Gloom and despondency settled over the Francistown jail yesterday afternoon when Arthur Goldreich and Harold Wolpe, the Marshall Square escapers, were told that the Dakota flight which would have taken them to Dar-es-Salaam had been cancelled.

The East African Airways aircraft, sent to replace the one which had burnt out mysteriously on Thursday, was suddenly diverted a few hours after take-off. It was ordered to land at Mbeya, 30 miles north of the Tanganyika border, to await further instructions.

SLEPT OUTSIDE

I understand it returned to Dar-es-Salaam later.

Goldreich and Wolpe, still under police protection in the Francistown jail with Ismael Bhana, were visibly shaken when they heard the news. The old nervous expression and signs of tension returned to their faces.

They did not say whether they had any other plans to leave Bechuanaland, although they had been offered a flight to Mbeya in a twin-engine Apache aircraft for R1,200.

The two fugitives, who entered jail on Thursday night after telling police they feared assassination, yesterday morning looked relaxed for the first time since their arrival. They chose to sleep under the stars in a walled courtyard adjoining their cell.

SHORTLIVED

During the day their cheerfulness increased when they were told that Dr. Kenneth Abrahams

was to be released and returned to Bechuanaland.

But it was shortlived.

Mr. P. Steenkamp, District Commissioner, gave the first news of the relief flight's cancellation to the Press. He said he was embarrassed by having to accommodate the men in the jail, but would use his discretion about the alleged threat to their lives.

Bhana, the Johannesburg Indian who is with the two escapers, said they would like to stay in the jail as long as possible. They were trying to get in touch with Dar-es-Salaam to ask what could be done for them.

During the afternoon the men had a long visit from Mrs. Abrahams. Later a three-course meal was sent from the hotel where they had been staying.

AIRPORT CLOSED

Francistown airfield was closed yesterday afternoon for the second time since the E.A.A. Dakota was burnt. Two chartered aircraft, both from Johannesburg, were refused permission to land, and I understand landing rights will be granted only on Bechuanaland Government request.

Behind a thick security cordon an explosives expert who flew in yesterday from Northern Rhodesia examined the wreckage of the burnt-out aircraft. He is Colonel S. Person, who conducted the investigation into the crash in which Mr. Dag Hammarskjöld died in 1961.

He was accompanied by Deputy Superintendent John King, of the Bechuanaland police, who said the fire in the Dakota had started with an explosion. There were indications that this explosion took place inside the aircraft.

He said the fugitives' fear for their lives was partly justified, but he believed the threat was from local Whites and not from South Africans. There was no evidence of any plans to kidnap the two men.

RELUCTANT

If Goldreich and Wolpe decide to fly out in the Bechuanaland Safaris Apache, they will probably take off either from Palapye, 10 miles south of Francistown, or from Kasane on the Chobe River in the extreme north.

It is unlikely that the plan would be allowed to land in Francistown. But, with a heavy reward offered by the South African Police for their recapture the men may be reluctant to entrust themselves to a chartered pilot.

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CHEMIST AND HIS SERVANT HELD

By GORDON WINTER

POLICE BELIEVE THAT THEY HAVE FOUND THE HIDEOUT USED ON THE RAND BY ARTHUR GOLDREICH AND HAROLD WOLPE BEFORE THEY FLED TO THE PROTECTORATES.

They have detained for questioning a Johannesburg chemist, Mr. Leon Kreel, aged 28, of Terrace Road, Mountain View, and his Native servant, Eva.

At their R12,000 home yesterday afternoon, Mrs. Maureen Kreel, 27, told me that her husband had been taken away by the police after a raid on their house at 11 p.m. on Friday.

She added: "I really don't know what it is all about. When the police told my husband to collect spare clothes, as he was being detained, they insinuated that he had har-

boured Goldreich and Wolpe after their escape from the Marshall Square police cells, and that he had helped them in other ways as well."

Mr. and Mrs. Kreel were married five years ago. They have two daughters, Fleur, aged three, and Nickie, aged 10 months.

Mrs. Kreel took a basket of food to Marshall Square yesterday for her husband and their servant, Eva, who is also being detained there.

The Kreel home is situated on the Mountain View ridge overlooking the north-eastern suburbs.

It is modern, with large picture windows, and neatly furnished. The grounds are spacious and the house cannot be seen from the street.

A senior Security Branch officer declined to comment when I interviewed him at Police headquarters in Pretoria yesterday.

But he confirmed that Mr. Kreel and his servant had been detained in connection with the Goldreich-Wolpe affair.

Goldreich and Wolpe escaped from custody on August 11.

They are still in Francistown, waiting for a plane to take them to Tanganyika.

● Goldreich and Wolpe pictures (see Page 11).



Yesterday's picture of MRS. MAUREEN KREEL, in the garden of her R12,000 home in Mountain View, Johannesburg. She is holding her 10-month-old daughter, Nickie.



The secluded country house, about 14 miles north of Johannesburg, which was raided by security police shortly after the raid on Goldreich's Rivonia house. The house was bought by a man arrested during the Rivonia raid. Documents found in the house suggested a connection between the two houses.

'BLACK CLOTH' TAKEN

RAID ON COTTAGE

Chemist and maid held by police

By a Staff Reporter

BLACK CLOTH of the kind used to make dark outfits was among many items removed by police in their week-end search of the home of Mr. Louis Kreeel in Terrace Road, Mountain View.

Mr. Kreeel, a 28-year-old Johannesburg chemist, was arrested by the police late on Friday night.

He is being detained under the 90-day clause of the General Law Amendment Act.

His maidservant, Eva, was also detained.

The police also removed all furniture, including a refrigerator, and various clothing, from the self-contained cottage a few yards from the Kreeel's modern house.

SUSPICION

Mr. Kreeel is believed to have been taken for questioning following the Arthur Goldreich and Harold Wolpe flight to the protectorates.

But the Security Branch in Johannesburg would make no comment or give no clue as to the reason for their latest arrest.

Mrs. Maureen Kreeel, the detainees' wife, said on Saturday that the police "insinuated" that her husband had helped the escapers.

COTTAGE BARE

The cottage was completely bare today, except for a small stove. The building consists of a living room, a kitchen alcove containing a sink, and a bathroom and toilet.

Neither the buildings nor the grounds can be seen from the road, which is a *cul-de-sac*.

Occupants of the cottage could be seen only from the front. View of the cottage is completely blocked off from the neighbours.

Behind the buildings is the mountain.

CHILDREN

Mrs. Kreeel was at work today and would not make any comment about her husband's detention. She refused to say whether she has been able to communicate with him.

Her two daughters, Fleur, aged three, and Nickie, 10 months, were away from home, being looked after by friends. Mrs. Kreeel has a morning job.

Outhouse

believed

used by

fugitives

Staff Reporter

DID Arthur Goldreich and Harold Wolpe hide in an outhouse in Terrace Road, Mountainview, Johannesburg, after their escape from Marshall Square last month?

And did Wolpe visit his home in Fairwood only four blocks away?

Police suspect this after the detention last Friday night of a 28-year-old chemist, Leon Kreeel. The police were tipped off about the outhouse. Mr. Kreeel's African servant, Eva, was also arrested.

The police discovered clothing and documents in the outhouse, which is behind Mr. Kreeel's R12,000 house.

SIMILARITIES

Police have not yet decided whether this was the only hideout used by the two men during the 17 days they were free before they escaped to Swaziland dressed as priests.

There are similarities between the house in Mountainview and the house in Rivonia where Goldreich and Wolpe were arrested.

Kreeel was unknown to the police. Police have evidence that at least one of the men detained in the Rivonia raid, Dennis Goldberg, of Cape Town, had been staying at the outhouse in Mountainview at the time of his arrest in Rivonia.

It is also suspected that Walter Sisulu, who was using the Rivonia hideout at the time of his arrest, may have used the outhouse in Mountainview from time to time as well. Nelson Mandela, who is now known to have used the Rivonia hideout, may also have been in Terrace Road.

DRY-CLEANING CODE PUZZLES SECURITY MEN

SECURITY POLICE at The Grays in Johannesburg are puzzled by certain dry-cleaning code numbers they have found on clothes taken from an outhouse in the garden of a Mountainview, Johannesburg, home.

The house belongs to the 28-year-old pharmacist, Leon Kreeel, who was detained, with the family maid, Eva, on Friday under the 90-day clause of the General Law Amendment Act. The clothing they took bore the numbers: CW794; CW2796; P92212.

So far the detectives have been unable to trace any firm using these numbers. They hope that once they discover the name of the firm they will be able to establish the identity of the owners of

the clothing.

Their inquiries are connected with investigations into the escape of detainees from Marshall Square cells last month.

The Security men would appreciate any information on the identity of any dry-cleaning firm using the code numbers found on the clothing. People can telephone the police at Johannesburg 23-3610 or 22-5648.

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