

RE: BASUTOLAND

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The Basutoland Govt's Special Branch learnt, from an informer, that Leballo was sending his secretary across the border into SA to post orders to Poqo cells about the planned attacks on Whites.

The Special Branch head consulted the ^{Commissioner} "Sandy" Giles, and Giles approved the information being passed to South African Security. This was done and the secretary was arrested when the bus in which she was travelling crossed the border into SA.

The Basutoland Special Branch information was that Poqo also planned to attack Whites in Basutoland. This plan was entirely Poqo's and had no connection with any ~~Basutoland~~ Basutoland organisations.

After ~~tiping~~ the tip-off to SA, which was done by the Special Branch head, Ben Sand (Sands?) Giles advised the UK Govt of what he had done. There were seemingly no repercussions. Basutoland passed on the information because it had full knowledge of what Poqo was planning to do. When ~~it~~ SA was contacted it was clear to the Basutoland authorities that the SA Police had no idea of the ramifications of the Poqo plans.

While it is not clear whether Leballo was actually tipped off to get out of Maseru, it is beyond doubt that the hunt for him, once he had escaped and was in hiding, was not pursued with full vigour. This was because his capture would have proved an embarrassment to the Basutoland Govt. (presumably there would have been great pressure from SA for him to be handed over). He was eventually, through ~~British~~ British assistance, enabled to go to Tanzania.

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