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MR. Sase Marinedul, been sworn states as follows:*

Counsel: Your name is?

Witness: Sase Marinedul.

Counsel: And you live at?

Witness: At 54 Belvoir ^{Spur}, East Coast Demerara.

Counsel: You are also the president of the British Guiana Naha Sabha.

WITNESS: Yes Sir.

Counsel: Can you say what measure of assistance was given to your organisation to the evacuees in the disturbances at Wickham?

Witness: On the date of the arrival of the R.H. Carr from Newa and MacKenzie area my organisation met these evacuees. On arrival the Red Cross was present and provided them with light refreshments. My organisation then took them by all sorts of conveyance to a building at the Industrial site, and there they were provided with food clothes and bags to sleep on for about 10 to 14 days. During this period of time we fed them and along with assistance of aid given to us by people, and we were able to provide homes for the entire set of evacuees through our various branches, spread throughout the colony of British Guiana. There were some people who had relatives and preferred to go to them. In collaboration with Demba we were also able to receive stores and supplies from some of them to some of the evacuees. This operation took 3 or 4 weeks with the assistance the Salvation Army which also distributed aid. Apart from all these my organisation also made representations to Demba concerning the employment and rehabilitation of some of the employees. Clothing and food were also received from our organisation and from the Red Cross Society and this was distributed from the Headquarters of our organisation known as the Ashraf in Panama Street. Through voluntary services we also provided medical attendance to some of them who claimed they were beaten and assaulted. The organisation also provided books to children and assisted in paying fees to school. On some occasions we also attempted to

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give advice and comfort in some measure to those who came to us.
That is, ^{the} sort of assistance we were able to render to the evacuees.

Mr. SHEPHERD: In your case has your organisation written ^{a state ment. of}
^{the Comm'n's}

WITNESS: We submitted a memorandum.

Mr. Shepherd: ^{Can} Did you ^{tell me the} put the date.

Counsel: It is signed by the secretary of the organisation.

Mr. Shepherd: "Were there any other Organisation assisting in the rescuing ~~of~~ evacuees in the form of food and clothing?"

Witness: The Red Cross and Muslim Organisation gave food. ^{D. D.} gave \$5,000 and ~~able~~ the people of the Salvation Army ~~gave~~ \$500 for the packing of belongings that were salvaged; the Christian Social Counsel gave \$500.

Mr. Shepherd: ^{Was} Were there any united assistance given?

Witness: ^{Was} There ~~was~~ assistance given.

Counsel: ^{When} About how many people were assisted ~~by the Red Cross?~~

Witness: About 2,500 including children.

Mr. Shepherd: ^{When} How did they appear to you?

Witness: They were packed like sardine, their conditions were pitiable, some had tattered clothing and they expressed considerable fear to have the Volunteer and police protection to take them to the Industrial site.

Mr. Shepherd: ^{When} Did they say why?

Witness: Many of them said they were raped and their houses ~~burnt~~ and the police and volunteers stood by without giving any assistance.

Chairman: Do you have an estimate of the amount of money expended by your organisation?

Witness: About \$30,000.

Chairman: Would you say if all the families were settled as far as your organisation is aware?

Witness: They were only temporarily provided for. Some ~~had~~ had given them a certain amount of time because they were over-crowded, and after that the Government formed a committee to solve this problem.

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Mr. Shepherd: What was the nature of the cause given for not wanting the police and Volunteers' protection?

Witness: "Sir, it was ^{first} said that ^{they did not want} only the Volunteers or police protection".

Mr. Shepherd: When the ship landed were the Police and Volunteers all Africans.

Witness: Many Africans.

Mr. Shepherd: I put it to you that many Africans were waiting to welcome them at the gang way.

Witness: What they said was, they did not wish to have the Volunteer and Police escort them. I think those statements were made in the presence of Supt. Mc Gill Smith. They refused to come off the ship and after much coaxing they decided to go.

Mr. Shepherd: It was a natural reaction for people who have been beaten. It was not due to reaction of the Government but a racial reaction. Was that the impression you formed?

Witness: Yes.

Shepherd: Could you say the name of any one who was present?

Witness: I think the leader was a man name Harry Seegobin.

Dr. Drayton: Were there any africans among the welcoming party that met the R.H. Carr other than the Volunteer and Police?

Witness: They were some Africans belonging to the Red Cross.

Dr. Drayton: What was the reaction of the people towards these Africans in Red Cross uniform?

Witness: They didn't wish to accept what was offered to them.

Dr. Drayton: So that you confirm that this was a racial feeling.

Witness: (My impression is Sir, that they had a natural feeling ^{against} ~~towards their fellow~~ Africans).

Dr. Drayton: Were there any africians in the Red Cross assisting these Indians people ^{in making} ~~ask~~ them comfortable ^{at the board}?

Witness: As time went on one or two were there.

Dr. Drayton: How was their reaction to this.

Witness: No indifferent reactions. ^{They were accepted}

Dr. Drayton: Thank you Mr. Narain.

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Witness: ~~Yes sir.~~

Mr. Shepherd: There were no indifferent reactions?

Witness: There were no signs of animosity.

Mr. Shepherd: At that stage.

Witness: No sir.

Chairman: Thank you Mr. Naraine.

Witness: ~~Can I leave now? Thank you?~~

Dr. Shymal Mitra duly sworn states as follows:-

Chairman: ~~Your first name please.~~

Witness: ~~My name is Shymal Mitra.~~

Mr. Ramsaroop: Doctor, you ~~were~~ ^{are attached} attached to the Georgetown Public Hospital?

Witness: Yes.

Mr. Ramsaroop: In this year, May 1964, you were also attached to this hospital?

Witness: Yes sir.

Mr. Ramsaroop: On the 27th May 1964, did you see one Doris ^KKuldip?

Witness: She was admitted at 3.45 p.m. because she had a four day old baby and was bleeding when I saw her. She had no where to stay so I gave her accommodation in my ward.

Mr. Ramsaroop: In your ward What was her condition?

Witness: Her general condition was quite good.

Mr. Ramsaroop: Did you see on the 27th May, 1964 also one Paul?

Witness: "That is the baby"

Mr. Ramsaroop: Doctor before you saw Doris ^KKuldip where did she come from?

Witness: Wisnar.

Mr. Ramsaroop: How old was she?

Witness: Twenty five years of age?

Chairman: Yes.

Mr. Ramsaroop: And Paul ^{on} ~~at~~ the 27th May at 3.47 p.m. was ~~how~~ ^{how} old

Witness: "Four days old?"

Witness: Yes.

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~~Mr. Ransaroop:~~ You have any record of this?

Witness: Yes Sir.

~~Counsel.~~

~~Chairman:~~ Did you have a record of Baby Paul?

Witness: ~~Yes~~ ^{No} Sir.

~~Mr. Ransaroop:~~

What about a girl Liloutie? Did you examine her?

Witness: On the 27th at 3.48 p.m., she was admitted to the Georgetown Hospital. She came from Wismar, and had a fourteen day's old baby?

~~Counsel.~~

~~Mr. Ransaroop:~~ What was her condition?

Witness: Her condition was good, there were no injuries.

~~Counsel.~~

~~Mr. Ransaroop:~~ Did you examine any of these persons?

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Witness: I saw one ~~Liloutie Ransaroop~~ on the 20th May, 1964, she was in the Surgical ward.

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~~Mr. Ransaroop:~~ Dr. Rahaman stated that he carried out superficial examination and you carried out detailed examination.

Witness: Most of the people I examined had injuries on the right side of the fore arm and bleeding at the joints.

Witness: There was an abrasion ^{round} the neck. On the left side of the ^{and} *Jaki.*

~~Virginia~~ ^{*Virginia and.*} an abrasion on the right forearm, and there was a ruptured ^{*and*} *Hymen* and bleeding at that time. There was laceration on the Posterior wall, of the Vagina. The uterus was bleeding and we give her some antitetanus serum. I did ^{*and*} *and e.* on the 4th June 1964 and she was discharged on the 6th June. *1964*

Counsel: Dr, you have records of other persons seen by you who were admitted and examined?

Witness: The other person's name is Doreen Sookram, she is 15 years old. She comes from Silvertown Wismar, and she was admitted on the 26th May 1964 at 2.55 p.m. She was admitted in the surgical ward and she was treated at first by the surgeons ~~and out surgeons~~ in that ward. On the 3rd June when I examined her there was tear on the posterior vaginal wall and there was some bleeding. The hymen was perforated. Although there was no serious injury at that time, there were signs of recent bleeding there, so I presumed, ~~it~~ ^{*it*} must have been bleeding for a few days. There was some slight uterine /bleeding

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bleeding so I decided to carry out a *D.N.C.* operation. I carried out it on the 4th June, and she was discharged on the 7th June.

Counsel: Well, are these all ^{*the*} cases that you have seen?

Witness: Yes.

Counsel: That would be all.

Witness: Doctor, can you tell us if the posterior wall within the vaginal cavity was damaged? Can you tell us where it is situated?

Witness: It is back towards the rectum.

Witness: ^{*Khan*} Can you say how such lacerations can be caused?

Witness: Through intercourse.

Mr. H.Khan: Normal intercourse?

Witness: Normal intercourse in cases where the male organ might be too large for the person and it can cause laceration.

Mr. Khan: And can you say if there will be any effects if it is not treated immediately.

Witness: If it is big it can cause a large amount of bleeding, and in that case we have got to stitch it, if the laceration is small you treat it and it stops by itself.

Mr. Khan: If this laceration is caused by foreign bodies would it be dangerous?

Witness: It would be dangerous.

Mr. Khan: If foreign bodies are being used it can have serious laceration? Can you say what is the effects of this?

Witness: It might introduce some infection caused from tetanus.

Mr. Khan: So ~~how~~ ^{*would would be*} were the effects on parts ^{*used*} the pelvis previously? ^{*if some foreign body was used.*}

Witness: In the case of rupture of the hymen it is dangerous.

Mr. Khan: Can you tell us the danger?

Witness: It might be a puncture of the posterior wall and ^{*she might die from*} ~~she~~ shock _{*7*}

Mr. Khan: Can you say that immediate treatment is required in such a case?

Witness: Yes sir.

Mr. Khan: And can you say that this rupture can be due to rape?

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Witness: Yes Sir.

Mr. Khan: Because of the course being used? *force.*

Witness: Yes.

Mr. Khan: Can you say that in a woman just 6 or 7 month pregnant can abortion be caused by rough intercourse?

Witness: Yes Sir.

Mr. Khan: And in the case of a young girl or Miss Ramrattie Persaud

or the girl of 15 years? Would that cause a psychological defect on their later life ~~as alleged.~~ *having a baby in future.* What of the ~~baby~~ *and of her relations with her husband.* *and this may not cause fertility.*

Witness: She had a light surgical operation ~~although she was married~~ *although she was married* and had experience. In the circumstances the girl had to go through this serious psychological ~~experience~~ *and a medical operation because* she was young.

Mr Khan: It is ~~a~~ *this* tearing of the wall ~~and this suggests~~ *does* that something must have been used.

Witness: It seems to be so, other wise it is not likely to be caused by ~~the~~ *force* from ~~rough intercourse~~ *to*

Mr H. Khan: And Doctor, if there is any treatment there will be evidence of such treatment after a few hours. On the examination when she has been admitted would there be any evidence of such treatment.

Witness: It was prior to mine and there has no such evidence. *when I saw it*

Prof. Drayton: The opinion has been expressed ~~out~~ *about* of the laceration in the cases of Ramrattie Persaud and Doreen Singh. *Sook Ram* Could these have been caused by foreign bodies.

Witness: I don't think that is ~~important~~ *concluded* as it could be caused by rape.

Prof. Drayton: Does this mean that the laceration would be caused by foreign bodies rather than the male organ?

Witness: ~~Some were foreign ones.~~ *I could have been foreign bodies* Some male organs cause this type of laceration because the lady was afraid.

Prof. Drayton: ~~It is this which that you suspect~~ *But would you agree that* that is it impossible to have this development, from ordinary rape?

Witness: *no not* Not only in the ~~vagina~~ *vagina* there ~~was~~ *might be* injury, but there was ~~might be~~ *might be* inside injury. *other*

Prof. Drayton: I thank you.

/ Mrs. Nootoo:

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Mrs Mootoo: Doctor you haven't told us anything about Liloutie's baby.

Witness: She was in the medical ward and she was attended to and discharged.

Mr. Mootoo: "Did the child ^{have} had any injuries".

Witness: I would not know.

Mrs. Mootoo: Can you also give us the time when Ramartie Persaud was admitted in the Ward.

Witness: About 2.15 p.m. on the 20th.

Mrs. Mootoo: Thank you.

Counsel: Before you go Doctor can you submit the charge to the commission.

John Jagdat duly sworn states as follows:-

Counsel: Your name is John Jagdat?

Witness: Yes.

Counsel: What is your occupation?

Witness: Supernumerary Constable.

Counsel: Attached where?

Witness: At the Demerara Bauxite Company.

Counsel: What is your present Address?

Witness: Lot 49 Stanleytown Berbice.

Counsel: Now on the Monday 25th May, this year about 8.30 you were in company with one Chee-a-tow and Mr. Farnum and went to Court with the Demba Launch, Hawk.

Witness: Yes.

Counsel: The court was adjourned at 11 a.m. and you left with the launch for Lunch toward MacKenzie.

Witness: Yes.

Counsel: Are you the owner of a house at MacKenzie area.

Witness: No.

Counsel: On your way to MacKenzie hospital you saw three men in the river, 2 of them in a canoe and one was hanging over board calling for help.

Witness: Yes.

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Counsel: You told Mr. Chee-a-tow and told him about it that the men were calling help. He told you to go back.

Witness: Yes, he was driving the launch.

Counsel: When you reach there Mr. Farnum held out his hand and pulled a man aboard the launch.

Witness: Yes.

Counsel: a man then told you that he was going for one of his children who attended the Mackenzie High School and a negro man had beaten him with sticks, and he had to jump over board to save his life.

Witness: Yes.

Counsel: Do you know the name of this man.

Witness: No.

Counsel: He told you that the negroes were killing all the Indians and burning their houses.

Witness: Yes sir.

Counsel: And as you were passing at the Wismar area you saw about one dozen houses on fire and you saw people running all over the place trying to save their lives. Can you say what these people were about to do?

Witness: They were running towards the river.

Counsel: Could you say who these people were who were beating the Indians

Witness: Negroes.

Counsel: You saw that some of the people were members of the Police and Volunteer Force, and they were not doing anything.

Witness: Yes sir.

Counsel: You further said that you saw members of the Volunteer force Police force and members of the Demba Constabulary carrying looted stuff.

Witness: Yes sir.

Mr. Shepherd: At what time did you see the Volunteers and Police men carrying looted stuff?

Witness: Around 6 o'clock, on Monday afternoon.

Mr. Shepherd: And where were they carrying the looted stuff?

Witness: They were taking it from one person and handing it to another.

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Mr. Shepherd: What other person?

Witness: May be their relatives.

Mr. Shepherd: Did it ever occur to you that it was part of their duty to take the stuff from looting and send it to the Police Station?

Witness: I saw one of the members of the Demba Constabulary with looted stuff under his rain-coat and taking it to his home.

Mr. Shepherd: Could you give us his name?

Witness: Clinton Blair. S.C. 96. #

Mr. Shepherd: Let us have the names of any Volunteer you saw with looted goods.

Witness: B. King.

Mr. Shepherd: Where does he work?

Witness: He works with Contractors.

Mr. Shepherd: Where is he living?

Witness: At Wismar, Silvertown.

Mr. Shepherd: What was he ^{talk} talking?

Witness: He received suitings.

Mr. Shepherd: What did he do with it?

Witness: He gave it to a negro boy about 10 to 12.

Mr. Shepherd: Could you identify the negro boy?

Witness: Yes sir.

Mr. Shepherd: Could you remember the name of other volunteers?

Witness: No sir.

Mr. Shepherd: Would you recognize them?

Witness: Yes.

Mr. Shepherd: What about the Police?

Witness: The policemen were a good way from me when I saw them with the looted stuff.

Mr. Shepherd: How far away?

Witness: About 400 yards. The place was getting dusky.

Mr. Carter: You are still a member of the Demba Constabulary?

Witness: Yes. No. 139.

Mr. Carter: Am I right to say that there are East Indians of the Demba Constabulary?

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Witness: They are there now.

Mr. Carter: Did they leave the Constabulary?

Witness: No.

Mr. Carter: Did you ever leave your job at any time during the disturbances?

Witness: No sir.

Mr. Carter: Did any Indians leave their job as a result of the disturbances?

Witness: Yes two.

Mr. Carter: This Mr. Clifton Balir, when was it you saw him?

Witness: Well he went several other times over the 25th.

Mr. Carter: And what time was this?

Witness: Between 5 to 6. p.m.

Mr. Carter: In the afternoon.

Witness: Yes.

Mr. Carter: On the Wismar Side?

Witness: Yes sir.

Mr. Carter: He made several trips from the Mackenzie to the Wismar Side on that day?

Witness: As I was standing with some women at the Constabulary door?

Mr. Carter: He had a rain coat over him.

Witness: Yes I saw him two times and saw something under his rain coat.

Mr. Carter: You assume he had looted goods.

Witness: It looked bulky.

Mr. Carter: What was the nature of these goods?

Witness: It looked bulky.

Mr. Carter: What was the nature of the goods?

Witness: No I could not have seen.

Mr. Carter: He looked bulky as if he was pregnant?

Witness: Well what I am telling you is facts?

Mr. Carter: But you were in plain clothes?

Witness: Yes.

Mr. Carter: To whom did you report this? To Mr. Langham?

Witness: Yes sir I told him personally.

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Mr. Carter: When did you speak to him?

Witness: Three days., after.

Mr. Carter: Was this about Wednesday or Thursday?

Witness: Yes sir.

Mr. Carter: Where did you see him?

Witness: I met him by ^{Shiv Kharg} ~~Bissoon's~~ Store at Wismar.

Mr. Khan: Previously ^{to} on the 25th do you know of any incident? on the Wismar Side?

Witness: On the 23rd I was on duty on the Wismar side in Plain Clothes.

Mr. Khan: Yes continue?

Witness: When passing Wismar Market I saw Mr. Robert Jordan about to pass in. I heard him telling the negro women that they kill you all family at Buxton and what you all are going to do about it.

Mr. Khan: Was this Saturday 23rd May from about 5 to 6?

Witness: That was Saturday the 23rd between 5 to 6 p.m.

Mr. Khan: Did you see him on the 24th May?

Witness: He went up the very Sunday?

Mr. Khan: Was it raining? ^{When you saw Blain with the...}

Witness: Yes sir.

Mr. Khan: How long you have been at Mackenzie?

Witness: About eight years Sir.

Mr. Khan: Did you know if there were any Indian Policemen stationed at Mckenzie?

Witness: About 4 to 5 B.^U. Policemen.

Mr. Khan: They were with Mr. Hobbs. Were they there at the time? could you remember any of their names?

Witness: Yes sir.

Mr. Khan: Yes.

Witness: We have constable Mangroo, Constable Beharry, Constable Mangra, and Constable Singh.

Mr. Khan: Do you remember their numbers?

Witness: ^{the} Do you remember seeing any Indian Policeman at the Wismar Police Station.

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Witness: I don't think so.

Mr. Khan: Was Coporal Lall at Mackenzie?

Witness: Yes he was at Mackenzie.

Mr. Khan: At Wismar ^{did you see any Indian} were there any policeman on the 25th May partolling?

Witness: No sir they were inside the Police Station.

Mr. Khan: Mr Jagdat were they armed inside the Police Station?

Witness: They were inside sir, I would not know.

Chairman: Inside where?

Witness: The Police Station?

Dr. Drayton: Where were you when you saw the Volunteer accepting looted goods?

Witness: I was near Choo Kang's Store in Mckenzie.

Dr. Drayton: And this Volunteer was doing what?

Witness: Well before he crossed I saw when he gave this boy some of the loot.

Dr. Drayton: Did this Volunteer have anything in his possession as looted goods?

Witness: Yes.

Dr. Drayton: What time was that?

Witness: Between 5 and 6.

Dr. Drayton: Between 5 to 6 you were keeping duty on the Demba Side near the Stelling. ^{where} Did you see Volunteer King?

Witness: By Bissoon's Store.

Dr. Drayton: Where did you see the Volunteer going?

Witness: Opposite Bissoon's store.

Dr. Drayton: Where is Bissoon's store?

Witness: Straight across the river.

Dr. Drayton: So you were looking from the Demba side across to Wismar and you saw the volunteer going there and receiving goods from the Negroe man?

Witness: Yes sir.

Prof. Drayton: When he got into a boat was he alone?

Witness: No several other volunteers were in uniform.

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Prof. Drayton: And they crossed over the Demba side. What did they do? What was your duty on that day?

Witness: My job was to check the Demba property, check any squatters I was supposed to see that Demba land was clear.

Prof. Drayton: ^{What} When did you see a volunteer go over?

Witness: He didn't bring it over. He handed it to a person on the Wismar side and then he boarded the boat and came over.

Prof. Drayton: Did you see him receiving any looted goods on any occasion?

Witness: No.

Prof. Drayton: When was it that you saw Clinton Blair? Where was he?

Witness: I saw him twice passing over from Wismar to Mackenzie.

Prof. Drayton: Was he in uniform?

Witness: No sir.

Prof. Drayton: And you say you saw him with shirts.

Witness: When I saw these shirts I knew it was shirts because he had them in his ^{coat} shirt and his ^{coat} shirt was looking bulky.

Prof. Drayton: Did you challenge him?

Witness: No sir, his ^{coat} shirts was not well buttoned and I could have seen through his ^{coat} shirt.

Prof. Drayton: I am interested in this point a member of the Constabulary at Demba didn't you consider it your duty to report about the shirts within a matter of hours to Mr. Langham; that you had seen a member of the constabulary looting?

Witness: Mr. Langham was too busy.

Prof. Drayton: Who was your superior officer?

Witness: Inspector Young.

Prof. Drayton: Is it customary when you have done a period of duty to come back to your headquarters?

Witness: Yes. But I did not work on shift I work anytime.

Prof. Drayton: Did you report that incident about Clinton Blair looting when you got back?

Witness: When you report these things it is left right there. They ^{don't take it anywhere} /were....

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don't take it anywhere.

Prof. Drayton: Can you tell me one case, on one occasion, when you made a similar report, and it was not taken up?

Witness: Yes, I wrote and I have a duplicate copy about people stealing chickens on the farm, and I mentioned the names and it was not taken up by Mr. Langham. Then I told Mr. Langham that I saw it on Inspector Young's desk. I believe it didn't go anywhere. It is still there. I asked Mr. Langham, and he asked Mr. Young why didn't he take the report up and since then Inspector got feelings against me.

Prof. Drayton: Is there an official report to Mr. Langham about the stealing of chickens?

Witness: Yes sir.

Prof. Drayton: What date was this?

Witness: This year.

Prof. Drayton: About how long have you known Clinton Blair?

Witness: About 7 months.

Prof. Drayton: Did you go over to Wismar side at anytime during the 25th?

Witness: No, ~~It was~~ ^{I was} at Christianburgh magistrate Court and after lunch I came by the lanch and I passed by the river and saw everything.

Prof. Drayton: How far were you from the crowd of Indians whom you saw running away and were being beaten?

Witness: About 3 or 4 rods.

Prof. Drayton: And you saw any volunteers around?

Witness: Yes.

Prof. Drayton: How many of them were there?

Witness: Two

Prof. Drayton: Thank you.

Rev. MacDonald: In the statement which you just mentioned did you report on the incident at Wismar market on the 23rd?

Witness: No sir.

Rev. Mc Donald: Can you tell me what was your duty at Wismar side?

Witness: Well, my duty is to see that no squatters come on the Denba

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railway road.

Rev. McDonald: Could you explain a little more?

Witness: Well, they are expected to build a new railway road and no squatters are supposed to come and build houses.

Rev. McDonald: This is a proposed railway line on Wismar side?

Witness: Yes.

Rev. McDonald: This statement you heard from Mr. Jordan, you agreed that it is extremely serious thing for a man to say?

Witness: Yes.

Rev. McDonald: Did you report it to anyone?

Witness: No, if you tell my officer anything he would leave it right there.

Rev. McDonald: What if you told Supt., Hobbs about it?

Witness: Well, I made a statement, I was to send it to the Ministry of Home Affairs and it is still there.

Rev. McDonald: I am talking about 23rd; you did not tell Mr

Young; You did not tell Mr. Hobbs because it wasn't important but you did not tell it to any member of the constabulary.

Witness: No, I told one Lalta Paul's daughter-in-law what I heard. She said that the place was insured and she did not card.

Rev. McDonald: You know her? You saw her?

Witness: Yes.

Rev. McDonald: ~~You know if she is a stranger?~~

Mrs. Mootoo: Did you say you saw Indians being Beaten, and did you say that you saw police and volunteers standing around?

Witness: That was on the 25th.

Mrs. Mootoo: Was it the day when you were coming back on the boat?

Witness: Yes.

Mrs. Mootoo: So Mr. Chee-a-Tow and Mr. Gilbert Farnum would have seen the volunteers standing by and did not rescue the Indians?

Did they make any comments,

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WITNESS: "The lawyer said that all the houses were in flames and it looked as if there would be riot in the area. And I said more than riot; look the people being beaten." *was and the police and volunteers were standing by not doing anything*

MRS. MOTOO: You saw a number of Demba Constables and volunteers on that day in Wismar and McKenzie side, and you continued your normal routine duties?

WITNESS: yes.

MRS. MOTOO: At any time during the disturbances were asked to do any other duties in McKenzie?

WITNESS: On occasion.

MRS. MOTOO: Why did you leave?

WITNESS: Owing to threats.

MRS. MOTOO: Because of threats you removed?

WITNESS: Yes.

MRS. MOTOO: Were you still there after the Sun Chapman incident?

WITNESS: yes, three days after.

MRS. MOTOO: That would be July?

WITNESS: Yes.

MRS. MOTOO: Did you see Robert Jordan on Saturday walking in the market road on Wismar?

WITNESS: I saw him near the Police station on that day.

MRS. MOTOO: At what time?

WITNESS: Between 5 to 6.

MRS. MOTOO: And he was talking.

WITNESS: He was talking to a woman.

CHAIRMAN: He was walking?

WITNESS: He was walking, and he didn't see me because I was behind him, and he told the people that you all don't see they killing out your family.

CHAIRMAN: The woman saw you?

WITNESS: Yes.

COUNSEL: Did he whisper this to her, or you stood up and listen?

WITNESS: I was riding slowly.

PROS.DRAYTON: "You told anyone about this?"

WITNESS: I went to Lata Persuad and told his daughter - in-law to put away all important papers, and she told me that they didn't care because the business was insured. And I went and told John Mohamed, and he accepted it and said thank you."

PROS.DRAYTON: "On reflection don't you think that you should have informed the police at Wismar about what you have heard?"

WITNESS: When you are there the police do not want to hear anything, they tell you frankly they don't want to hear anything from Indians.

PROS.DRAYTON: "Before the 23rd of May, did you make any complaint to the police at Wismar or McKenzie which had not been dealt with?"

WITNESS: I went to Sgt. Chalmers and he phoned the Inspector and told him that I was pushing my nose in the police matters.

PROS.DRAYTON: "On what date did you make a report to the Police?"

WITNESS: I cannot remember exactly.

PROS.DRAYTON: "Did you remember anyone saying something?"

WITNESS: No sir, I was just investigating, somebody told me something and I was investigating.

PROS.DRAYTON: "Mr. Jagdat you made a complaint to the police on what date?"

WITNESS: This year.

PROS.DRAYTON: "About what did you complain?"

WITNESS: That someone had stolen something; when he saw me at the place, Mr. Chalmers wanted to know what I was doing there. He started questioning me about what I was doing there.

PROS.DRAYTON: "Mr. Jagdat, I am trying to get at the truth. Now you didn't report this to the police because you had experienced of the police neglecting complaints about anything. Therefore it is very important if you recall instances prior to the 23rd of May when you made complaint to the police officer and no action was taken."

WITNESS: Yes, I was investigating a case about someone who had broken and entered a building.

PROS.DRAYTON: "Just now you told me that you were investigating about somebody who had stolen something."

WITNESS: "I told you when I said stolen I mean break and enter."

PROS.DRAYTON: "And you made a complaint to Sergeant Chalmers?"

WITNESS: Yes.

PROS.DRAYTON: Is there any other instance that you had cause to complain to the police?"

WITNESS: "I didn't because they say I am pushing my nose in everything."

PROS.DRAYTON: "There was no action prior to the 23rd May when you made a complaint to the police?"

WITNESS: No.

PROS.DRAYTON: "Why do you think if you told the police that on the 23rd of May you heard that a man from the legislative Council in this country inciting people to murder East Indians, they would take no action?"

WITNESS: The police would not accept that.

PROS.DRAYTON: "Do you think it would not be dealt with?"

WITNESS: I am in the area and I know what is going on in the area. And I sent to the Ministry of Home Affairs before this incident.

CYRIL SINGH duly sworn and states as follows:

COUNSEL: "Where are you living?"

WITNESS: Kilcoy Road, Corentyne, Berbice.

COUNSEL: "In May this year where were you living?"

WITNESS: In Wismar Christianburg Section C.

COUNSEL: "Where were you working?"

WITNESS: Demerara Bauxite Company.

COUNSEL: "You said you went to work on the day the disturbances started, and that was the 25th May. While coming home about 11.a.m. you saw a lot of people being beaten up. These people that you saw being beaten up, what group do they belong to?"

WITNESS: I saw Africans beating up the East Indians.

COUNSEL: "You then went to the McKenzie Police Station about 6 p.m. From there you were escorted to the Demba Trade School; that was on the Tuesday morning. You asked for protection from the volunteers and police ^{to take} you home to Christianburg. When you arrived there your wife and children were in the house. Five minutes later Harry Grenville and Barker came in and started to carry away the radio and my wife's foot machine. Three more persons came to the house, one of them was a man called Duchie. You did not know what was happening to the people. "What did he say to you?"

WITNESS: When Duchie came in, he told me he was going to buy the house for \$2,500, I was forced to sign it. One was ^{as receipt} Theresa Reid, and I cannot remember the name of the other.

COUNSEL: "You were forced to sign it to save your building?"

WITNESS: Two witnesses were present when I was forced to sign it. One was Theresa Reid, and I cannot remember the name of the other.

COUNSEL: "The value of your building was \$8,000."

WITNESS: Yes sir.

COUNSEL: "You didn't collect any money from this transaction?"

WITNESS: No sir.

COUNSEL: "And going out the men set fire in front of the building?"

WITNESS: Yes sir.

COUNSEL: "You then took a boat, and a man by the name Karman took you up in the launch; you then caught a steamer and came to Georgetown?"

WITNESS: Yes.

MR. SHEPHARD: "Have you reported this to the Police?" When?

WITNESS: I reported this to P.C. 6279 Martin at 7 o'clock. He told me he would put it to the Head of the Police.

COUNSEL: "Did you feel any tension in the area on the 25th?"

WITNESS: Yes sir.

COUNSEL: "How long before?"

WITNESS: That's the Saturday the 23rd.

COUNSEL: "You said that they made you sign the receipt?"
What do you mean?

WITNESS: They would buy the building to save it and pay later.

COUNSEL: "Was this building destroyed?"

WITNESS: The building was dismantled.

COUNSEL: "Did you recognize anybody in the gang of men?"

WITNESS: Yes sir. Grenville and Banker.

COUNSEL: "What were they doing?"

WITNESS: They were looting.

COUNSEL: "Did you recognized any volunteers?"

WITNESS: I recognized two.

COUNSEL: "Were there any police around?"

WITNESS: No.

COUNSEL: "Banker was with the other men when you were forced to sign the receipt?"

WITNESS: Yes sir :

PROF. DRAYTON: How many people were present when you were forced to sign the receipt?"

WITNESS: Theresa Reid and another fellow"

PROF. DRAYTON: "You did see two members of the volunteer force, Banker and Theresa Reid and another fellow?"

WITNESS: Yes sir.

PROF. DRAYTON: "The Volunteers were armed?"

WITNESS: Only Grenville.

PROF. DRAYTON: "Only Grenville was armed?" "What about Duchie?"

WITNESS: Grenville was armed, but not Duchie.

PROF. DRAYTON: "When you say you were forced to sign the receipt of your property, you mean they threatened you to you or injure you if you refuse?"

WITNESS: Yes sir, I did sign the receipt.

PROF. DRAYTON: "Did they threaten you before?"

WITNESS: Yes sir, they threatened me before.

PROF. DRAYTON: "What did they say?"

WITNESS: They say that they would beat me and my family.

PROF. DRAYTON: "Was Duchie a friend of yours?"

WITNESS: Yes sir.

PROF. DRAYTON: "Did he want to buy your premises before?"

WITNESS: He never told me anything before about wanting to buy my property.

PROF. DRAYTON: "Previously he did not want to buy?"

WITNESS: No sir.

PROF. DRAYTON: "Thank you".

REV. McDONALD: "Just give me the answer to this question Grenville was armed? Banker was not? Had Grenville a rifle?"

WITNESS: "He had a long one.

REV. McDONALD: "A gun".

REV.MCDONALD: "Did you say that Duchie was not armed?"

WITNESS: He was not.

REV.MCDONALD: "Were they carrying anything in their hands?"

WITNESS: They were not carrying anything in their hands.

REV.MCDONALD: "Did you report this to the police? You ^{do} did not know if the report has been given to the ~~Superintendent~~ at all?"

WITNESS: It was sent to the Commissioner of Police.

REV.MCDONALD: "He said that the matter was being considered.

When was that?"

WITNESS: ^{The last letter}
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REV.MCDONALD: "I see that you have mentioned the last letter. Since then what happened?"

WITNESS: I have not received any letter since then.

MRS.MOTOO: "What exactly did they make you sign on that piece of paper?"

WITNESS: They made me sign that they bought from me.

MRS.MOTOO: "Did they have any witnesses?"

WITNESS: Yes.

MRS.MOTOO: "You did not tell us what happened to your family?" "You went into the river and what happened to them?"

WITNESS: Nothing was wrong with my family. They were in the boat in the river with me.

MRS.MOTOO: "Were they chasing you?"

WITNESS: No. They were not chasing me.

MR.SHEPHARD: "I may have to recall this witness. Could I have a look at this letter from the Commissioner of Police? It may assist me in my cross-examination".

CHAIRMAN: "You desire that this letter be placed on file?"

It will be Exhibit "U".
Letter admitted marked U.

CHAIRMAN: "Yes thank you."

CONSTABLE WILFRED BATTERFIELD duly sworn and states as follows;

COUNSEL: "You are a police constable by rank?"

WITNESS: "Yes."

COUNSEL: "You are presently stationed at the ^{in Sme} McKenzie police station; and what is your number?"

WITNESS: "4777".

COUNSEL: "On the 25th May, 1964 you took over at the station from Constable 6531 James around 6 a.m.?"

WITNESS: "Yes sir."

COUNSEL: "Around 7.30 a.m. while you were on duty you received a report from one Budram from the Valley of Tears. This report was that some unknown persons had set fire to his house, and the fire was put out by him on that said day. While you were making this report one Elma Singh of 170 Silvertown made a similar report to you, around 7.30 a.m. Both reported of ~~St Singh's name~~?"

WITNESS: "While I was working one report of Singh came up."

COUNSEL: "You said these reports increased within minutes; reports of fires being set to buildings, and other reports of assaults being committed to men and women of Indian race?"

WITNESS: "Yes sir."

COUNSEL: "All these reports amounted to about 43?"

WITNESS: "Between the hours of 7.30 a.m. and 4.15 p.m. there was about 43 to 45 reports."

COUNSEL: "From 6 p.m. on the 25th May you handed over inquiry office to Constable 6660 Beharry. These reports continued?"

WITNESS: "Yes sir."

COUNSEL: "You then assisted persons who had run from their homes for fear, and these persons were about 1,000 in number?"

"They were all housed in the Police Compound?" You also escorted to the McKenzie stelling some of the injured persons?"

WITNESS: "Yes sir."

COUNSEL: "During these incidents and reports you did not see any assaults committed on any person?" "You did not see any buildings set afire or any damage to property or any looting being done in your presence?"

WITNESS: "No sir."

COUNSEL: "That would be all".

MR.KHAN: "What did you do when you received these reports?"

WITNESS: "They were entered into the station's report book, and they were being investigated by other ranks."

MR.KHAN: "How many other policemen were on duty at the time when you took over?"

WITNESS: "There were 8 policemen at the time at Wismar Police Station, and two constables making it 10."

MR.KHAN: "The question is how many were on duty?"

WITNESS: "All were on duty, including the supernummary constables."

MR.KHAN: "The question is how many were on duty when you took over at 6 p.m.?"

WITNESS: "About 6 constables were in the inquiry's office, along with Coporal King and myself."

MR.KHAN: "You were off duty when you came and relieved Constable James?"

WITNESS: "No."

MR.KHAN: "Were you armed?"

WITNESS: "I was not."

MR.KHAN: "Were you armed at any time?"

WITNESS: "I was not."

MR.KHAN: "When these reports started to come in, did any of your constables or your officer go to investigate?"

WITNESS: "Yes."

MR.KHAN: "Can you recall when the first party left with Boodram?"

WITNESS: "Around 6.15 to 6.20"

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MR. KHAN: "How many persons?"

WITNESS: "Roberts went with Boodram."

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MR. KHAN: "Alone?"

WITNESS: "Yes."

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COUNSEL: "Was Beharry at the station during the day?"

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WITNESS: "I cannot remember seeing him there in the day."

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COUNSEL: "But you know he came in at 6 p.m.?"

WITNESS: "Yes."

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COUNSEL: "So the first time you ever took over was 25th May at 6 p.m.?"

WITNESS: "Yes."

PROF. DRAYTON: "How long were you on duty on Sunday 24th?"

WITNESS: "I was there for the day."

PROF. DRAYTON: "You went off duty at 6 p.m. on Sunday?"

WITNESS: "Yes."

PROF. DRAYTON: "You must have had some period when you were working and when you were off?"

WITNESS: "6 to 6."

PROF. DRAYTON: "Do you live at Wismar?"

WITNESS: "Yes." "Gateway Alley".

PROF. DRAYTON: "Were there Indians in the area?"

WITNESS: "Yes sir."

PROF. DRAYTON: "What happened on the Sunday after you came off duty?"

WITNESS: "I went back to the Station. It was the instructions from the officer."

PROF. DRAYTON: "When were these instructions given?"

WITNESS: "I cannot remember."

PROF. DRAYTON: "Which officer give you the order to return back to the station?"

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WITNESS: "Inspector Hobbs."

PROF. DRAYTON: "Was it given on a Sunday?"

WITNESS: "I cannot remember."

PROF.DRAYTON: "You must be able to recall whether you were on duty all day Sunday." "When was it that Mr. Hobbs gave this order that you should be on 24 hours duty?"

WITNESS: "I cannot remmeber, when the order was given."

PROF.DRAYTON: "From the whole period that you have been there when was this 24 hours call given?"

WITNESS: "I think it was ~~about~~ a week before."

PROF.DRAYTON: "Now Constable Batterfield I want you to to tell me whether you were aware of any tension in the area?"

WITNESS: "There was no tension in the area."

PROF.DRAYTON: "So you would say you were taken by surprise?"

WITNESS: "Yes."

PROF.DRAYTON: "On the Sunday were there any fires in the area?"

WITNESS: "I don't think there were any fires on Sunday, but the Sunday night."

PROF.DRAYTON: "Do you think it was a normal fire or suspected arson?"

WITNESS: "According to inquiries it looked like a normal fire; it was on the Hill top. Sookram Singh had just left his house: shortly after the fire started but no one saw any person setting fire."

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~~WITNESS: "Around 6.15 to 6.20."~~

MR.KHAN: "How many persons?"

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WITNESS: "One Roberts went with Budram."

MR.KHAN: "No other policemen?"

WITNESS: "I can't remember."

MR.KHAN: "These people that reported druing the 4.30 and 7.30 period how did they appear to be?"

WITNESS: "Some of them were crying while making reports."

MR.KHAN: "Now I was speaking about the condiiton.?" "Did they appear to be injured?"

WITNESS: "Some of them were injured and they were being sent to the McKenzie hospital."

MR. KHAN: "What about the others?"

WITNESS: "When they were ^{injured} injured the report was entertained and they were kept for safety."

MR. KHAN: "Now when was the first time they started to evacuate these people from Wismer?" "A rough idea."

WITNESS: "The first time. I cannot remember."

MR. KHAN: "You were on duty on that day when these people started to move?"

WITNESS: "The police stood by when they started to move."

"That was about 5 to 6 p.m when they left the Compound!"

MR. KHAN: "During this time you said you saw one thousand people in the Compound?" "What was that time?"

WITNESS: "Around 5 o'clock."

MR. KHAN: "Were you reinforced from McKenzie?"

WITNESS: "Yes the police and volunteers came."

MR. KHAN: "About what o'clock?"

WITNESS: "Around 9.30 to 10 o'clock in the morning."

MR. KHAN: "When were the first injured taken over to be treated?"

WITNESS: "Around 9.30."

MR. KHAN: "How were they taken?"

WITNESS: "They left by police escort and crossed by the ferry, and they went over to the other side."

MR. KHAN: "Now you came ^{off} about 6 p.m. What about afterwards?" "What did you do?"

WITNESS: "I was still in the Inquiry's office."

MR. KHAN: "Did you leave the office?"

WITNESS: "No, ^{except} ~~until~~ to go and have lunch at home and cross to the stelling."

MR. KHAN: "How far it is?"

WITNESS: "About 3 houses from the station."

MR. KHAN: "Did you see the outside of the area from your area of observation?"

WITNESS: "Yes, straight across to McKenzie."

MR. KHAN: "Did you see any building on fire?"

WITNESS: "I saw smoke in the air, When I was in the yard I saw people going to the police station."

MR. KHAN: "You saw smoke?"

WITNESS: "Only on one occasion."

MR. KHAN: "Did you see crowds of people?"

WITNESS: "No."

MR. KHAN: "Did you see crowds of negro people?"

WITNESS: "No."

MR. KHAN: "In your brief trip to the stelling you saw no crowds?"

WITNESS: "No."

MR. KHAN: "Did you see anybody around?"

WITNESS: "Yes, there were people moving up and down."

MR. KHAN: "The same people that passed you and passed back?"

WITNESS: "I don't know."

MR. KHAN: "What they appeared to be doing, were they going up and down, walking to their business?"

WITNESS: "Perhaps."

MR. KHAN: "What sort of business?"

WITNESS: "Shopping."

MR. KHAN: "They had baskets?"

WITNESS: "Some of them."

MR. KHAN: "How do you know they were going shopping?"

"How many were in the Compound?"

WITNESS: "I do not know."

MR. KHAN: "Were they talking to one another?"

WITNESS: "I can't remember."

MR. KHAN: "Did you recognize anybody?"

WITNESS: "I cannot remember."

MR. KHAN: "How long you have been living there?"

WITNESS: "About 2 to 3 years."

MR. KHAN: "About how long you have been in the Police force?"

WITNESS: " 22years."

MR.KHAN: "Now previous to the 25th of May, were any report made to the staion of any instances?"

WITNESS: "Like what?"

MR.KHAN: "Fire, loot, arson and beating."

WITNESS: "Ther e were reports, but of just pelting."

MR.KHAN: "Were you on the 24th in the inquiries office?"

WITNESS: "Yes 6 in the morning."

MR.KHAN: "Any report was made to you about pelting?"

WITNESS: "Yes, on Sunday."

MR.KHAN: "By whom?"

WITNESS: "I cannot remember."

MR.KHAN: "You made anote?"

WITNESS: "Yes."

MR.KHAN: "Did you hear any explosion on 24th?"

WITNESS: "I cannot remember."

MR.KHAN: "You know if that was entered in the book?"

WITNESS: "I won't be able to say."

MR.KHAN: "You know Mr. Robert Jordan ?" "Did you see him on the 24th?"

WITNESS: "No."

MR.KHAN: "On the 25th and 26th?"

WITNESS: "No."

MR.KHAN: "Did you see him for the month of May?"

WITNESS: "I cannot remember."

MR.KHAN: "When was the last time you remembered seeing him?"

WITNESS: "He kept a meeting there some time." I cannot say if it was May or April."

MR.KHAN: "Since then you didn't see him?"

WITNESS: "No."

MR.KHAN: "Did you seee Banga Mary on the 24th and 25th?"

WITNESS: "I saw him at the station." "I cannot remember if it was on the 24th or 25th he was taken to the station for inquiry."

MR. KHAN : Were you on duty at the time?" "Can you tell us what the report was about?"

WITNESS: "I think it was for pelting."

WITNESS: "When he was going down the hill he saw fire, but the neighbours did not see anybody around his house."

PROF. DRAYTON: "You suddenly became aware that there would have been trouble?"

WITNESS: "Yes sir."

PROF. DRAYTON: "That was about what time?"

WITNESS: "Say about 9.10 to 9.30."

PROF. DRAYTON: "You were on duty whole day on the 25th." "You know Senator Ramjattan?" "Was a report made concerning her house?"

WITNESS: "Yes sir, but not to me."

PROF. DRAYTON: "Senator Ramjattan was in Georgetown at that time, but someone made a report that Senator Ramjattan's house was on fire." "Her husband was there and he was taken to the Police Station."

WITNESS: "Not by me."

PROF. DRAYTON: "Did you during the time you were at the police station received any women who were raped?"

WITNESS: "No sir."

PROF. DRAYTON: "They did not bring in any women or girl that was raped?"

WITNESS: "Not at the station, there were other persons who were brought at the station, no rape cases were brought in."

PROF. DRAYTON: "Did any volunteer bring in any woman at the station?"

WITNESS: "Several persons came into the station."

PROF. DRAYTON: "Did you see a girl that was raped?" "Wasn't she brought to the station?"

WITNESS: "Probably they took her to the hospital."

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PROF. DRAYTON: "Did you yourself bring in two women to the police station?"

WITNESS: "There were cases where women were beaten, not raped."

PROF. DRAYTON: "Did you have any jeep or motor vehicle?"

WITNESS: "Yes."

PROF. DRAYTON: "Was this jeep used to bring injured people to the station?"

WITNESS: "Yes along with a Van "Rockstone Express" from Demba."

PROF. DRAYTON: "And these two vehicles took injured persons to the station?"

WITNESS: "Yes, to the station."

PROF. DRAYTON: "Who was in charge of this jeep?"

WITNESS: "Constable London."

PROF. DRAYTON: "What time were you at the station on Sunday night?" "From when to when."

WITNESS: "For the whole night."

PROF. DRAYTON: "Why did you keep awake?"

WITNESS: "We were making investigations in the ~~area~~ ^{area} Singh's fire."

PROF. DRAYTON: "Just for this one case it took the whole night?"

WITNESS: "We had to patrol the whole area."

PROF. DRAYTON: "It is customary for you to patrol the area?"

WITNESS: "Yes."

PROF. DRAYTON: "For the past two years."

WITNESS: "Day and night."

PROF. DRAYTON: "Were all the police awoken that night?"

WITNESS: "No, I would not say that."

PROF. DRAYTON: "On coming back to the point was "Rockstone Express" mad available to you that night?"

WITNESS: "I can't remember."

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PROF. DRAYTON: "The jeep was in ^{Civil} charge of Constable London, did you go with him?"

WITNESS: "I didn't go with him, but I came back with him."

PROF. DRAYTON: "On Monday night you made several trips with the jeep?"

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WITNESS: "Yes."

PROF. DRAYTON: "Anytime after 6 p.m.?"

WITNESS: "Taking injured persons to the station."

PROF. DRAYTON: "Thank you".

MRS. MOTOO: "Did you hear rumours of trouble before that?"

WITNESS: "What trouble?"

MRS. MOTOO: "Did anybody report to you that there would be trouble?"

WITNESS: "I didn't hear."

MRS. MOTOO: "Did you hear that the water would be poisoned?"

WITNESS: "No the water would be poisoned, but that somebody would be in the area."

MRS. MOTOO: "Could you remember who spoke this to you?"

WITNESS: "No."

MRS. MOTOO: "And you remember who made this in the station?"

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WITNESS: "No."

MRS. MOTOO: "Did Mr. Woolford go ~~into~~ to you?"

WITNESS: "I can't remember."

MRS. MOTOO: "On 24th and 25th when you were at the police station, did you give a hearing to everybody?"

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WITNESS: "Everybody that came ~~into~~ to me at the desk I listened to them."

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MRS. MOTOO: "At the desk or elsewhere did you take any complaints?"

WITNESS: "If they told me. When I am busy I would tell them to wait."

MRS. MOTOO: "You did not push them away?"

WITNESS: "No."

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MRS.MOTOO: "Do you know any Indian lady by the name of Mangree who said she had something very important to tell you?"

WITNESS: "I cannot remember."

MRS.MOTOO: "She spoke to you?"

WITNESS: "If she spoke to me the report would be at the station."

MRS.MOTOO: "Are you sure if she made the report?"

WITNESS: "It would be in the book."

MRS.MOTOO: "So if Mangree came and told you she had a report to make, would you tell her to go away, it was not your business?"

WITNESS: "I wouldn't tell her that."

MRS.MOTOO: "Was she a personal friend of yours?"

WITNESS: "She is not a friend of mine, but I would not speak to Mangree like that."

MRS.MOTOO: "So Mangree's report is in the book, because Mangree came here and told us that she had something to say and you shooed her away?"

WITNESS: "Not me."

MRS.MOTOO: "But she told us Constable Batterfield."

WITNESS: "If Mangree told you that everything would be in that book."

CHAIRMAN: "You are saying that you did not leave the station on that day." "You were not in the jeep with a party of policemen when a girl was being raped, and the policeman told the girl, wait we are coming back just now?"

WITNESS: "I didn't leave the station on the 25th, not until 3 weeks later."

CHAIRMAN: "Did you receive any terylene shirts?"

WITNESS: "I did not."

CHAIRMAN: "Now, who is the one living in the 3rd house at the back of the police station?" "Who is the police constable?"

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WITNESS: "On the northern side is myself and Fraser."

"Then you have Timothy and Griffith, on the southern side, and then on the northern side to the east Sargeant Chalmers."

COUNSEL: "Now, on that day did you see any goods being taken in one of these houses?"

WITNESS: "No, I was busy."

MR. SHEPHARD: "Just one question." "Were looted goods brought in?"

WITNESS: "Yes, they were brought into the station."

MR. SHEPHARD: "Were any of them claimed by the owners?"

WITNESS: "No."

MR. SHEPHARD: "Are they still waiting there to be claimed?"

WITNESS: "Yes."

MR. SHEPHARD: "Thank you, no other questions."

PROF. DRAYTON: "You have lived in the area for 2 years."

"You got along well with both ethnic groups?"

WITNESS: "Yes, we were all friends."

PROF. DRAYTON: "Where were you before you went to Wismar?"

WITNESS: "Mazaruni."

PROF. DRAYTON: "For how many years?"

WITNESS: "A year and some months."

PROF. DRAYTON: "And before that?"

WITNESS: "Essequibo."

MR. SHEPHARD: "Sir, I hope it is possible to take the evidence of all the police because they are wanted desperately at the Wismar police station."

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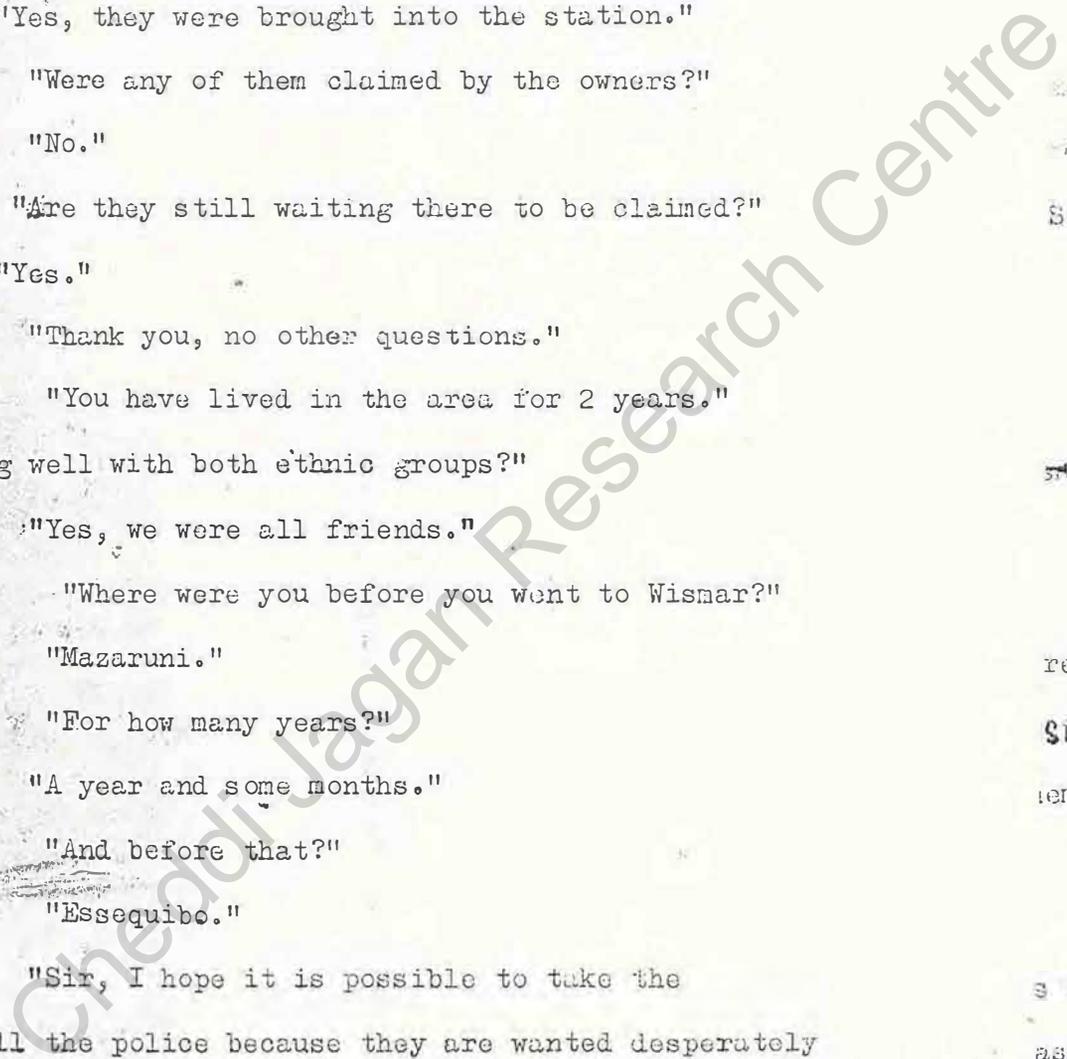
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COPDRAL KING duly sworn and states as follows:

COUNSEL: "You are corporal 4434 King?"

WITNESS: "Yes sir."

COUNSEL: "Where are you stationed now?"

WITNESS: "Wismar police station."

COUNSEL: "About 8.15 a.m. on May 1964 you were on duty at Wismar police station?"

WITNESS: "Yes sir."

COUNSEL: "The telephone rang, and someone said that some negro men had beaten an East Indian man and had thrown him in the river?"

WITNESS: "Yes sir."

COUNSEL: "You immediately contacted Constable 6243 Griffith and 5396 London to go and investigate that matter?"

WITNESS: "Yes".

COUNSEL: "Around 8.30 a.m. "You brought Gobin Ramkumar who said he was assaulted by a negro woman?"

WITNESS: "Yes."

COUNSEL: "About 8.40 a.m. you left the station on patrol to Christianburg, and as you reached Sue-Tang's shop you saw a crowd of 76 persons standing there?"

WITNESS: "Yes sir."

COUNSEL: "The shop is at Wismar?"

WITNESS: "Yes, about 600 yards from Wismar station. There you met a constable 1798 ^{Lushy} and he said that he overheard that an Indian man had kicked a negro boy and had run in Sue Tang's shop?"

WITNESS: "Yes."

COUNSEL: "You then went into Sue Tang's shop and asked if anybody was hiding there, you were told no. "Then you saw Sargeant Chalmers?"

WITNESS: "Yes."

COUNSEL: "Now you then left and returned to the Wismar police station, on your arrival at the station you telephoned

Assistant Superintendent Hobbs and you told him that people were gathering on the road?"

WITNESS: "Yes".

COUNSEL: "What road was that?"

WITNESS: "Wismar Public Road."

COUNSEL: "About 9.20 a.m. Cleavand Paul an employee of Sue-Tang's reported that negro man was looting the shop?"

WITNESS: "Yes, broke into the shop."

COUNSEL: "You immediately left for the scene?" "ON your arrival you saw the showwindows in front of the shop broken?"

WITNESS: "Yes."

COUNSEL: "You went into the shop and again spoke to Sue Tang?" "He told you that one Sonny an Indian man who was once employed by him had run through the back of the shop?"

WITNESS: "Yes."

COUNSEL: "There was trouble and that was the cause of the breaking up of the windows?"

WITNESS: "Yes, because an Indian man went into the shop."

COUNSEL: "Shortly afterwards, constable 6405 Fraser and 6728 ^{Hodge} came opposite the shop?"

WITNESS: "I left them there on duty."

COUNSEL: "About 9.30 a.m. one Kenneth ^{Simonds} of 48 Wismar Hill

reported that he saw an Indian man lying at the foot of the hill, and that man was bleeding through his ears."

WITNESS: "Yes."

COUNSEL: "You left in company with 6291 in search of this man and you and your party did not find the man?"

WITNESS: "At that time of the day."

COUNSEL: "Violence and fire broke out?"

WITNESS: "Yes."

COUNSEL: "Where"?

WITNESS: "From the back of the station, Wismar Hill, the foot of the hill and the Valley of Tears."

COUNSEL: "You later learnt that the man you were searching for was Richard Khan?"

WITNESS: "Yes, .. ~~He~~ was taken up and carried to the Mortuary."

COUNSEL : "While passing at the back of Silver City one William Subhryan reported that some men were trying to break in his shop?" You went with him and you didn't find anyone?"

WITNESS: "No."

COUNSEL: "You saw several fires in the Valley Of Tears?"

"You saw several people going towards the Valley?"

WITNESS: "I saw Sargeant ^{Simms} ~~660~~ there, and I joined him."

COUNSEL: "Superintendent Hobbs came up shortly afterwards and joined you ?" "You went to the Valley of Tears and several buildings were on fire?"

WITNESS: "Yes, we assisted to put out the fire."

COUNSEL: "Shortly after you went into the Valley where several houses were burning and the fire was uncontrollable." "One Paul Meergin's home also burning and his body was found in front of his gate."

WITNESS: "A far away from the house."

COUNSEL: "And he was hurried to the McKenzie hospital?"

WITNESS: "Yes."

COUNSEL: "Then you collected the people and children and brought them to Wismar police station for safety?"

WITNESS: "Yes."

COUNSEL: "About 2.20 on the 25th you went to Silver Town, Wismar in Company with one Richards of the volunteer force and 4 men where two houses were on fire. "They were Aily's and David Perry's house. The fire had then started and you went to get others to put out the fire." "About 4 p.m. you went to the [?]sand road Wismar and saw Mr. Lashley and you saw 4 houses on fire?"

WITNESS: "Yes."

COUNSEL: "They were assisting a lady at section B Christianburg, and there was a crowd of 150 persons there?"

You ~~then~~ told them to disperse and they hesitated." You were instructed by Mr. Lashley to fire a tear smoke at the crowd on that day?" "You later return to the station?"

WITNESS: "Yes"

COUNSEL: "About 6.50 p.m. Bababoon ~~Prasad~~ reported he saw a man raping his sister-in-law in Silver Town?" "Constable 6238 Griffith was there."

WITNESS: "As I got to the scene I saw no one, I made inquiries that she had been already removed to McKenzie hospital." "I went back to the Wismar Police Station."

COUNSEL: "What happened on Tuesday 24th May, 1964?"

WITNESS: "On Tuesday 26th May I received a report from a Chinese man name Yhip, that there were some people gathered in front of his shop Second Alley Wismar, as I got there I saw a large crowd, I asked them to go to their homes." "They hesitated but when I fired sticks of tear smoke they dispersed."

COUNSEL: "What happened on the 27th May?"

WITNESS: "On 27th at about 1.30 p.m. I saw a crowd of people in a store, I again advanced towards them and asked the crowd to disperse, and they hesitated and I fired another tear smoke on them, I made an entry in the station's diary."

COUNSEL: "What time did you come on duty?"

WITNESS: "I went on about 7.30."

COUNSEL: "What time did you leave for the first time?"

WITNESS: "Around 8.40."

COUNSEL: "You were at the station between 7.30 to 8.40, while you were was any report made?"

WITNESS: "At least not to me."

COUNSEL: "Who was the Constable of the inquiry's office?"

WITNESS: "I." "But I had Constable Roberts, Batterfield and Griffith working with me."

COUNSEL: "During that time did you see any Boodhram there?"

WITNESS: "I didn't see him."

COUNSEL: "Did you see one Elma Singh?"

WITNESS: "No."

COUNSEL: "On that day were they on line?"

WITNESS: "No."

COUNSEL: "Were they on 24 hours duty?"

WITNESS: "They were all in the station, the majority lived in the station."

COUNSEL: "But they had shifts?"

WITNESS: "4 hours on and 4 hours off."

COUNSEL: "Could you say if Constable Battersfield left the station?"

WITNESS: "Not a constable left."

COUNSEL: "So he could not have left the station?"

WITNESS: "He could have left the station, if the Sargeant had permitted him to go."

COUNSEL: "On that day did Battersfield worked 4 hours on and 4 hours off?"

WITNESS: "He would work from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m."

COUNSEL: "Did the Superintendent give orders for everybody to be in line?"

WITNESS: "He gave orders that everybody must be in line."

COUNSEL: "From the station you could have seen the crowds?"

WITNESS: "Not from the station."

COUNSEL: "You could have seen smoke and fire from the station?"

WITNESS: "Yes, at the back of the station."

COUNSEL: "Did you know of any reports of assaults on people?"

WITNESS: "I have received one from Persuad."

COUNSEL: "At that time were any civilians present in the Compound?"

WITNESS: "Having been brought from their homes they were put in the Wismar Compound and shipped to McKenzie."

COUNSEL: "This crowd was it an ordinary crowd?" "Why did you ask them to disperse?"

WITNESS: "It is not right for more than four to gather; so I told them to go to their homes."

K.P.
COUNSEL: "Did you feel any tension?"

WITNESS: "No."

Q.P.
COUNSEL: "What about the ~~one~~^{crowd} that was gathered at Whip's shop?"

WITNESS: "I would not call that a hostile crowd."

MR. KHAN: "Why did you not have time to witness?"

WITNESS: "Well I have a station work to do."

MR. KHAN: "But there must be some reason?"

WITNESS: "It was Court time."

MR. KHAN: "Some matter that needed your attention urgently?"

WITNESS: "I had to go to Court that day."

MR. KHAN: "That was on the 26th?"

WITNESS: "Yes, at Silver ~~City~~^{Christiansburg}."

MR. KHAN: "On 27th what sort of crowd was that?"

WITNESS: "An idle crowd."

MR. KHAN: "Now Corporal you have an idle crowd and why did soldiers fix their bayonets?"

WITNESS: "On the 25th and 26th and 27th there were houses that were on fire?"

MR. KHAN: "Put an idle crowd; why did they start throwing tear gas when the crowd was idling?"

WITNESS: "They were looting around the place."

CHAIRMAN: "What happened on the 27th?"

WITNESS: "They were looting."

MR. KHAN: "Were you aware that this crowd was looting?" Did it not run through your mind that this crowd had gathered there to loot?"

WITNESS: "Yes, they might have gathered there to loot."

MR. KHAN: "What were they doing, just idling?"

WITNESS: "They were idling maybe out of curiosity."

MR. KHAN: "On that day did it not occur to you that there might have been looting?" Did you recognize anybody at that time?"

WITNESS: "I can't remember any one's name, even if I knew the people."

MR. KHAN: "When ⁱⁿ spoke to them did you speak to anyone in particular?"

WITNESS: "I didn't see any leader."

MR. KHAN: "Did you see any crowds or moving suspiciously?"

WITNESS: "I didn't see any."

MR. KHAN: "Did you see any crowds gathering at any time?"

WITNESS: "There were always groups of people moving to and from Wismar - Christianburg Section B to Section C."

MR. KHAN: "And you patrolled that area?"

WITNESS: "I could not go, but I sent other men."

MR. KHAN: "Now on the 24th you know of any explosions around?"

WITNESS: "On Sunday 24th I heard explosions in Silver Town Hill and Half Mile One Mile Wismar."

MR. KHAN: "Did you hear any explosions?"

WITNESS: "Yes."

MR. KHAN: "What time?"

WITNESS: "Around 10.30."

MR. KHAN: "They were men patrolling?"

WITNESS: "Yes."

MR. KHAN: "How many men went on patrol?"

WITNESS: "They went in groups about 3 or 4."

MR. KHAN: "But during the 25th and 26th you went in groups?"

WITNESS: "Yes, we went in groups."

MR. KHAN: "On the 25th Mohamed Hakim's hotel was on fire?"

WITNESS: "Yes, I did see fire there."

PROF. DRAYTON: "Would you say that the crowd you saw on 25th was necessarily interfering with your duty?"

WITNESS: "Yes sir."

PROF. DRAYTON: "Were you and your men equipped with your rifles?"

WITNESS: "Yes I would say so."

PROF. DRAYTON: "Isn't it the first thing to do when a crowd does not want to be dispersed to throw tear gas to disperse them?"

WITNESS: "We had to get instructions,"

PROF. DRAYTON: "Do you know whether on May 25th you could have dealt with the crowd adequately?"

WITNESS: "As soon as they saw a police they would go away."

PROF. DRAYTON: "You saw a crowd over at Wismar Side, what did you and your men do?"

WITNESS: "I tell you sir, that Superintendent Lashley's men were with me."

PROF. DRAYTON: "Don't you think that you could have saved several houses and disperse the crowds if you had used tear gas that day?"

WITNESS: "But I did use tear gas on that day."

PROF. DRAYTON: "As an experienced member of the force, did you say that you could have dealt with these crowds by using tear gas equipment on that tragic day of the 25th?"

WITNESS: "Yes, we wanted to."

PROF. DRAYTON: "How many tear gas shells were actually used on that day? Would there be a record?"

WITNESS: "On the 25th I used one!"

PROF. DRAYTON: "How many were used in all?"

WITNESS: "I would not be able to say unless I go back to the records."

PROF. DRAYTON: "You must have had some rough idea what is the stock of tear gas shells?"

WITNESS: "At Wismar, 36."

PROF. DRAYTON: "And you could not say how many were fired on that day?"

WITNESS: "I cannot remember the amount. But I can tell you how many I used."

PROF. DRAYTON: "When it became apparent that there was serious trouble brewing in the area, did the Supt., call his men together and give you any instructions with regard to the dispersing of crowds, whether idle crowds or crowds that were seriously interfering with law and order? What ~~to do~~ on this day?"

Witness: We are always instructed and we know what to do.

Prof. Drayton: What are your instructions, did he actually call you together at any time during that day?

Witness: He didn't call me because I was not there, when he came in. I saw Mr. Hobbs in the Valley of Tears with some men who came and joined us.

Prof. Drayton: Was each equipped with tear gas?

Witness: No, I know of myself and Sergeant Simon. The others had rifles.

Prof. Drayton: So only two had tear smoke. Corporal King, I am interested in this matter. Wouldn't you say that it would be wrong to discharge a rifle into a crowd so as to disperse the crowd?

Witness: It would be wrong.

Prof. Drayton: Unless they are actually engaged in some activity, that is if they wanted to shoot you. Therefore if you were really interested in maintaining law and order and preventing crowds from gathering, wouldn't you say that it would be better to equip all, not with rifles but with tear gas equipment?

Witness: I think so, that is my opinion, and I have dealt with them by tear smoke, those whom I looked after.

Prof. Drayton: And you say there is a record of tear gas, and you can catch them now.

Witness: Yes Sir,

Prof. Drayton: Now, suppose we remove from there to your period of duty? I mean on Sunday?

Witness: From 7.30 to midnight.

Prof. Drayton: Is this usually such a long period of duty?

Witness: Yes, It is always done.

Prof. Drayton: From 7.30. until midnight, with constable Battersfield and the other constable what would be their period on Sunday?

Witness: A man like Battersfield is from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. and if you are not in line you can go home, and if you are given orders to remain you can't go any where.

Prof. Drayton: Was constable Battersfield at the station Sunday night?

Witness: Yes, he was at the Wismar police station.

Prof. Drayton: And when you returned to Wismar Police station at 8.40 was he there?

Witness: Are you speaking about Monday?

Prof. Drayton: No, Sunday night. Where did you go?

Witness: Silvertown.

Prof. Drayton: And when you finished your patrol duty ~~at the~~ ~~kearsie?~~

Witness: He was there.

Prof. Drayton: So you were in line on Sunday?

Witness: Well so to speak. Nobody was at home.

Prof. Drayton: Constable Battersfield ~~do~~ not live at the station he told us he lives somewhere else. Did you say that the whole force was in line on Sunday night?

Witness: As a matter of fact there were volunteers patrolling on Sunday night, there were patrols all over the district.

Prof. Drayton: Why?

Witness: I don't know why.

Prof. Drayton: Was there any increased tension in the area?

Witness: As I said before there was no tension.

Prof. Drayton: So you would say there is nothing so far to explain why your superior officer put you in line on Sunday?

Witness: I know for a fact that we sometimes carry out trial operations. So I thought these might have been trial operations.

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Pro. Drayton: On Saturday were you in line?

Witness: No.

Prof. Drayton: Were any orders given by superintendent Hobbs that policemen should be on patrol?

Witness: It was given to me.

Prof. Drayton: How long have you lived at McKenzie?

Witness: Three years.

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Corporal King duly been sworn states as follows:-

Prof. Drayton: How long did you live at Wismar before the 24th that you were aware of the trouble in the area.

Witness: On Friday while I was on patrol. The people ^{started} grumbling about something in the newspaper that a man and woman were killed at Buxton.

Dr. Drayton: Who were grumbling.

Witness: People around the place.

Dr. Drayton: Do you know any of these people? You know them personally?

Witness: No I know no one.

Dr. Drayton: What were they discussing?

Witness: What they read in the newspaper.

Dr. Drayton: You heard of anything else? Do you know Mr. Robert Jordan. Did you see him on Friday among the people who were grumbling.

Witness: I don't remember.

Dr. Drayton: Did you remember seeing him in Sunday.

Witness: I saw him on the 27th. He went there with Mr. Burnham.

Dr. Drayton: Did you see him on the 24th.

Witness: No.

Dr. Drayton: You were in the station on the Monday when someone came and reported about senator Ramjattan.

Witness: No.

Dr. Drayton: You were there at 7.30 in the morning? You were there on patrol and you saw Budram came in?

Witness: I can't remember seeing him.

Mrs. Mootoo: At what time on the 25th May did you see fire and tear smoke?

Witness: Around 4.20

Mrs. Mootoo: Where was this?

Witness: Right by the region of senator Ramjattan's section B Christianburg.

Mrs. Mootoo: Were they any other member of the volunteer.

Witness: No.

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Mrs. Mootoo: Did you report that the crowd was gathering?"

Witness: I went.

Mrs. Mootoo: Were any volunteers with you?

Witness: No.

Mrs. Mootoo: Were there any members of the British Force in the area at that time?

Witness: No they might have been patrolling else-where.

Mrs. Mootoo: Were they any member^s of the police ^{with you} force on the 27th ~~May and 28th May.~~ *when you fired hears*

Witness: No.

Mrs. Mootoo: And on the 25th of May was assistant ^superintendent Hobbs with you on that day.

Witness: Yes.

Mrs. Mootoo: On the 25th they were no British soldiers there.

Witness: I went there alone.

Mrs. Mootoo: Corporal do you know Major Langham.

Witness: Yes.

Chairman: Major Langham ^{was} gave evidence that there high tension ^{was high} ~~was high~~ between Saturday and Sunday. On Sunday there ^{was} ~~was~~ definitely high tension in that area. *was high*

Witness: I do not agree with him.

Chairman: Now on the 25th; about what time East Indians started to go in the compound of the police station.

Witness: About 10.30, I should say.

Chairman: ^{Do} you form the impression then that there was a wholesale attack on property and life.

Witness: Yes.

Chairman: Did you communicate this important information to the senior officers?

Witness: No.

Chairman: Why not?

Witness: Because Mr. Hobbs was not there.

Chairman: You feel that Mr. Hobb was the only person you should tell.

Witness: Yes that's right.

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Chairman: Did you all go on the same patrol?

Witness: On that day in the Valley of tears.

Chairman: At that time you saw ^{it's Hols} ~~Thomas~~ you went with several patrols in that area that day.

Witness: Yes.

Chairman: Now where ever you saw fire you will go to that area, did you communicate to any of your senior officers. When the patrol was over? ^{you} saw large crowds of people wherever you went and then you returned to the station.

Witness: Yes.

Chairman: You were not able to control the crowd from beating or looting. Was there any other discussion or suggestion that this method of patrolling in the area should be varied?

Witness: Well apart from that the other men in ^{the} jeep were else-where.

Chairman: You had any discussion that other methods of patrol should be made available?

Witness: I can't remember.

Chairman: How many men you had in Wismar on that day.

Witness: 8 constables and 2 P.O.'s and later, I spoke to Mr. Hebb ^{he} and brought across some men to assist the police.

Chairman: About how many would you say came across from Mackenzie?

Witness: About 10 men.

Chairman: And the same method continued?

Witness: They were dispersed all over the place.

Chairman: How many men would you say were engaged at the Magistrate Courts.

Witness: As far as I can remember 4 men; the court was adjourned for next day.

Chairman: You are trained in dealing with riotous crowds?

Witness: Yes sir.

Chairman: Did you know the Magistrate was in the district? Did anyone suggested that the Magistrate should be called out? ^{to read the riot act.}

Witness: Not as far as I know.

Chairman: Is your station equipped with a loud-speaker?

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Witness: Wismar Police Station hadn't but we used McKenzie's .

Chairman: You know ^{Ramnarain} ~~Kamotes~~ Etwaru of half mile Wismar?

Witness: Yes.

Chairman: Would you say that the night patrol was increased in numbers on the Sunday night?

Witness: Oh, yes.

Chairman: He said on the 25th May, he saw some people walking around the place; he saw you and reported the matter to you.

Witness: I did not see him on the 25th.

Chairman: So you could not have told him that you would send the Volunteer force to give him regular check ups?

Witness: I was on duty the whole of the 25th.

Chairman: You know one ^Shirley Mohamed?

Witness: I cannot remember her.

Chairman: She gave evidence. She said that you kept watch during the Sunday night. She said she saw some boys around Cpl. King and about six policemen come up, and she pointed out a boy to you, and you searched the boy, and finding nothing you let the boy go.

Witness: I cannot remember.

Chairman: Were you at half mile, Wismar?

Witness: Yes.

Chairman: You left and you went to a shop and drank beers?

Witness: I drank nothing.

Mrs. Mootoo: ^{Charles} ~~What~~ at what time did Mr. Hobbs bring over the people?

Witness: About 9.15 a.m. on Monday.

Mr. Shepherd: Do you know ^{if} ~~that~~ the Magistrate's ^{knows} ~~felt~~ that the police were in the court ~~was~~ ^{was} required else where on that day? Would you know?

Witness: I would not know.

Mr. Shepherd: And for how long ^{you} ~~you~~ were in the Magistrate's court?

Witness: About 2 hours.

Mr. Shepherd: By this time ^{violence} ~~forces~~ were everywhere on Monday. ^{It is} ~~It is~~ not peculiar on your duty to make suggestions to your supt. of Police?

Witness: I cannot sir, that is improper conduct.

who decides in the equipment. the police will come

Dr. Drayton: Should the policemen leave with any sort of equipment?

Witness: Sgt. Simmons of the Mackenzie Police Station came across, equipped, and I by myself as S. O. took a revolver and to P. as in the absence of the officer.

Mr. Shepherd: Are policemen within any rank entrusted to take tear gas with them?

Witness: They give tear gas to them on certain occasions. Ordinary policemen don't use tear smoke unless they instructed to in certain cases.

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Dr. Drayton: In such ~~action~~ did you receive instructions to use your rifles?

Witness: Yes.

Chairman: You are acquainted with Section 48 Subsection 1 C of Chapter 77 of the Law of *Brigiana*

Witness: Yes sir I knew it well.

Chairman: Thank you much.

Gilbert London being duly sworn make oath and say as follows:-

Chairman: Your first name.

Witness: My name is Gilbert London.

Counsel: You are constable 5296?

Witness: No sir, I am constable ~~5296~~ *5396*

Counsel
Mr. Ramsaroop: You are a constable stationed at Wismar, Police station.

Witness: Yes sir.

Counsel: At 6.25 on May 17th you left with Land Rover PL 91 conveying *Sgt* Superintendent Chalmers, *Coverl* Corporal Griffith and *Constable* Constable Roberts?

Witness: Yes sir.

Counsel: And you returned at 7.30 a.m.? What happened at 8.30 a.m. on the *17th* 17th.

Witness: I went out at 8.30 and took Corporal Griffith and Constable Roberts and we brought in an Indian man by the name of Kumkumar.

Counsel: What was the condition of this man when he came in?

Witness: It appears as if he was afraid of something.

Counsel: And then you continued to convey the people by the van

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from their homes at Wismar to the Police Station.

Witness: Yes.

Counsel: What was the condition of these people?

Witness: They were normal.

Counsel: Did you get any instructions.

Witness: Yes.

Counsel: By whom?

Witness: I was instructed by the Subordinate Officers.

Counsel: Who are Subordinate Officers?

Witness: Officers in charge.

Counsel: What happened then?

Witness: Well I kept bringing them in the Station.

Counsel: You were assisted by other security forces?

Witness: Soldiers.

Counsel: On Tuesday 26th at 6.15 a.m. what happened?

Witness: I went in and brought in more Indian Families.

Counsel: You went out and patrolled again?

Witness: Yes sir.

Counsel: You were accompanied by soldiers?

Witness: Yes.

Counsel: How long did you patrol that day?

Witness: All through the day, Sir.

Counsel: During your watch did you see persons set fires to properties?

Witness: No sir.

Counsel: How many persons did you convey to the station?

Witness: About two or three hundred.

Mr. Khan: You said at that time Mr. Runkumar was afraid? Why was he afraid?

Witness: I don't know sir.

Mr. Khan: Did he tell you why he was afraid?

Witness: No sir.

Mr. Khan: Where did you pick him up?

Witness: At Wismar Police Road?

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Mr. H. Khan: What was he doing?

Witness: I do not know what he was doing.

Mr. H. Khan: Was he standing?

Witness: Yes, he might have been standing.

Mr. H. Khan: Not might; you don't know what he was doing.

Witness: I am not sure.

Mr. H. Khan: Was he alone?

Witness: No sir he was not alone, there were other people.

Mr. H. Khan: What kind of people.

Witness: ~~There~~^{They} were Indians, Negros, and Portuguese.

Mr. Khan: What were they doing?

Witness: Going about their business.

Mr. Khan: And why did you pick up Ramkumar alone?

Witness: Because he asked me to take him to the station.

Mr. Khan: And you normally take up people who ask you to take them to the station.

Witness: Yes sir, maybe he wanted to make statement.

Mr. Khan: Why did you go in Ramkumar's direction?

Witness: Well, it was in the course of my patrol.

Mr. Khan: How many persons were on patrol at that time?

Witness: Myself and constable Griffith and Roberts.

Mr. Khan: Do you know why you took Sergeant Chalmers, and Griffith

and Sup. and Hobbs around that morning?

Witness: No sir.

Mr. Khan: Did they give you any particular direction in which they wanted to go ?

Witness: It was a general patrol.

Mr. Khan: at that time did you feel any tension in the area?

Witness: No.

Mr. Khan: On routine patrol, are you armed usually?

Witness: No sir.

Mr. Khan: Were you armed at that time?

Witness: At that time I was not armed.

Mr. Khan: Was the corporal and Superintendent Hobbs armed?

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Witness: I would not be able to say.

Mr Khan: But that is possible?

Witness: Maybe, I don't know.

Mr. Khan: Where did you take Rankumar?

Witness: To the Station.

Mr. Khan: Did you make a report to the Superior Officer?

Witness: Yes, it was recorded.

Mr. Khan: What did he say?

WITNESS: "I don't know."

MR. KHAN: "Did you make the report yourself?"

WITNESS: "No."

MR. KHAN: "Did you see to whom Rankumar went?"

WITNESS: "No Sir."

MR. KHAN: "Who was the Constable taking reports on that day?"

WITNESS: "We had several Constables on that day."

MR. KHAN: "You are stationed at Wismar, and what time did you turn out to duty that day?"

WITNESS: "I turned out from 6 o'clock."

MR. KHAN: "Do you know what time you turned out on the morning of the 25th?"

Witness: ~~at~~round 8 o'clock.

Mr Khan: Did you see the Constable in charge of the Inquiry's office?

Witness: Yes, we had Constables there.

Mr. Khan: Did you see one Constable Battersfield there?

Witness: Yes.

Mr. Khan: Was he taking reports on that day?

Witness: Yes, I suppose so.

Mr. Khan: And did you take Rankumar to him?

Witness: No, I didn't.

Mr. Khan: Did you see Rankumar going to him?

Witness: I saw Rankumar at the station.

Mr. Khan: Did you ever report that you had a man who was afraid, inside?

Witness: He appeared to be afraid.

Mr. Khan: And you, together with the Police officer did not ask him

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what he was afraid of?

Witness: No.

Mr. Khan: What family that you were directed to bring in?

Witness: No particular family.

Mr. Khan: Didn't you bring in a family immediately after Ramkumar?

Witness: I brought in several families.

Mr. Khan: Why did you bring them in?

Witness: Because in any opinion they were afraid of being assaulted.

That was the statement they gave me.

Mr. Khan: Now did you have specific instructions to rescue people being beaten?

Witness: I don't know.

Mr. Khan: So you rescued them from what?

Witness: I just carried out my instructions.

Mr. Khan: When you met Saturday to rescue people were you armed

Witness: No, I was not.

Mr. Khan: Were the other people armed?

Witness: I can't say.

Mr. Khan: You can tell the difference between a rifle and a piece of stick?

Witness: Yes, certainly.

Mr. Khan: You saw any rifles?

Witness: Yes, I did at the Station.

Mr. Khan: You didn't see any policemen with rifles or revolvers on the 25th?

Witness: No, I can't remember.

Mr. Khan: Now Constable, you were the only driver on the day?

Witness: No, sir.

Mr. Khan: How long you drove that vehicle?

Witness: For the whole day.

Mr. Khan: About how many miles did you cover on that day?

Witness: I covered about 40 miles.

Mr. Khan: And in the course of that 40 miles, in the whole day, you didn't see any policemen with revolvers?

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Witness: I cannot remember.

Mr. Khan: You didn't have one on that day?

Witness: No.

Mr. Khan: ^WWhen you were rescuing people did you see any crowds on that day? What were they doing?

Witness: They were assembling occasionally.

Mr. Khan: Did you stop to find out why?

Witness: I did not, because I was on my mission.

Mr. Khan: And do you think these people were afraid of the crowds? What were they doing?

Witness: Going to and fro.

Mr. Khan: Did you meet up the same crowd twice?

Witness: I would not say yes, nor would I say no.

Mr. Khan: You recognised any people in the 40 miles?

Witness: I don't know, I don't understand your question.

Mr. Khan: Going down the road you saw any person in the crowd that you knew?

Witness: Yes certainly.

Mr. Khan: You recognized them?

Witness: Yes.

Mr. Khan: Now did you see any person appearing to be looting?

Witness: No.

Mr. Khan: Do you know that there was looting?

Witness: No.

Mr. Khan: You heard that there were looters.

Witness: No.

Mr. Khan: Did you go to look for looters?

Witness: No.

Mr. Khan: When that ^{they} became obvious to you that there would ^{be} looters?

Witness: I can't remember?

Mr. Khan: And there was fire on the 25th of May. You saw places that were burning or were on fire.

Witness: Yes.

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Mr. Khan: ~~Told them~~ ^{did} it became obvious to you that looting was going on previous to your ~~going?~~ ^{arrival}

Witness: It is possible.

Mr. Khan: ^{did} It became obvious to you then?

Witness: Yes.

Mr. Khan: You saw crowds; you didn't stop to check?

Witness: No.

Mr. Khan: Were you afraid of the crowd?

Witness: No.

Mr. Khan: Did you see any crowds before seeing houses, which were burning or stoned?

Witness: Yes.

Mr. Khan: Did you see any of these people assisting to put out the fire? did you see these fires?

Witness: Yes.

Mr. Khan: Did you remember seeing any body else stop?

Witness: No.

Mr. Khan: But you stop to see.

Witness: Yes I stop to see.

Mr. Khan: Did you come out of the jeep then.

Witness: Yes.

Mr. Khan: What happened with the other men with you? did they employ themselves in the house where they have fire? You went at the back to see if you could have seen any body inside.

Witness: No.

Mr. Khan: What method you employ?

Witness: I was trying to save the houses.

Mr. Khan: Did you ask people to assist you?

Witness: No.

Mr. Khan: For what reason?

Witness: I don't have any particular reason.

Mr. Khan: There must be some reason?

Witness: No sir.

Mr. Khan: Previous ^{to} of the 25th Of May were you on patrol on the

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day. I understand that on the 24th you were the only police driver at Wismar?

Witness: Yes I was the only police at Wismar.

Mr. Khan: You were all day on patrol?

Witness: Yes I was there all day.

Mr. Khan: You went patrolling in these area in Wismar.

How many people went with you?

Witness: The officer.

Mr. Khan: On that first patrol did you leave the station?

Witness: Yes.

Mr. Khan: When was that.

Witness: On Monday.

Mr. Khan: Did you patrol on Sunday the 23th 24th?

Witness: I can't remember.

Mr. Khan: Did you use the police jeep on the 24th May?

Witness: I can't remember.

Mr. Khan: Did you take any superior officer in the jeep on the 24th May.

Witness: I don't think so.

Mr. Khan: So you didn't use the jeep at all.

Witness: I cannot even remember. I might have used it for some reason

Mr. Khan: You were at the station all day on the 24th of May.

Witness: I didn't say all day.

Mr. Khan: You heard any explosion on the 24th May?

Witness: No sir.

Mr. Khan: Were you asked to take any superior officer during the morning, midday, or evening to keep duty during that time.

Witness: No .

Mr. Khan: What about the 23rd, ^{was} were there any patrolling? you didn't on the 24th?

Witness: Yes I went on patrol.

Mr. Khan: When did you use the jeep then.? All the time you were on the first patrol. What time you were on duty on the 23rd of May? Did you turn out to work? did you see Robert Jordan on the 23rd, 24th, or 25th

Witness: No.

Mr. Khan: Did you see Robert ^{Jordon} of the month for the month of May?

Witness: I didn't.

Mr. Khan: During your patrol on the 25th and the 26th of May did you see a man by the name of Banga Mary.

Witness: I can't remember, but he was at the police station once.

Mr. Khan: On the 25th of May did you see constable Battersfield?

Witness: No sir.

Mr. Carter: Am I right to say that Demba put at the disposal of the police five jeeps?

Witness: Yes sir.

Mr. Carter: On Sunday night the 24th of May, did you drive in and tell the police that you saw fires?

Witness: No.

Prof. Drayton: Did you offer any person a lift.

Witness: Yes.

Dr. DRAYTON: About offering people lifts; besides those who were in trouble, could you have offered Mr. Jordon a lift with out instructions?"

WITNESS: "No."

Dr. Drayton: "If you had got instructions would you have done it?"

WITNESS: "I would have done it."

Dr. DRAYTON: "Now, you are the driver in charge of the jeep; where do you get your gasoline from?"

WITNESS: ^{The Police Band} "Essa station opposite the Police station."

DR. DRAYTON: Which other vehicles get?"

WITNESS: "Only the launch, and Police vehicle."

DR. DRAYTON: "Do you have jerry cans for the jeep?"

WITNESS: "I would borrow from Deaber."

DR. DRAYTON: "Do you usually have the jerry can or cans in your jeep?"

WITNESS: "No Sir."

DR. DRAYTON: "On occasions you have borrowed the jerry can,

and fill^{it} it up with petrol?"

WITNESS: "One more than one occasion."

DR. DRAYTON: "You borrowed it for perhaps a day?"

WITNESS: "No."

DR. DRAYTON: "Everytime you have to fill up your jeep you would borrow a jerry can?"

WITNESS: "Yes."

DR. DRAYTON: "About how many times you have to fill up your tank?"

WITNESS: "Twice a week."

DR. DRAYTON: Around 23rd and 24th you borrowed the jerry can?

Witness: I may have run out of gasolene.

Dr. Drayton: Sometimes you would do this; fill up your tank, and then keep the jerry can?

Witness: Not at all.

Dr. Drayton: The night of the 23rd May were you on patrol in the area?

Witness: Might have been.

Dr. Drayton: And you might have been also on the 24th?

Witness: Yes.

Dr. Drayton: Who is in charge of petrol Station Compound?

Witness: Who ever is in charge of the ^{S.O.} ~~see~~ is in charge of the compound.

Rev. McDonald
Dr. Drayton: On this Monday 25th when you were rescuing people, would you have stopped, if at any time a difficult crowd was around?

Witness: I wouldn't stop.

Rev. Mc Donald: "supposing there were large crowds on the roads, that would cause you to slow down what would be the results?"

Witness: When they see the jeep they would move aside.

Rev. McDonald: "at any time when this jeep was passing the crowd, was anybody ^{in the jeep} ever being slapped at or rushed upon?"

Witness: No sir.

Rev. Mc Donald: Did you work during the whole night?

Witness: Yes.

Rev. Mc. Donald: Could you think of a reason why some one might have ~~damaged the jeep and jerry cans~~ ^{surround the jeep and that might}

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Witness: No reason at all.

Mrs Mootoo: How many pas engers could you take in your jeep?

Witness: About 7.

Mrs. Mootoo: When you were doing your rescue work was there any other policeman in the jeep with you?

Witness: I had Constable Griffith with me.

Mrs. Mootoo: You could have taken 5 more passengers?

Witness: Certainly.

Mrs. Mootoo: Did you pick up Mrs. Gopie and her child from an African's lady house?

Witness: No.

Mrs. Mootoo: She said she was in the jeep, and you passed the Chinese grocery and a group of people were looking on while a girl was being raped, and when your jeep stopped there, the girl shouted. ^{+ you said} Wait a second, and said you had no time ^{right then}.

London being sworn states as follows:

Witness: No Sir.

Mrs Mootoo: If you saw a girl being ^{raped} beaten what would you do?

Witness: I would have picked her up.

Mrs. Mootoo: If someone asked you for some gas, would you give it to them.

Witness: No.

Mrs. Mootoo: Thank you very much.

Chairman: You know a man by the name of Ramkumar?

Witness: Yes.

Chairman: Was he wet?

Witness: Yes.

Chairman: Was he surrounded by a crowd of 300 to 400 people?

Witness: No.

Chairman: How many?

Witness: About 20 to 30.

Mr. Shepherd: ~~What was the name of the man that was picked up?~~

Witness: Ramkumar.

Chairman: ^{Shri. Jagan} About 20 to 30 people. Was he given a few blows before he

was picked up?

Witness: Not in my presence sir.

Dr. Drayton: But you do not know a man by the name of Reece. His name rings a bell.

You did know the man Reece?

Witness: No Sir.

Mr. Shepherd: As a police man your duty is to drive Land Rover PL 91 and on the Monday Tuesday 25th and 26th you were on duty driving your Land Rover?

Witness: Yes sir,

Mr. Shepherd: Did you help to burn the houses?

Witness: No sir.

Mr. Shepherd: Did you give loose petrol to the crowd to burn the houses?

Witness: No sir.

Chairman: A statement was made that a negro boy was being kicked by an Indian man?

Witness: Yes, it is true.

Mr. Shepherd: Did these remarks of a negro boy being kicked by an Indian boy started up anything?

Witness: It was an Indian man by the name of Sunny. He went away before I arrived.

Dr. Drayton: Was it this incident that started the disturbances at Wismar? or was it the death of the Sealey's family?

Witness: Coupled with that.

Dr. Drayton: Thank you.

James Brown being sworn states as follows:-

Chairman: Your first name.

Witness: ~~James~~ James Brown.

Co unsel: You are Police ^{Cover} 5436, stationed at Mc Kenzie Police Station.

Witness: Yes sir.

Counsel: Do you know one Mrs. Kowsilla Gopie?

Witness: Yes sir.

Chairman
Counsel: Did you ever ask her to be friends with you? I mean after

~~..... lady wa~~

I mean after the disturbances this lady went back to McKenzie and went to the Mackenzie Police station where it is alleged that you asked her to be intimate with ~~her~~?

Witness: No sir.

Chairman: ~~After which she went downstairs and slept with some East Indian men?~~

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CHAIRMAN. "Were you intimate with her?"

WITNESS. " No Sir "

CHAIRMAN. " She then said that she went down-
stairs, ^{with some} and she saw Gopie there with an Indian

man, who was resting there and awaiting conveyance
for the night. Do you know? ^{And later you approached her}
~~Do you know?~~ ^{Do you know about this}

WITNESS. " I don't know Sir"

CHAIRMAN. " Did you see Kowsilla Gopie around
27th May to 6th June?"

WITNESS. " No Sir. The first of June I was
in charge of Ituni police station, 30 miles away"

CHAIRMAN. " Can you say when you went to Ituni?"

WITNESS. " I went to Ituni police station at
9. a.m. on the 16th May?."

CHAIRMAN. " How long did you remain there?"

WITNESS. " Until the 16th June".

CHAIRMAN. "Well, she said it was the early part ^{of June}

in her evidence. Now, she also alleged that she
went into the Barrack room. She was called into
the Barrack room for a ^{bag} ~~matress~~, as she had asked
for some to sleep on, and when she went there a
hand pulled her through the door, to the darkness in-
side and indecently assaulted her"

WITNESS. " I don't know about that sir"

CHAIRMAN. " Then subsequently the door was
opened, and another constable came in and said
"Brown is that you", and he laughed and turned
away"

WITNESS. "I don't know about that sir, I was
at the Ituni police station"

MR. SHEPHERD: " A record can be introduced to show
that this ^{Const.} ~~corporal~~ was elsewhere during that day".

MR. CARTER. " Are they ^{Cust} any other Brown at MacKenzie?"

WITNESS. " No Sir"

MR. CARTER. " Are you a married man?"

WITNESS. " Yes Sir"

MR. CARTER. " Do you know if Hakim sent his children over to you during the disturbances?"

WITNESS. " He spoke to me at Ituni. I told him he could send the children to my home where he usually sends them"

PROF. DRAYTON. " You told him he could send the children where?"

WITNESS. " At my home, I am living at MacKenzie"

PROF. DRAYTON. " How often do you visit Mac Kenzie?"

WITNESS. " I didn't do down during the disturbances. I came ^{at Ituni} down on the ^{15th} 25th of one ^{May} month and I didn't visit ^{MacKenzie} it at all"

PROF. DRAYTON. " Did you hear of the possibility of trouble in the area?"

WITNESS. " Yes Sir I head over the radio"

PROF. DRAYTON. " When you left on the 15th May did you know of the possibility of trouble in the area?"

WITNESS. " No Sir"

PROF. DRAYTON. " Did you hear of the alleged poisoning of water?"

WITNESS. " No Sir"

PROF. DRAYTON. " Thank you"

MRS. MOOTOO. " Do you know Mrs. Gopie at all?"

WITNESS. " Yes Sir, I know her as a known character, a thief"

MRS. MOOTOO. " What had she stolen?"

WITNESS. " She was convicted on the 22nd November, for larceny on a dwelling house. Her criminal record Number is 33862. She was convicted before Justice Date, and she was warranted on the sum of "500. to be of good behaviour for 12 months"

MR.SHEPHERD." I have a copy of her criminal record Sir?"

CHAIRMAN. " Would you tender this now as Exhibit "V"

WITNESS. " I also inquired into two complaints of larceny. The complaints were made by one Fields of Wismar Market. I went 2 or 3 times with Mrs. Fields to Mrs. Gopie's house. Mrs. Fields requested that the police should not take action, but she would like to get back her shoes, and Gopie gave back to her" "Also another instance was up the bank while we were travelling"

CHAIRMAN. " Which bank?"

WITNESS. " East Bank. We travelled one night in 1963 by R.H. Carr and I met a woman who wanted to know whether she would meet Gopie there. Gopie had told her that her husband was an employment officer at Mac Kenzie and she could make her son get work. She had slept there the night and borrowed some money from the woman, and she borrowed the woman daughter's shoes. The woman came out at Wismar and asked if I know where the girl was living and I told her yes. I went with the woman where she was living and I leave them there"

MRS.MOOTOO." So you haven't had any respect for Mrs. Gopie. Did you have respect or regard for

her.

WITNESS. " Yes, I respect her as a ^{known} thief"

MRS. MOOTOO. " ~~Then do you have respectable people~~ in this country?"

WITNESS. " Yes"

MRS. MOOTOO. " Well what respect you have for Mrs. Gopie?"

WITNESS. " I respect her as a thief"

MRS. MOOTOO. " Do you make a suggestion to a woman whom you really respected?"

WITNESS. " That is my concern"

MRS. MOOTOO. " Would you make such a suggestion to a woman if you respected her?"

WITNESS. " No"

MRS. MOOTOO. " Did you make suggestions to any category of woman that you have no respect for?"

WITNESS. " No"

PROF. DRAYTON. " How long you have been living there?" ^{in the force}

WITNESS. " About 13 years"

PROF. DRAYTON. " A woman or a young girl who had one conviction for larceny in a dwelling house?

" Obviously she had no previous conviction, but you will respect this person as a thief so far as you are concerned"

WITNESS. " ^{Yes}"

PROF. DRAYTON. " You categorise her as the others?."

" Do you see any possibility of a person who has been guilty of this action at that age making up

for it later on. You have no such feeling ^{about} as call- ^{her a thief}

ing her seeing the corrected side of punishment.

And therefore would you put her in the category

of a thief and describe her as a known character?"

WITNESS. " There are several ⁱⁿ other convictions a-

against Mrs. Gopie's Criminal record besides larceny in the dwelling house in which she was ordered to pay \$500. dollars and be of good behaviour for 12 months. She did not lapse since that day, and she had kept good behaviour"

WITNESS. " In any case the record was in there" *there are several other cases pending against her*
PROF. DRAYTON! I would not consider any other offence which does not appear in the criminal record. She was charged for larceny in the dwelling house and has behaved well, and no other offence was committed". "And what I found extremely sad is that you said you are a member of the Force"

WITNESS. " ^{No} Yes Sir"

MR. SHEPHERD. " I think it is from your side, and I think you cannot call a ~~13~~ years old, a young girl, a thief and as a known character in the first place. Was this intended to convey that you will lose respect for such a person as Mrs. Gopie who committed one offence which she has subsequently made up for and subsequently been good and has kept the peace, would you lose respect for such a person?"

WITNESS. " Yes Sir"

REV. MCDONALD. " Mr. Brown would you say how many police officers and constables were at any one time ⁱⁿ at the police station? How many of them?"

WITNESS. " About 32"

REV. MCDONALD. " You had had to investigate Mrs. Gopie, why ^{did} she choose to call your ^{name} ~~name~~. You have any idea why she took your name and nobody else's

name?"

WITNESS. " Because I investigated her several times" " I noticed early that she kept away her speech from me. One day I said hello to her and she didn't answer me"

REV.MCDONALD. " Thank you that's all".

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