

Accd No. 17.

MCH91-6a-2-17

L. F. DODD

Oct. to Dec. 1962.

St. Columbus,

Dec. 1962 to Jan. 1963

Helmesley

Never been to St. Columbus.

Never any meetings at Helmesley.

No previous conditions £15 in 1962 for bicycle chain.

26<sup>th</sup> June, 1963.

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Freddie Lungile Dodo.

22 Stone Street,  
Cape Town.

Age - 25 years, Married.  
Working at Helmsley Hotel,  
Born in Cape Town.

On the 11<sup>th</sup> April, 1963, in the afternoon, two detectives came to me at work and took me to Bellwell Police Station where I was locked in. Two or three days after that, I appeared before the Magistrate in Bellwell Court, and I was remanded. A week and half after that, the same detectives questioned me about Pogo which they said it was an unlawful Organisation. I told them that I was not prepared to give any statement to them. I would hear from the Magistrate because I knew ~~about~~ nothing about what they questioned me. Mr. Van Rooyen told me that I would be beaten up if I didn't give statement. I told him I knew that because I had heard ~~horrible~~ cries in their offices. He gave me a hot clap and after which Mr. Formie and other two began to heat <sup>me</sup> and squeezed my throat, and I was unconscious. ~~When~~ they stopped heating me and some few minutes after, when I regained my consciousness, they asked me about some money which I gave to a certain man for Pogo memberships. I told them that I knew nothing about that with the exception of funeral collections, which sometimes come around our hotel. They asked <sup>me</sup> if I knew the names <sup>which</sup> they read from a piece of paper. I said yes we worked together.

*Speech hour*

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R.O.M. *78/2/63*

R.C.I.

Naam : *LUNYILE FRED DODO*

Name : *L. D. Dodo Helms by Water Cape Town*

N.I. No .. *2121.72.6.9*

N.I. Nr .....

Jy is nou in die teenwoordigheid van *Sgt van Rooyen*

You're now in the presence of .....

..... 'n lid van die Suid-Afrikaanse Polisie.

..... a member of the South African Police.

Ek ondersoek die bedrywighede van die verbode organisasie, Pan Africanist Congress (P.A.C.), wat onder die bantoes bekend is as POQO.

I am investigating the movements of the banned Pan Africanist Congress, also known as POQO.

Daar is inligting tot my beskikking en ek het rede om te glo dat jy 'n lid van hierdie verbode organisasie is. Dit is 'n ernstige saak en ek moet jou waarsku om versigtig te wees wat jy sê. Jy is, egter, nie verplig om enigiets te sê wat jou mag inkrimineer nie, maar wat jy sê, sal op skrif gestel word en dit mag as getuienis gebruik word.

There are reasonable grounds for suspicion that you are a member of this banned Organization.

This, however, is a very serious matter and I warn to you to be careful what you say. You're not compelled to say anything which may incriminate you, but what ever you say will be taken down, and it may be used in evidence.

Verstaan jy wat die aard van die beweerde aanklag is en jou regte? .....

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Do you understand the nature of the charge, and you're priviledges? .....

*Yes I do.*

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*I was born in Cape Town.*

*I have passed Std. VII at school and I speak English.*

*The headman at my fathers kraal is Ramuka, at Isolo*

*The name of my father is Francis.*

*I started work in 1958 after*

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leaving school and have been working there up to the date of my arrest.

During June or July 1962 a Bantu man came to our place of work, and wanted to speak to all of us working at Helmsley Hotel. (I saw this man in court - at Bellville and recognized him. I learnt that his name is Esagela.)

Dorington Nqwanya went to inform the boys. When I came out I found them in Dorington's room. We listened to what he had to say.

I remember the following men to be present:

- ① Myself.
- ② Dorington Nqwanya.
- ③ Siman Feka.
- ④ Esagela.

Esagela addressed us on Pogo and its aims.

On a question put by me Esagela told us that the organization is actually P.F.C. and that they have changed the name to Pogo, which is the Xosa name.

He told us that Pogo is an organization for the Bantu to fight for freedom from the white people. He said Pogo will take over the country from the White. He told us everybody must join Pogo. To join a fee

of 2/6 (25<sup>c</sup>) is required.

About a week later in the evening Dorrington told me that Gagela is there to collect our fees. I was on the point of going out and wrote my name on a piece of paper and left it together with my 25<sup>c</sup>, with Dorrington, to give it to Gagela.

I went out and did not attend a meeting.

Subsequently Dorrington told me that the following are also members of Pogo.

Dorrington. Nqwenya.

Siman Fika.

Herbert May.

Batshe.

Quite some time after the first meeting that I attended there was another meeting at Dorrington's room. On this meeting I sat next to Hubert May, who told me that he knows about his organization and that he had already paid his 25<sup>c</sup>.

At this meeting Gagela told us that all subscription fees must be paid in. Dorrington told him to come at the end of the month because all the boys have not got the money.

On this meeting Gagela was accompanied by some other Bantu man unknown to me. He was a dark complexioned man

I know of about four meetings that were held at Helmsley Hotel but of these I only attended two. I think it was at the first meeting that Gagda told us that Darrington Nqwenya will be our leader, he will collect money and tell us about meetings etc. Darrington did ~~do~~ this. He used to inform the boys when Gagda came to conduct meetings.

Gagda did not say what form the fighting would take at these two meetings that I attended.

Darrington told me that he does not fully understand the organization because every time they come they just speak about money but not about the fighting and how the fighting is to be done.

At this first meeting Gagda told us that it is a must for everyone to join. There is a question of being forced to join.

Freddie Dodo

Belville 29/4/63. 12.30 pm.

Statement taken by me Boyer 225732 of Dependent acknowledged that he knows & understands the contents of this affidavit. Read and signed and sworn to before me at Belville this 29th April 1963 at 12.30 pm

Boyer 225732  
Com of Oaths R.S.P.