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Alfred Mhlahlela accused no. 31 age 63
married man wife & children 6 subjects depend
on me

Alfred Mhlalela Accused No 31

On the 26th April 1963 ~~my~~ Mr van Rooyen and a Bantu C.I.D. came at my work and told me that they had few questions I had to answer at Bellville, arriving at Bellville Police station they asked me where I were I. I said I dont know. They told me that I was in Bellville Police Station. Mr Smit asked me my age. I told him that I am 63 yrs. Mr Smit said he hope I would tell the truth because I am an old man. He questioned me about A.N.C. + P.A.C. Organisations I told him that I never joined any organisation. He questioned me if do I know anything about Pogo, I said no. He also asked me if do I know any people as members of Pogo organisation. I said no. He showed me a paper with a list of names for Tokozanyo Mashiyi, Ngebo and Dimrode Tyali. Asking me if do I know them I said yes. I stayed with them. He said these names are members of Pogo. I said I know nothing about that. As I was still questioned Ngaba Tyali entered the door. ~~He~~ Mr Smit asked me if do I know him I said yes. I know him we stay together. He told me that Ngaba Tyali is the leader of Pogo at St Columbas Home I told him that I know nothing about

that. He brought me a snap and asked me if I can I point any person whom I know. I pointed out Gogela stating that I know him staying at St Columbas Home. He pointed another man next to Gogela and told me that man is Tshongoyi stating that Tshongoyi and Gogela are both Pogo Leaders. I was realised and told that I will be a witness. Mr van Rooyen took me back to work.

On the 19th of May Mr van Rooyen, and another white C.I.D. and the same Bantu C.I.D. arrived at work. They took me to Bellville Police Station after they searched my room on my absence. I asked them what was it all about now, Mr van Rooyen told me that he wanted me for re examination. Arriving at Bellville I was shown a list of names and Mr van Rooyen said Norman Mshoniswa and Isaac Mhlawuli said I am one of Pogo members. I was prepared to go on leave I had already bought my second class ticket. They asked me if I am I prepared to be a witness. I said I could not witness what I do not know. Mr van Rooyen clapped me to the floor and kicked me on the chest. I can hardly hear even now. He took me to the cells and told me that I'll die in jail.

Alfred Mkhahlela 63 years old married with four children, place of birth in St. Catharine Tzolo. Place of work at Cathbert shoe store Salt river. Residential place 52 Seale Street St. Columbas Home C.T.

On the ~~evening~~ 26th of April I was visited by the detectives at work. They told me that they wanted me in Bellville for questioning. They took me to Bellville police station where they asked me about pogo. I told them that I know nothing about that, and after questioning they told me that they are imposed to detain me because I am not telling them the truth my friends have told them that I am a member of the pogo organisation I deny denied that and they freed me.

They came again ^{on} the nineteenth of May and told me that Roman and Mkhawuli have told them that I am a pogo man. I told them that I know the nothing about that, and after several questions they took me and locked me in the cell after they assaulted me several times. The only thing I know when our friend dies we make collection for his funeral I am the chairman of the association and Samuel is the secretary. This association was formed under Quniba and Tzolo only.

Alfred Mkhahlela

Acid. No. 31.

G.A. MHLAHLA

Same as 27-32

Dec. 1961 to March 1962

June to July 1962; Oct. 4

Dec. 1962, May 1963

St. Columbus

Since 1952-55; back end 1955 - to arrest.
Chairman - collection.

Jellville R.O.M. R.C.I. 7.8/2/63

Naam : Alfred Mblahlela
Name : Alfred Mblahlela
N.I. No
N.I. Nr 2491337

Jy is nou in die teenwoordigheid van
You're now in the presence of Sgt. Smith
in 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 in-
krimineer 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?

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

Yes, I understand.
I am a Zulu and my home
since childhood is at Isolo in the
Transkei.

I am 13 years of age and have
passed Std. VI at school. I started working
in Cape Town with Cathbali since
1927 and I am still working for this
firm. I have been resident at Columbus
Home all the time.
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I know about the A. N. C. and P. A. C., but I did not join any of these organisations.

During 1962 I heard of the new organisation known as Pogo. I know a man called Chongoyi. He used to come to the Columbus Home and he is the man who spoke to the men to join Pogo. He also asked me to join Pogo.

I did not at any time agree to join Pogo and I did not pay any money towards Pogo. I did not attend any meetings.

Charlie Ngaba is well known to me. He also stayed at Columbus Home. He has also spoken to me on numerous occasions and tried to influence me to join.

I was given to understand that Chongoyi was a committee member of Pogo.

Charlie Ngaba was also an active man working for Pogo. I often saw him writing the names of people down.

I also know a man known as Tsetha. He is a big leader of Pogo.

I know the following men of Columbus Home to be members of Pogo :-

- 1) Alfred Ngoba. 14
- 2) Washiya. (employed with Aderman in Cape Town.) 32
- 3) Vunirod Tjaji. 15
- 4) Jacob Ngumba. (employed with Attwells.)
- 5) Samuel Tsozwayo. (employed by S. A. R.) 29

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As I did not attend any meetings of Pogo, I can furnish no more information.

I now see a photograph. I identify Toggella as the man on the far right in the front row.

Next to him is Chongoyi. Both of them are prominent men in Pogo.

The Chongoyi referred to in my statement is a brother of the Chongoyi on the photo. He lives in Primrose St. He is employed in Cape Town, but I do not know with whom.

Alfred Mhlabelela

Bellyille,
1st May, 1963 at 3.15 p.m.

The deponent has declared that he does understand the contents of this statement, sworn to before me and signed in my presence this 1st day of May, 1963.

Alfred Mhlabelela
Com. of Oaths.