

Date of judgement: October 1962
Place of trial: Supreme Court, Pietermaritzburg
Names of appellant: The State

Laws under which charged: Group Areas Act

Particulars of appeal: Appeal against the acquittal of nine men charged with contravening the Group Areas Act by having a multi-racial football match on a sports field in an Indian area near Durban.

Judgement: Acquittal of the nine men was upheld.

Remarks: The nine men-five Coloureds, two Indians and two Whites-were charged under a proclamation that prohibits disqualified races from sitting down to refreshment in a restaurant, tearoom or club. The courts found that the accused had gone to the field to play football, not to eat.

Source: The Star, Johannesburg, 28 October 1962

Date of sentence: 11 October 1962

Place of trial: Johannesburg

Names of accused

Mr. John Benjamin

Mrs. Pixie Benjamin

Miss Eve Hall

Mrs. Mary Turok

Miss Mollie Anderson

(later Mrs Mollie Doyle)

Laws under which charged:

Particulars of charges

Promoting the aims of a banned organization - the African National Congress.

Sentences

Mr. John Benjamin was sentenced to three years' imprisonment, suspended conditionally.

The other four accused were sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment each, of which 12 months were suspended.

Remarks:

All five appealed and were released on bail of 200 Rand each.

Source: The World, Johannesburg,
12 October 1962

Appeal was subsequently dismissed.

Date of sentence: November 1962
Place of trial: Regional Court, Paarl
Names of accused: Mr. Fanele Matinge

Laws under which charged:

Particulars of charges: Possession of unlicensed firearm; possession of a dangerous weapon

Sentences: Two years' imprisonment for possession of an unlicensed firearm and six months' imprisonment for possession of a dangerous weapon.

Remarks: Mr. Matinge, a labourer described as the leader of Pogo, had pleaded guilty.

Source: The Star, weekly, Johannesburg, 1 December 1962

Date of sentence: November 1962

Place of Trial: Johannesburg Magistrate's Court

Names of accused: Mrs. Violet May Weinberg and fourteen African women.

Laws under which charged:

Particulars of charges: On 27 October 1962, they had serenaded Mrs. Helen Joseph, who had been placed under house arrest, and failed to disperse when the police ordered them to do so.

Sentences: Mrs. Weinberg and twelve African women were fined 20 Rand (or twenty days' imprisonment). Two African women, who had a previous conviction for failing to disperse at a protest meeting in 1958, were fined 40 Rand (or 40 days' imprisonment).

Remarks: Source: The Star, weekly, Johannesburg, 17 November 1962