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# VIVA Comrade MOSS

## TRIAL UPDATE NO 2

The last "Trial Update" reported on Comrade Moss's case until mid-March. This report covers the period from that time up until 25th April.

### STADLER - "ANC EXPERT"

Brigadier Stadler testified that the ANC had made certain calls to organisations within the country which, according to his "research", had been followed by organisations in the country. As examples he gave the ANC's call

for ungovernability, the formation of organs of people's power and the destruction of town councils .

During cross-examination Stadler conceded that he was not able to give examples of any direct link between the ANC and organisations inside the country but he said an inference could be drawn by looking at the ANC's call and the behaviour of organisations inside the country.

Stadler did not give any evidence about Alexandra directly. He was cross-examined on aspects such as his expertise, the effectiveness of the ANC's calls and the fact that many established political groupings used the rhetoric which he attributed to the ANC or ANC sympathisers.

### PEOPLE'S COURTS

After Stadler's cross-examination another witness was called to give evidence about people's courts at 31 Seventh Avenue in Alexandra. According to this witness he was present at a hearing of a people's court at which Accused no 2 was present. The witness said that Accused no 2 said that he, the witness, should be "given the tyre".

The case was adjourned for the Easter Recess and opened again on 11 April 1988. The State led some witnesses just in order to hand in documents which had allegedly been found in the homes of the accused and others.

### SCOTT-VIGILANTE ATTACK

One of these witnesses, Warrant Officer Scott, was led to hand in a photograph that police had allegedly taken of a people's court at 31 Seventh Avenue. Scott said the picture was taken by a police photographer the morning after there had been a vigilante attack on the residents of Alexandra. He was extensively cross-examined on the vigilante attack and the extent of the police investigation. As to the perpetrators. Scott conceded that he had heard allegations that the police had been responsible for the attack. He said that as far as he was aware, nobody had been arrested in connection with these attacks nor did the police have any suspects although two years had passed. Scott was also cross-examined on the methods which the police had used in order to ascertain the culprits. Scott was told

to bring a number of police documents and records to court. His cross-examination is not yet finished.

### MORE ON PEOPLE'S COURTS

After Scott, another witness testified in camera on people's courts. He said that while driving in Alexandra his car was hijacked by a group of people and driven away. The witness later came back with municipal police and eventually found the car outside 31 Seventh Avenue. He said when he arrived with the municipal police, people started stoning them and the police drove away leaving him standing.

The people at 31 Seventh Avenue then took him inside the premises and threatened to necklace him for bringing the police. He testified that the SADF arrived and everybody scattered - he was given back his vehicle and was told it was not necessary to lay any charges because his vehicle had not been damaged. The witness did not identify any of the accused.

This witness was cross-examined as to how he remembered this incident had taken place on 18th February 1986. He said he had written it down on a piece of paper. When he was asked to bring this paper to court he came the following day saying the paper had been burnt by his wife.

### THE STATE'S CASE

After this witness's evidence the State asked for an adjournment to 25th April to look for the documentation that had been requested from Scott and to look for two further witnesses. After that, Scott, these witnesses and a handwriting expert will give evidence, and the State will probably close its case - this is very close now.