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By 31 Stat! Reporter

I WENT INTO the Johannesburg Fort today. This is-where the men and women arrested yesterday on allegations of treason are being held. Earlier reports filtering out 2 from the Fort described the spirit of the prisoners as tense. I wanted to know what is happening to them behind those massive-looking walls behind the iron-studded door.

One timid tap on the polished

brass knocker caused a door to

at eye-level to open. "Would

I see the superintendent?" I

Police prefer

act early am

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n 'g'gfhtnof yesterday when 13 baked and I was tt'inside."

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a erent parts of the country, Mm" 4' emveddyer were the

at was carried out early in the administrative 013093-

morning. Courteous officers and N.C.o.s

The renames behind this are that ushered me on my way to the!

had \$0112; Irgege\$03fbly 5:5: 3i omce of the superintendent, a.

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home, and also that they are able kindly man. mu? Staying hair,

to carry out their duties as un- who wore his uniform well. His

obtrusively as possible, ribbons told their story of a life-

h The later the time when such time of Prison 611W-

operations are undertaken the .

more public disturbance they PUT AT EASE 1

:ause. end the police authorities, We got talking and I was m

from what is known of previous 3-3 much at ease as an Old Has."

large-scale activities, are not " We try to make everyo.

Iesh'ous or causing unnecessary happy here," said Col. D. 'x

icenes in the streets. Scholtz. " We don't judge people.

- Most of those who come here have i

had a tragedy in their lives. We

try to put them at ease. Our Job

is to look after them."

A stone thrown from where we

set the prisoners were lounging

about in the sun or resting in the

shade of the Fort's exercise yard.

They have benches and spend

most of the day there.

They are free to talk with one

another, may' smoke and may , _ e _ ,

follow almost any pursuit except by friends and relations.

was climbing. Only at 5 .m.

after a good meal in the communal REASONABLY FREE

dining-room, do they go to their The cells have good bedding

cells and get locked up for the with the number of blankets

night determined by the state of the

LAST NIGHTS MEAL weather. Women prisoners have

Messages that came out of the: beds and better accommodation generally.

Fort today from the prisoners

said they were being well looked

after. What sort of a meal did

they have last night? I

"A thick soup with meat and

vegetables in it." said Colonel

Scholtz. "A .sort of army skilly.

I can assure you it tastes pretty

Smoking is not allowed in the

cells, but the prisoners are 3.1.
lowed out for a smoke at intervals.
"They are reasonably free."
said Colonel Scholtz. "Only, of
course, they cannot get out and
must adhere to our routine disci-
pline. Except for that they might
just as easily be in a well-kept
They also had bread and tea. . . .
' , - boarding house, where there are
Included in the days' rations also no luxuries, but here there is
are sugar and jam.
wholesome and the accommodation
Food at the Fort, I was told, is clean."
in accordance with a scientific
scale. The bread is good. whole- -
some brown bread baked at the Defence fund
Fort- LONDON. Thursday. _ The
Meals can also be supplemented South African committee of the
Movement for Colonial Freedom
decided in London last night to
set up a defence fund to give
legal and other aid to the 40
people arrested in South Africa
yesterday.-Sapa.-Reuter.