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THE FOLLOWING IS A TRANSLATION FROM THE NATIONALIST PARTY NEWSPAPER, "DAGBREEK EN LANDSTEM" PUBLISHED ON SUNDAY 7th JULY, 1968 IN JOHANNESBURG.

Subversives - on Rivonia Pattern - Again Active in S.A.
Provocative Tape Recordings Played in Golden City.
(by Chris Vermaak).

Current events in South Africa show clearly that subversive elements are again actively organising underground, and that in some of our cities already new organisational units or cells have probably again been created.

It is the old Rivonia pattern. All the activities are geared to the sharpening of and succour for terrorism. The Government is openly and daringly being challenged. The question being asked is whether it is not the work of foreign-trained members of banned political organisations because it cannot be argued with certainty that such trained people have not found their way into South Africa.

On Wednesday 26th June, the so-called freedom day which was also celebrated in London by our enemies, an inflammatory tape-recording of the A.N.C. was played in a Johannesburg street. It was full of exhortation to violence.

Who made the recording and who was responsible for its playing - under the noses of the police?

Verbatim typed reports of it are now also being distributed by post and other methods. Such things require organisation and are obviously the work of more than one person.

The broadcast is the most audacious step the A.N.C. has taken since it was suppressed by the Government in 1963 - 65.

This defiant act was accompanied by other developments. Hundreds of leaflets concerning the banned A.N.C. were found in Commercial Road, Durban. A large banner fluttered near a garage in the same street. Senior Security Branch officers have been called in. They say the matter is being investigated.

This is the first time that leaflets of the A.N.C. have been distributed in Durban since that organisation was banned.

Simultaneously other leaflets and printed, illustrated booklets also made their appearance in S.A. The propaganda was posted in S.A. but possibly printed in London and smuggled here. There are numerous illustrations of 'freedom fighters' who are attacking S.A. and Rhodesia. There are also several mis-statements alleging brutality to non-whites.

The booklet is printed in four Bantu languages and English. The introductory headline, under the flag of the A.N.C. states: 'We are at War'.

Last month two other leaflets with virtually the same content were distributed in S.A.

The purpose is clear: it is to condition the non-whites in S.A. for an armed uprising and to prepare the way for guerrilla fighters. The Africans are, as it were, being bombarded with more propaganda than they can digest.