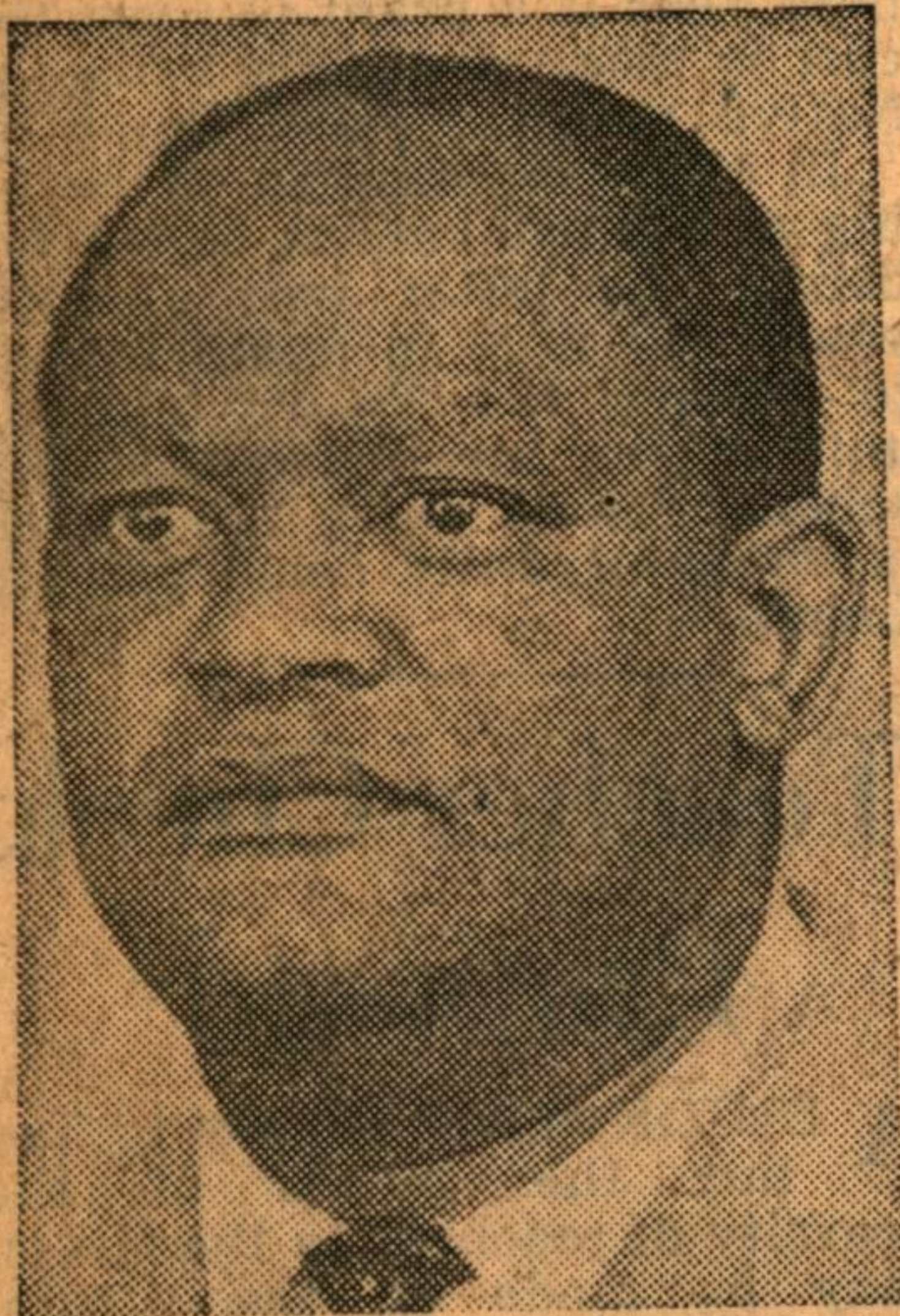


Arrested at Dawn



Professor Zachariah Keodrelang Matthews, Acting Principal of the University College of Fort Hare, studied law and anthropology as a young man, and was later appointed head of the Department of African Studies at Fort Hare. In 1952 he spent a year in the United States as Visiting Professor of World Christianity at the Union Theological Seminary. Professor Matthews was a member of the Natives' Representative Council and the Advisory Board on Native Education. He is an executive member of the African National Congress.



The Rev. Douglas Chadwick Thompson, 51, is Superintendent Minister of the Springs Circuit of the Methodist Church of South Africa. He has been a Methodist minister since 1928. Three years ago he was connexional secretary of the Temperance and Social Welfare Department of the Methodist Church. He is a recognized marriage-guidance consultant, a member of the executive committee of the Mental Health Society of the Witwatersrand, of which he was chairman last year.

The people under arrest, all of whom have been refused bail, will be held in the Johannesburg Fort till the inquiry.

Those arrested included a Member of Parliament, Mr. L. B. Lee-Warden; the wife of a former MP, Mrs. Sonia Bunting; a former MPC, Mr. Fred Carneson; Professor Z. K. Matthews, Acting Principal of Fort Hare Native University; a clergyman, the Rev. D. C. Thompson, Superintendent Minister of the Springs Circuit of the Methodist Church of South Africa.

There were attorneys, a seriously-ill Cape Town advocate, a Durban journalist, trade union officials, officials of African, non-European and multi-racial organizations, and a 65-year-old Native pensioner from Bellville.

Brigadier H. J. du Plooy, Assistant Commissioner of Police and Chief of the Union CID in Pretoria, said yesterday that the maximum penalty for treason could be death, even in time of peace.

An official list of the people detained and the organizations with which they were connected would not be available before to-day.

The police swoop, carried out with the greatest secrecy, was directed by senior police officers in the main centres of the country. It was carefully timed and military aircraft were waiting to carry the arrested persons to Johannesburg within a few hours.

AIRLIFT READY

At least six SAAF Dakota bombers were standing by to fly the arrested men and women to Johannesburg after brief court appearances in Cape Town, Durban and Port Elizabeth.

The only evidence was that identifying the arrested persons with the names in which the warrants were issued. They were then remanded to Johannesburg.

Two aircraft were used to take the arrested men and women from Cape Town; three from Durban and one from Port Elizabeth.

At Waterkloof air station, near Pretoria, strict security precautions were taken as soon as it became known that the aircraft from Cape Town, Durban and Port Elizabeth were on their way.

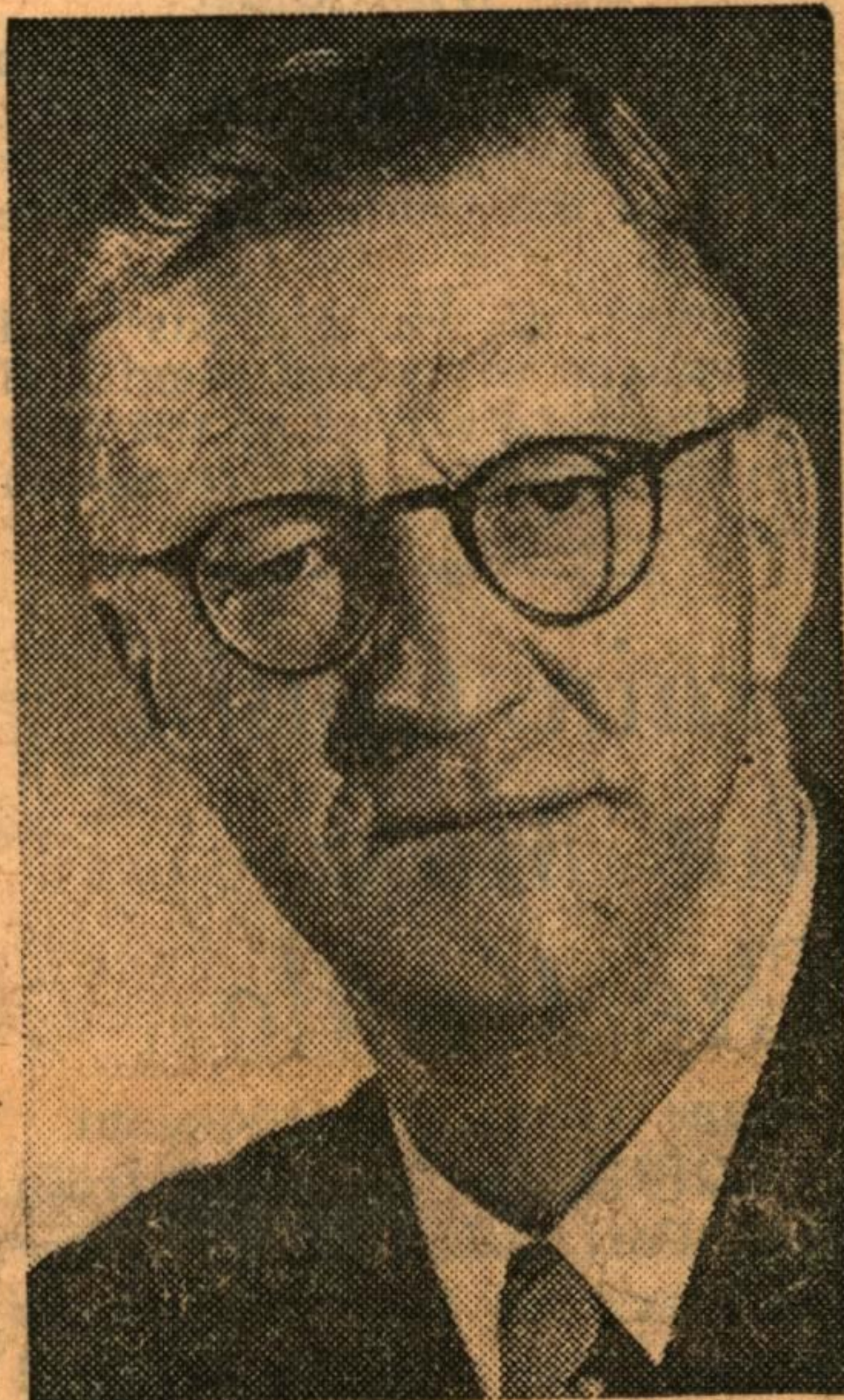
Reporters and photographers were refused admittance by an armed officer and NCO standing behind an eight-foot barbed wire gate locked with padlock and chain.

Everyone wanting to get into the station, even some wearing uniform, were scrutinized and their documents were examined.

Outside were several closed military vehicles of the "duty bus" type, apparently intended to take the prisoners to Johannesburg.

SCREENING

When Dakotas landed all persons not concerned with handling them were ordered away from the tarmac. No one was allowed in or out without care-



SIXTY-SECOND BIRTHDAY: Mr. C. R. Swart, Minister of Justice. It was his 62nd birthday yesterday.

information. Few knew that they would be taken to Johannesburg. They were given time to dress, and, while they were doing so, detectives carried out intensive searches of their houses, some lasting for two hours or more.

They took papers, documents and books.

In Cape Town, the prisoners were taken to Caledon Square and to the Wynberg Magistrate's Court, where they appeared before magistrates.

At Caledon Square the utmost secrecy was observed. The arrested people did not appear in a court, but in the police gymnasium, which became a special court for the purpose, before Mr. A. E. Schnehage.

URGENT CALLS

Then they were told that they would be leaving almost immediately for Johannesburg. They had been enabled to get in touch with their attorneys—Mr. Sam Kahn, Mr. H. Bernadt and Mr. T. H. Snitcher—and rapid calls were sent out asking friends and relatives to bring extra clothing.

Some got the clothing, others did not, before they were put into police vans and taken to Ysterplaat Air Station.

Last-minute arrangements had to be made to get a supply of essential drugs for one of the arrested men, Lionel Forman, who has a serious heart complaint.

The two Dakotas took off about 11 a.m. with 14 arrested persons.

An application for bail for Forman was being prepared in a

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Security Ban on News

Cape Times Correspondent

PRETORIA.—A strict security ban on more news about the Union-wide arrests on allegations of treason was applied here yesterday afternoon and last night.

The Minister of Justice, Mr. Swart, had "nothing to add" to his brief official announcement.

Inquiries addressed to high-ranking police officers were all referred to Brig. H. J. du Plooy, the Assistant Commissioner in charge of the CID, who was "out of town".

At military airfields near here, where aircraft bringing arrested people from other centres were expected to land, special precautions were taken.

Yesterday afternoon Brigadier Du Plooy said more arrests might be made but late last night no information was available on whether any had been made.

Brigadier Du Plooy could not be traced, and other senior police officers said that he was the only person who could answer questions.