

I was arrested on 1st October under 90 days. Taken to Central Offices Cape Town.

Asked to make statement about Sabotage and I said I knew nothing about it except what I read from newspapers.

On 2nd October, I was taken to Bellville Police Station by two white special branch men. I do not know their names but I can identify them.

When we arrived at the police station I was handcuffed - still in the van - and a canvas sail was put over my head. I was then led. We climbed steps - since I was told to lift my feet and entered a room, I presume. I was told to sit flat on seats and I was told to lift my knees and my arms were drawn down so that the knees were between the two arms. A stick was pushed in between my legs and arms. Something like a ring was put on my two thumbs. I was told to give all the information I knew about Umkhonto We Sizwe. I said I knew nothing about it except the Vigilance Committee. He said "jy praat kak". I then felt a shock. There were two shocks and this thing was removed and placed on the small finger and later on the second finger and I once more felt the shock in my body. I then promised to speak. At the time they did not hit me only they would hold the bag tight over my mouth so that my screams would be muffled.

I saw three people when the canvas was opened by an African man who apparently was identifying me because he pulled the bag open and then covered me once more.

I was then made to stand and told to put a stick over my head. I was told to bend my knees. I was then beaten up with something like a stick on my head and ribs. (I was still covered).

I was then informed that I am a member of the Youth League and I am a committee member. I said Lukesmart approached me and asked me to assist him in the work of Umkhonto but I refused Lukesmart the said he would look for another person. He did not explain what the work of Umkhonto was. But I refused because Luke Smart said he wanted a sprinter and a strong person. I then said I could not run.

I was then told that on the following day I would meet other officers to whom I was to make all the explanations about what I knew about Umkhonto. I was promised that if my statement was unsatisfactory I would once more be given Tikoloshe (electrocution).

I was then led to the van still covered and manacled. In the van both the handcuffs and the canvas were removed. I was then taken to Central Offices.

On the 3rd October nothing was done to me.

On the 4th October, I was taken by the same men to Bellville where I was given to three men.

I repeated the above to the three men and I was told that I was going to be electrocuted once more. But I added that the next thing which Luke Smart did was that he came to the committee and asked for the release of Tayo. I do not know what he wanted him for.

Tayo was called and he admitted that he was taken by Luke Smart from our committee.

I was then asked about the Youth League. I said I joined it March 1961 under Charles Makholisa. Asked whether is the Youth League similar to A.N.C. I said no.

I was asked about May 31st - I explained that we wanted people not to go to work but the strike failed.

In 1962 I became the committee member. The committee members were Mpemba, Simon Xamalatshe, Tshotsho, Charles Mkhohliso and myself.



Our work was to organise parties for funds, Conferences and meetings.

I was asked who often addressed these meetings. I mentioned Ndabezitha, Xambashe, Pemba, Tayo, Hendricks, Ngundle and others.

I then signed the statement made before the three men.

In my statement I said I knew nothing about the throwing of bombs to Matanzima's people.

Later I was called and informed that on a specific date in Nyanga West I made a report about the throwing of a bomb at Matanzima's people. I admitted this. I was called upon to make a further statement.

I explained that Regional Committee discussed the Matanzima people but did not decide what was to be done to them. It said (i.e. Regional Committee) the branch would see what to do to them. We then charged Martin Hani and Luke Smart with work to decide what was to be done. I then said Martin Hani reported that a bomb has been thrown to the Matanzima's people. But he did not say who did it.

Another report was made by Huna that bricks with threatening words were placed on the house of one of Matanzima's supporters.

The above repeats what I told police.

I was asked about Sachs, Goldberg and Canerson and Tarshish. I said I knew only Tarshish a person who was connected with the financial committee.

Members of this Committee were Tarshish (Chairman) Gilian (secretary) Luke Smart, Mildred Lesiya, Gaika, Mrs. Gatchalk and myself. There was no politics in this committee.

The committee used to meet at B.B. Parker, Rylands (met 4 times). Kashika (met 2 times) and at Mrs. Gatchalk (met once, met twice at Boysen).

On several occasions I have been asked to be a state witness but have refused.

I did make a report to the Magistrate about burning shocks. He just wrote down. I also reported to Sergeant-Major and also to the Superintendent.

No doctor has ever examined me.

Signed: Albert Koko.

#### STATEMENT BY ALBERT KOKO

I was arrested on the 1st October. On the 2nd October I was taken to Bellville Police Station where I was handcuffed whilst still in the van and a canvas sack was put over my head. I was then told to squat. A stick was pushed in between my legs and arms. Something like a ring was put on my two thumbs and I was told to give all information. Thereafter I felt a shock and was shocked twice and then again. I was not hit at this stage but the bag was held tightly over my mouth so that the screams were muffled. Thereafter I was told to stand and was beaten on the head and ribs.

I reported the assaults to a Magistrate and a superintendent and a sergeant Major.

DATED AT CAPE TOWN THIS 17TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1964.

Signed: Albert Koko.