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# Bishop Pacifies Crowd After Police Shooting

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JOHANNESBURG. — A policeman with half a baton and another with a sten gun stood among the broken bricks in Twist Street here yesterday and watched the Bishop of Johannesburg, the Right Rev. Ambrose Reeves, pacify a crowd that had just been fired on.

It was one of the few quiet periods in the demonstrations and disturbances which began outside the Drill Hall in the middle of the morning and continued until 2.30 p.m.

A burst of firing from the direction of the drill hall about 11.25 a.m. preceded a stampede of between 50 and 70 non-Europeans across a vacant lot at the back of the hall.

I asked a breathless Native what the trouble was. He replied: "The police are shooting at us because we do not move fast enough".

## SHOTS AT STRAGGLERS

As the Natives scattered I saw that they were being chased by two policemen one of whom soon turned back.

The other ran on, shooting at the remaining stragglers.

Among these was a pregnant African woman, who, stumbling on the rubble of the empty stand, fell on her hands and knees.

The policeman caught up with her, stopped and kicked her three times in the side before he, too, retraced his steps towards the drill hall.

Several non-Europeans stopped in their flight and went to the woman's aid, while others came back to gather stones.

## DRAWN GUNS

Turning into Plein Street, I saw that six or seven policemen, some with batons and some with drawn guns, were chasing non-Europeans up the street. Some fired shots as they ran, and one turned towards a Native woman dressed in the colours of the African National Congress who was standing alone at the side

of the road.

He shouted at her and raised his arm as though to fire a shot. She ducked down by the side of a car, whereupon, with a colleague, he swerved towards her, and raised his gun again.

She appeared to collapse, but as the police approached she tried to scramble to her feet, whereupon one of the policemen swung at her with his baton, catching her on her left arm above the wrist, and then on the upper arm. She fell again, then got to her feet, crying, and leant against the car holding her arm.

## GREAT PAIN

Non-Europeans went to the aid of the woman, Margaret Rametski, who was in great pain from the baton blows and others began to gather in groups.

Then first a non-European minister, and then Dr. Reeves, went among them, urging them to disperse and to try to keep calm.

"But are we to stand by and see them shoot at us, and hit our women with sticks and do nothing?" asked several.

The Bishop repeated the advice he had given on the first day of the hearings that they should not give the authorities any pretext for police action.

## ROUND OF SHOTS

During the shooting, which took place after Natives had thrown bricks at the police, one bullet went into a car, others into surrounding shops. Reuben Maluphale, 20, of Orlando, was wounded in the calf. He was carried by friends two blocks to a chemist to be treated.

During the confusion after the shooting Colonel Grobler formed up his men.

In the back rows some policemen hastily filled their magazines. The colonel ordered that the names of all those that had fired be taken. About 20 names were taken.

## WOUND ON FACE

A senior health inspector, L. R. Niewswand, was wounded in the face and taken to hospital. He was either entering or leaving

ing a building in the area when he was shot.

At one of the "pacification" meetings Mr. V. C. Berrange, who is defending some of the prisoners, helped the Bishop.

A non-European journalist performed the same task.

As Dr. Reeves left, a European in the crowd shouted in Afrikaans: "Don't take any notice of him. He's just a — predikant." His companion replied: "They should string them all up now — as an example."

## TAUNTS AT POLICE

When the hearing ended and the police vans with the accused came out there was more shouting and scuffling. The first vans were greeted with wild cries of "Afrika". Surrounding policemen were booed, and one African was hit about the head.

About a thousand Africans sang "Nkosi sikelele Afrika". Then there were taunts and shouts at the police.

When the accused arrived at the hall before the hearing began they could be heard singing in the pick-up vans.

"This burden is heavy, so heavy that no man can bear it, but we will not despair," the melodious Native voices sounded through the court.

## 'MR. DAG.' NOT COMING

NEW YORK.—Mr. Dag Hammarskjöld has no definite plans to visit South Africa, and any idea of travelling to the Union is "out for the moment".

This was announced on his behalf in the Trusteeship Committee of the United Nations General Assembly yesterday during the resumed discussion on the future of South West Africa.—(Sapa's Special Representative.)

## UK 'TREASON' PROTEST

LONDON.—The Independent Labour Party and the London Co-operative Society both protested to South Africa House here yesterday against the arrest of 152 people on treason allegations in South Africa.—(Sapa-Reuter.)