

There were originally two accused in this trial. However, after certain court proceedings and a period of psychiatric examination, Mondy Johannes Motlaung (20) was declared unfit to stand trial. He had suffered brain damage, possibly as a result of injuries sustained from a member of the public at the time of his arrest.

CHARGES:

Mahlangu faced 9 charges:

- 2 counts of murder
- 2 counts of attempted murder.
- 3 counts under the Terrorism Act
- 1 count under the Internal Security Act
- 1 count under the explosives Act.

The State alleged that a series of facts rendered the accused guilty on all charges. The basis of these allegations were:

- (1) that the accused left South Africa illegally with the intention of undergoing training under the auspices of the ANC;
- (2) this training was received in Angola, Swaziland and/or Mocambique;
- (3) the training included instruction in the use of arms and explosives;
- (4) on about June 11th 1977 Mondy Motlaung (originally accused no. 1), Lucky Mahlangu (who escaped prior to the arrest of his companions) and Solomon Mahlangu crossed into South Africa from Swaziland with a quantity of arms, ammunition and explosives. These included:

- 2,5 kg. plastic explosives.
- Various mechanisms to detonate the explosives.
- 5 defensive handgrenades (F1 type) of Russian origin.
- 4 offensive handgrenades (RDG -5 type) of Russian origin.
- 2 unmarked handgrenades.