

Leftwich said that he had been President of NUSAS in 1960 and 1961. He had been inducted into the N.C.L. by Neville Rubin from whom he understood that the organisation intended to try to do away with apartheid by means of acts of Sabotage.

Leftwich said in September 1963, he had gone to England on his way to Holland, which he was visiting on Student business in his personal capacity. He had been given a letter to John Lang from Higgs, and after he had delivered the letter he met Neville Rubin Mr. and Mrs. Monty Berman and Mr. Hirson. At their request he had given them a report on political affairs in South Africa.

Leftwich said that at the time of which he was he was talking he was working full time for NUSAS and was not a student.

Leftwich was "recruited" by Neville Rubin in 1962. "He asked me if I was interested in something 'more active' - I gathered he mean't sabotage. He told me once I joined I would know about it. He said the matter would be referred to 'Albert' - Randolph Vigne's first code name.

The Judge President: Were all members of the ARM members of NUSAS? You were President; you should know--

"No. Rubin had been, Schneider was, but Vigne and van der Riet were not."

The Judge President: When you first became a member how many were you?

I only knew Neville Rubin".

The Judge President: So the nucleus of the thing was only you and Rubin? -

"I gathered that there was a regional committee and he was the contact with me".

Asked about his relations with Neville Rubin, Leftwich said he had been on friendly term with him for three or four years. "Since he left for Londpn we have corresponded about things which interested us personally. He wrote about his plans, were he was going and what he was going to do. He was not sure about staying in London going to the United States or coming back here. (South Africa)

He first met Rubin whom he thought was a lecturer at U.C.T. and who indicated that if he wanted to join the organisation he would have to have things explained to him. Rubin did tell him that the organisation was for sabotage for political purposes. Asked to give time when all this happened, Leftwich said it was about August 1962.

Leftwich said "I was ~~recruited~~ by Rubin that there was a national body. After I joined the regional committee I took over funds from Mr. Rubin". Leftwich said he was given R800 .00 and Vigne instructed him to place the amount in the Trust Bank in the name of Independent Students Bursary Fund.

Leftwich said that he had been chairman of the SRC at U.C.T. and had been President of NUSAS for two years from the beginning of 1961. Asked what sort of person Rubin was, he said "Highly intelligent". Leftwich agreed that Rubin had had a similar University background - Presidency of both the SRC and NUSAS "We generally share political views with Vigne and Rubin!" "Do you still share those views with Vigne and Rubin?" - "Yes". "You have become a fair authority in two organisations, the SRC and NUSAS; you are used to influencing people towards your point of view?" - "Yes".

Leftwich said that Neville Rubin told him nothing about the organisation when he asked him to join. "He just asked me whether I was interested in something more active. He said he would refer me to the regional committee.

Mr. Gibson: "You did not inquire into the political orientation of the organisation - whether it was communist-orientated? -

Leftwich: "I do not think Mr. Rubin would have associated himself with any organisation so orientated. I was satisfied that the people I worked with subscribed broadly to the same political ideals as I did!"

Leftwich said that when Rubin asked him to join the NCL, he said that he did not have much time, having a full time job as President of NUSAS.

The Judge President: When did it become a full time job? - "In 1957! Were you paid for it? - "There was a subsidy". Did it have an office? "Yes in St. Georges Street".

Asked how he had joined the organisation, Leftwich said that Rubin had indicated that he would have to become a member before he could have the organisation explained to him further. Rubin did say, however, that the organisation was for political purposes. Rubin took him to a flat in Rondebosch where he met Micheal Schneider and was shown a box of explosives, detonators and what he took to be time fuses. When Rubin left South Africa at the end of 1963, Watson told him he was to become a member of the regional committee.