



The Old Fliers Group

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A successful luncheon.

41 registered though 60 attended.

Our guest speaker was Dr Anthony Turton.

Tony and his wife recently moved from South Africa to live here.

Tony has extensive knowledge of the political and military history of South Africa.

He dedicated his talk to Lt Col Dawid Lotter, who died yesterday and to Mike Kuhn, one of the "faceless few".

Tony spoke about his love of writing and felt he had a duty to record the history of covert operations during the South African armed struggles. Tony was critical of dogmatic thinking which stifled innovation and change.

He argued that if the 'Cold War' wasn't in existence then none of those African wars would have happened.

Tony then went on to talk about Operation Nickel.

In 1961, South Africa had a booming Gold economy. The South African Govt. approached the British Govt. and said that they needed their own intelligence Service.

The British Govt. weren't interested.

S.A. formed the Republican Intelligence Service but that didn't last long. Several organisations followed without success until the National Intelligence Service was formed. Under Dr Niel Barnard, this service flourished to serve the Nation through Constitutional Reform not the Govt. of the day. Tony's scholarship shone through with exact understanding of the events that followed.

Next month Miles Goldingham will speak on the subject of WW2 prison camps.

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