

Cape man is jailed for quoting Sobukwe

A MAN was sentenced to nine months imprisonment suspended for four years by a Cape Town regional magistrate yesterday after he was convicted of printing a pamphlet which quoted the late leader of the Pan Africanist Congress, Mr Robert Sobukwe.

Mr Abdul Quayum Sayed, 29, of Belgrave Road, Athlone, pleaded not guilty.

The State alleged that the firm for which Sayed works, S and S Printers of Athlone, put out a pamphlet entitled: 'Heroes of yesterday martyrs of the struggle'.

One paragraph headed "Background to the Sharpeville Uprising" described the abolition of pass laws campaign which was planned

by the banned Mr Sobukwe.

The pamphlet said the PAC had asked the people to leave their passes at home and to surrender themselves to the nearest police station. It continued saying that Mr Sobukwe had written to the Commission of Police informing him of the campaign and appealing to him to instruct his men not to make impossible demands on the Africans.

Mr B Kies, for Mr Sayed, said that Sayed had not intentionally broken the law, and it was only a matter of negligence.

Mr E van Eeden was on the bench and Mr F Slabbert appeared for the State. Mr Kies was instructed by A M Omar and Company.

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