

A FURTHER YEAR FOR SOBUKWE

Mrs. Sobukwe worked in Johannesburg.

The Minister said that after due consideration of all the places of detention at his disposal, he had decided that Robben Island was the best for this purpose. Firstly, it was the safest and secondly, Sobukwe could enjoy the maximum freedom there. He had never refused Sobukwe's wife permission to visit him.

Mrs. Suzman: Can you not give her a railway concession or other assistance?

The Minister said there was no provision for such assistance in the relevant regulations. He could, nevertheless, go into the matter, without binding himself at this stage.

If he detained Sobukwe anywhere else under other measures, Sobukwe was bound to disappear.

The Minister said Sobukwe's attitude was still that, if released, he would continue where he had stopped. He had been organising revolution and bloodshed at the time of his imprisonment. As far as he was concerned, he was a model prisoner, but that did not make him potentially less dangerous should he be released.

Mr. C. Barnett (Coloured Representative, Boland): Did you not say you had broken the back of the organisation which Sobukwe led?

The Minister: Yes, but if I let him out he will start again.

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