

Sobukwe can't see brother's consecration

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MR. ROBERT SOBUKWE, banned Pan Africanist leader, has been refused permission to attend the consecration of his brother as an Anglican bishop in Johannesburg on November 16.

Speaking from his Graaff-Reinet home last night, the Rev. Ernest Sobukwe disclosed that his brother had been refused permission by the Minister of Justice, Mr. Pelsler.

Mr. Robert Sobukwe, who was restricted to Kimberley after his release from detention on Robben Island, wrote for permission to attend the consecration ceremony, which will take place at St. Mary's Cathedral.

He received a reply from the Chief Magistrate of Kimberley informing him that "after careful consideration" the Minister had not granted his request.

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Ernest Sobukwe said: "I had hoped that my brother would be able to attend and am sorry to hear that he has been refused permission."

He added that he and his family would have to abide by the Government's decision.

He will be the third African to become an Anglican bishop when he is enthroned Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of St. John's, Umtata, by Archbishop Selby Taylor of Cape Town.

Mr. Robert Sobukwe has applied to the Government for permission to become articulated to a Kimberley attorney.

It is reported that the Kim-

berley City Council's Bantu Affairs Committee had earlier decided to offer him employment as a clerk.

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