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about job

From Our Correspondent

Kimberley, Thursday.

MR. G. H. VENTER, chairman of the Bantu Affairs Committee of the Kimberley City Council, said yesterday he could not comment on resolutions taken by his committee to employ Mr. Robert Sobukwe, who was recently released from Robben Island, in the municipal Department of Bantu Administration.

He said he was unaware that this information was published

in an Afrikaans newspaper which circulates in Kimberley.

It was reported that the committee had decided to employ Mr. Sobukwe as a clerk in the Department of Bantu Administration at a salary of R600 a year, with a maximum annual salary of R900.

Mr. Venter said: "I can say nothing in this regard as the meeting was held in committee. The matter will come before the council at its next monthly meeting."

The report in the newspaper said that the salary scale mentioned could possibly be increased should Mr. Sobukwe be interested in the position.

It said the salary would not be drawn from money paid by White taxpayers but, as was the case with other officials in the Department of Bantu Administration, would be paid from the income received on the sale of Bantu beer.

Mr. Sobukwe's wife, Veronica, has joined him in Kimberley. They had been separated for nine years during his detention on Robben Island. Mrs. Sobukwe had been employed as a midwife in a Soweto clinic. Their four children are at school in Lesotho.

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