

# Another jail term for Sobukwe is likely

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HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY. — Robert Sobukwe, former leader of the banned Pan African Congress, is expected to have his three-year prison sentence extended for a second year's term soon.

And the Government is also expected to renew the banning order which expires on Sunday on Mr. Albert Luthuli, former leader of the banned African National Congress.

Apart from his brief trip to Norway in 1962 to receive the Nobel Peace Prize, Chief Luthuli has been restricted to the Stanger district in Natal, for nearly five years.

Yesterday, the Minister of

Justice, Mr. Vorster, would make no comment on what action is to be taken against these two men.

Last year's no-trial Act contained a clause to deal with Sobukwe, who was due to come out of prison after serving a three-year sentence imposed during the 1960 disturbances.

This clause gave the Minister of Justice power to extend sentences of prisoners indefinitely, provided Parliament review the extension once a year.

Sobukwe was transferred to Robben Island to serve his extended sentence. Early this session, Mr. Vorster said Sobukwe had applied for an exit

permit for himself and his family which the Government was considering.

Yesterday reliable Nationalist sources said Mr. Vorster would soon ask Parliament's approval for another extension of Sobukwe's sentence. This is taken as meaning that the Government will not grant a one-way exit permit.

Meanwhile, another vital aspect of the Act — that of 90-day detentions — is due for renewal by proclamation on June 30. Despite public pressure to have this measure dropped, Mr. Vorster has repeatedly declared he will not do so.

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