

# SOBUKWE IN COURT — AS WITNESS

KIMBERLEY.—The Prison Department took strict security precautions when Robert Sobukwe, ex-President of the banned Pan African Congress gave evidence in the Griqualand West Regional Court in a case brought under the Prevention of Communism Act.

The accused were James Thomas, 23, a café employee, Daniel Vumazonke, 22, a shop assistant, both of De Aar, Reuben, Regala, 22, a third-year law student of Cape Town, Justice Tshwili, 25, full-time organiser, and Advocate Ntuli, 22, a textile worker of Berg River, Paarl.

The charge alleged that between February 1962 and October 1962, at De Aar, Upington and Prieska, they "unlawfully continued to act as members or office bearers of the Pan African Congress, after it had been banned, and that they attended meetings where members were recruited — or accepted solicited subscriptions."

## **POQO ORGANISATION**

Sobukwe dealt at length with the aims and objects of the Pan African Congress of which, he said, he was present at the time it was banned in 1960.

He said that his organisation had no link with Ghana and he knew nothing about the Poqo organisation.

Sobukwe said that he was opposed to the tribal system.

In answer to the court, Sobukwe said that he had not abandoned ideas or ideals.

Judgment was reserved to February 1.

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