

Sobukwe: U.N. asked to act

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THE 11-NATION United Nations Special Committee dealing with South Africa's apartheid policy disclosed today an appeal from officials of the banned Pan-Africanist Congress of South Africa for action to obtain the release of its president, Mangaliso Sobukwe.

Sobukwe was jailed three years ago and was to have been released this week, but instead is being held on Robben Island, near Cape Town, the telegram from the group said. It was sent from exile headquarters in Maseru.

The signatories said that the South African Government wanted to destroy Sobukwe as a symbol of White settler domination over Blacks.

Informants said that the committee has agreed on a set of recommendations for action against South Africa because of its apartheid laws, but will not make them public before Wednesday.

The recommendations are to be forwarded to the president of the Security Council and of the General Assembly.

Members of the committee in the past have supported moves for Security Council sanctions to be taken against South Africa.

BAN SUGGESTED

Meanwhile Algeria suggested that all independent African states prohibit South African aircraft from overflying their territories.

Such a measure, M. Abdel Kader Chanderli told the United Nation's "watchdog" Committee on apartheid, could play "a decisive role" in inducing D' Verwoerd's government to abandon its present racial policies.

The committee met in closed session, but the text of M. Chanderli's speech was made available by the Algerian delegation.

Algeria told the committee last week that it intended to launch a total boycott of South Africa, and appealed to all great powers to follow its lead. Nigeria last Friday also informed Secretary-General U Thant, that it had banned South African aircraft and ships from its ports and airfields.

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