

"Dawie" explains Sobukwe move

CLAIMS VORSTER FINDS DUTY DISTASTEFUL

From Our Correspondent

Cape Town, Saturday.

THE POLITICAL COLUMNIST of the "Burger" finds it necessary to explain carefully today to his Nationalist readers why Mr. Robert Sobukwe is not being kept in a prison cell.

Mr. Sobukwe, formerly leader of the P.A.C. in South Africa, has served out a three-year jail sentence for incitement to campaign against pass laws. But he is being held indefinitely in a bungalow on Robben Island under the new powers in the General Law Amendment (Detention) Bill.

Writing under the penname "Dawie," the "Burger" political columnist says he has been confronted with frowning brows over the fact that this man is not sitting in a cell.

He invites his readers to look at the matter through the eyes of the Minister of Justice, Mr. John Vorster.

"Dawie" explains that Mr. Sobukwe has served his jail sentence for his crime. He is, therefore, no longer a prisoner but he is a detainee.

Mr. Vorster knows what it is to be interned without trial, "Dawie" says. He finds his duty to hold Mr. Sobukwe distasteful but necessary in the interests of public safety because, if released, Mr. Sobukwe would take up where he was interrupted.

The Minister wishes to do no more than render Mr. Sobukwe harmless. He also wants the country to know that this is all he is doing.

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