

Vorster 'No'

to Mrs. Sobukwe

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THE Minister of Justice, Mr. Vorster, has refused to allow Mrs. Veronica Sobukwe, wife of the former Pan-Africanist Congress leader, to spend her annual leave with her husband on Robben Island.

Her husband, ~~Robert Mangaliso~~ Sobukwe, is the only man in South Africa who is being kept in jail for as long as the Minister considers it necessary.

Mrs. Sobukwe will have to stay on the mainland in Cape Town. Mr. Vorster has given her permission to visit her husband three times a week—although a daily ferry boat service operates between Cape Town and the island.

MIDWIFE

His wife, a qualified midwife, lives and works in Johannesburg's Soweto. She supports herself and her four children.

With her annual leave starting this weekend, she wrote to Mr. Vorster last month: "I shall be privileged if you could, sir, give me an interview with you to discuss the possibility of my joining my husband during my forthcoming leave."

Last week an official called on Mrs. Sobukwe and told her that Mr. Vorster would not allow her to stay on the island.

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