

SOBUKWE LIKELY TO BE BANISHED, SAYS NAT. PRESS STAR

ROBERT SOBUKWE, former Pan-African Congress leader, is due to be released on May 5 after serving a three-year sentence for incitement, is likely to be banished, according to the Nationalist Press.

A Nationalist Sunday newspaper yesterday quoted "informed circles" as expressing the expectation that Sobukwe will not be allowed to go free on completing his sentence.

"The general opinion is that Sobukwe should not be released because he will be a danger to the State."

The report says that he could either be placed under house arrest or banished to a certain place — where he originally came from.

"It is generally expected that the latter step will be taken against him," the report says, adding that no official information is available.

NO REMISSION

Sobukwe's future was the subject of a question in Parliament on Friday.

The Minister of Justice, Mr. Vorster, said that he would not receive any remission of sentence "in view of the nature of the offence committed by him."

Mr. Vorster said that it was not considered in the public interest to say whether further legal proceedings would be taken against him after release or action other than legal proceedings.

(Sobukwe was born in the Eastern Cape and educated at Fort Hare.)

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