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The story they tell Sobukwe's children

From Our Correspondent

Cape Town, Tuesday.

THE CHILDREN OF ROBERT SOBUKWE, president of the banned Pan-African Congress, who is being detained on Robben Island under the General Law Amendment Act, have not seen their father for over three years.

The children, Milliswa, a nine-year-old girl, and Dinilesisze, a seven-year-old boy, are not aware of their father's predicament. They have been told that he is working in Cape Town and that soon he will come to see them.

For three years their mother, Staff Nurse Veronica Sobukwe, has been telling them the same story.

In May, 1960, Robert Sobukwe was sentenced to three years' imprisonment for inciting Africans to campaign against the pass laws — the affair that led to Sharpeville.

At present the children are staying in Maseru with Mrs. Elizabeth Leballo, wife of Potlako Kitchener

Leballo, a man who seems to have vanished.

The Basutoland police have a warrant out for Leballo's arrest on a charge of incitement to public violence. This stems from what he told newspapermen towards the end of March — that the P.A.C. planned to stage an armed uprising in South Africa this year.

Leballo disappeared on April 1 — the day Basutoland policemen raided the P.A.C. office in Maseru and he has not been seen since.

The Sobukwe children are being brought up with Leballo's son, six-year-old Sebebi, a translation of whose name means "the sacrifice of the nation."

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