

Family face lonely week-end

SON (15) ONLY OUTSIDE LINK

IT IS GOING TO BE a bleak and lonely week-end for the Hodgson family. It will be the first that Mr. Jack Hodgson and his wife Rica will be spending under house-arrest in their tiny two-roomed Hillbrow flat.

Their only link with the outside world will be their 15-year-old son, Spencer. He is the only member of the family allowed to leave the flat.

Mr. and Mrs. Hodgson were served with house arrest orders last night. Mr. Hodgson may not leave the flat at any time during the next five years. His wife may leave during daylight hours, but must stay at home at week-ends, at night and on public holidays.

Everything changed for the family last night when the two Security Branch detectives called with the house-arrest orders.

For weeks they had looked forward to seeing their four-month-old granddaughter. She arrived for a holiday with her mother the night before last.

But they had to leave again today because the Hodgson family may not receive visitors.

FINANCIAL HARDSHIP

Besides the social deprivation which the family will now have to suffer they also face financial hardship.

Mr. Hodgson will no longer be able to attend to his small wholesale business and will have to rely solely on the earnings of his wife, a reporter on the weekly "New Age."

He also receives a R21 war pension each month—but it is not certain whether he is allowed to leave the flat to collect it.

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