

Vorster denies

challenging

Red Cross

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.—He had not “challenged” the International Red Cross to publish the report of their representative who had visited Robert Sobukwe on Robben Island and other detained men in other prisons, the Minister of Justice, Mr. Vorster, said in the Assembly yesterday.

The Minister said he had referred to the fact that a representative of the International Red Cross had twice visited Sobukwe on Robben Island and had reported on the conditions surrounding his detention. He had added that he believed it was up to the Red Cross to publish the report if they wished.

To his regret, newspapers had reported him as “challenging” the Red Cross to publish the report.

He wished to make it clear that neither he nor Sir De Villiers had issued such a challenge. He had simply stated a fact. — SAPA.

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