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PERMISSION had been given for Mr Robert Sobukwe, the banned Pan Africanist Congress leader, to have medical treatment by any doctor in any hospital in the country, the Minister of Justice, Mr Jimmy Kruger, said yesterday.

He gave no details of Mr Sobukwe's illness but said in a statement he had been approached by Mr Sobukwe's medical adviser.

A lawyer, Mr Sobukwe, 53, was released from Robben Island prison in 1969 and allowed to continue in legal practice in Kimberley. He is restricted to the area, and may not be quoted.

He was formerly a lecturer in black languages at the University of the Witwatersrand. He resigned on his appointment, in 1959, as president of the Pan Africanist Congress.

In 1971 he was granted an exit permit, but was unable to leave the country.

Mr Sobukwe has been ill for about two months, during which he has consulted doctors in Kimberley, Bloemfontein and Johannesburg. — Sapa.

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