

Sobukwe goes to hospital

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CAPE TOWN. — Mr Robert Sobukwe, banned former president of the banned Pan - Africanist Congress, entered Groote Schuur Hospital in Cape Town last night for treatment of a reported serious chest ailment.

On the way to the hospital the car in which he was travelling slowed on De Waal Drive from where Mr Sobukwe gazed over Table Bay and Robben Island, his home for six years.

Mr Sobukwe, 52, was given permission by the Minister of Justice, Mr Jimmy Kruger, to have treatment in any hospital in South Africa.

He chose Groote Schuur and flew into Cape Town yesterday. His wife, a trained nurse, was at his side as he walked slowly from the aircraft.

Mr Sobukwe, who is understood to have been ill for two months, is restricted to Kimberley under a banning order. The order was relaxed after a medical report was sub-



MR SOBUKWE

... yesterday's picture

mitted to Mr Kruger.

Mr Sobukwe led Africanists in a break-away from the African National Congress in 1958 and became president of the Pan-Africanist Congress in 1959.

He led the campaign against the pass laws in March 1960 and was sentenced to three years' jail in May of the same year.

After serving his sentence he was detained on Robben Island for six years.

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