

Sobukwe VISITS R.D.M. 28-6-74 wife after op

Staff Reporter

MR ROBERT SOBUKWE, former leader of the banned Pan-Africanist Congress who is confined to Kimberley by his second five-year banning order, yesterday ended a three-day visit to Johannesburg to see his sick wife.

This is the third time official permission has been given to Mr Sobukwe to leave the municipal area of Kimberley, to which he has been restricted since mid-1969.

In July 1973, he came to Johannesburg to visit his son Dalindyabo, in hospital, and in early June, when an operation on his wife was first scheduled, he paid a flying one-day visit.

His wife, Veronica, underwent a major gynaecological operation in a Johannesburg hospital on Monday.

A friend, Mr A. Laher, who drove Mr Sobukwe to Johannesburg, said Mrs Sobukwe was on the mend and would probably join her husband at the weekend.

He said Mr Sobukwe did not think he would get permission to accompany her from Johannesburg to Kimberley. He was uncertain how she would travel.

Mr Sobukwe, 49, was sentenced to three years' imprisonment for his part in the Pan-Africanist campaign against the pass laws in 1960. He was immediately taken to Robben Island on his release and detained there for six years.

Taken off the island in mid-1969, he was restricted to the Kimberley municipal area under a five-year banning order. A second order was served on May 30.

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