

# Peers' plea: free Sobukwe

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LONDON, Friday. — Thirty-three peers yesterday sent a cable of protest to Mr. Pelsler, the South African Minister of Justice, against the continued detention of Robert Sobukwe, the Anti-Apartheid Movement said yesterday.

The cable said: "We understand that his detention is likely to be extended by resolution of both Houses of Parliament in the next few days. The procedure of detaining people in this way, with no charges preferred and no recourse to the courts, is contrary to all accepted standards of democracy and the rule of law.

"Mr. Sobukwe has already served more than double the sentence which a court considered appropriate, and his further detention cannot be reconciled with justice or humanity."

Signatories included Baroness Gaitskell, widow of the former Leader of the Labour Party, Lord Soper, the leading Methodist, and Lord Brockway, who founded the Movement for Colonial Freedom. — Sapa.

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