

Sobukwe: Red

Cross probe is wanted

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THE International Committee of the Red Cross has received a request to investigate allegations of ill-treatment to the Pan African Congress leader, Robert Sobukwe, and other political detainees in South Africa.

This was confirmed here by a committee spokesman who said that if there were any grounds for the complaint, and the South African Government agreed to an investigation, it would be carried out by Mr. George Hoffman, delegate general of Southern Equatorial Africa, who is to tour Africa in the new year.

Two complaints

I understand two complaints have been made to the International Committee, a Swiss neutral body.

One is from a confidential source, the other is in the form of a circular letter distributed from London by Potlako Leballo, a former P.A.C. detainee.

As the request for an investigation is outside the terms of the Geneva Convention, the International Committee can only act with the co-operation of the South African Government.

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