

Sobukwe faces a R1 102 demand

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MR Robert Sobukwe, banned leader of the prohibited, PanAfricanist Congress, has been served with a letter from the Secretary for Justice demanding payment of R1 102,91 within 14 days. The letter warns that "a writ will be issued" unless

payment is received within the stipulated time.

It is a sequel to an application by Mr Sobukwe to leave South Africa on a permanent exit permit in March 1971.

The application was approved by the then Minister of the Interior, Mr Theo Gerdener — but an application for a relaxation of his banning order to enable him to travel to Jan Smuts Airport or another port of departure was refused by the then Minister of Justice, Mr Peet Pelsler.

Mr Sobukwe, who was confined to the Kimberley municipal area, then applied to the Supreme Court to compel the Minister to grant a relaxation of the banning order to enable him to use his exit permit. The application was turned down.

A subsequent appeal to the Appeal Court in Bloemfontein in December 1971 was dismissed with costs, which Mr Sobukwe is being told to pay.

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