

Sobukwe gets London

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LONDON, Monday.

ROBERT SOBUKWE, the former leader of the banned Pan-African Congress, who has been detained on Robben Island since May 1963, has been awarded a degree by the University of London.

Sobukwe (43) passed his final examinations for the B.Sc. (Economics) degree with third-class honours as an external student of the university, a spokesman said.

The spokesman provided a certificate giving details of Sobukwe's examinations passes. Sobukwe has been taking correspondence courses on Rob-

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ben Island specially arranged for students "who cannot obtain suitable class instruction locally."

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The award of the degree, which has still to be ratified by the university senate, is dated September 13. Sobukwe registered in September 1963 and passed Part I of his finals in 1965 — the minimum period for an undergraduate student. The three-year period between

Part I and Part II of the course which Sobukwe has now completed is again the minimum laid down by the regulations. The examination requirements are severe.

Failure in one of his eight Part II papers for Sobukwe would have meant sitting all eight papers again next year. He studied economic history (modern) as his "special subject" for Part II.

This followed compulsory papers in economics, British government: an introduction to politics, and economic or political history, plus two "alternative subjects" for his Part I examinations.

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