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READERS' VIEWS

Sobukwe puzzle

To the Editor of The Star

SIR,—I would like to draw particular attention to one part of the Assembly debate on the Sobukwe clause, reported in *The Star* on June 14.

Mr. G. F. Froneman (N.P.P., Heilbron) said he had visited Sobukwe on Robben Island last year and there in Sobukwe's quarters found books on Communism being read by Sobukwe.

What puzzles me most is how literature like this came into the possession of Robert Sobukwe when such literature is totally banned by the Nationalist Government in South Africa.

PUZZLED.

EVERY YEAR

Sir, — The Department of Foreign Affairs published a booklet called "S.A. and the Rule of Law" which says that "if an accused is found not guilty he is acquitted and that is the end of the matter."

We feel it is unfortunate that this principle does not also apply to persons found guilty by our courts and sentenced by them.

Robert Sobukwe has now been in jail for eight years although a sentence of three years was imposed upon him by the courts. Parliament is obviously not satisfied with the findings of the independent judiciary and therefore imposes upon him each year a further year's imprisonment without trial.

JEAN SINCLAIR,
National President,
the Black Sash.



Mr. G. F. van L. Froneman visited Sobukwe along with other M.P.s last year.

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