

# 8 Foes of Apartheid Get Life Terms in S. Africa

## Two Nationalist Leaders and Six Others Escape Death Penalty in Sabotage Trial

PRETORIA, South Africa (AP) — Eight foes of South African racial discrimination were sentenced Friday to life in prison, escaping the death penalty at the end of a long sabotage trial that stirred world opinion.

Handing down the sentences in a city heavily guarded by police to prevent any racial violence, Judge Quartus de Wet said he decided against the death penalty because the accused were not charged with high treason. Women wept among the throngs outside the courthouse.

Sentenced were Nelson Mandela and Walter Sisulu, the last African nationalist leaders to be jailed; Dennis Goldberg, a white engineer; Ahmed Kathrada, an Indian, and four other Africans, Gova Mbeki, Raymond Mhlababa, Elias Motsoaledi and Andrew Mlangeni.

### Former Leader

Mandela was a former president of the outlawed African National Congress.

The defense can appeal in some cases under white-ruled South Africa's segregationist laws, but no move that end was reported by late Friday.

The first reaction from abroad came from London, where British Labor and Liberal Party officials denounced the sentences as

savage, and from Paris, where demonstrations took place at a Davis Cup tennis match between France and South Africa.

Before sentence was passed, an appeal for clemency was made in the district court by author Alan Paton, president of the Liberal Party, who opposes the government policy of apartheid, or segregation.

### One Acquitted

There were four charges against the eight and a ninth defendant, Lionel Bernstein, who was acquitted Thursday. De Wet announced his verdict of guilty after a trial that began last November. The most serious charge was training guerrillas to aid in an invasion from outside designed to overthrow the government.

The sentences mean that all prominent African nationalist leaders in South Africa are now either behind bars or otherwise restricted.

Women in the crowd of non-whites outside the court were loudest in shouting when they heard of the sentences. They carried banners reading "You Will Not Serve These Sentences as Long as We Live," "We Are Proud of Our Leaders," "No Tears Will Be Shed" and "Sentence or No Sentence, We Will Serve Our Leaders."