

STUDENTS FACE SEDITION CHARGE

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during the August 1 coup bid.

Among the accused are sons of Economic Planning and Development Minister Zachary Onyonga, Assistant Livestock Development Minister Charles Murgor and Public Service Commission member J. D. Mambo and a brother of Wundanyi MP Mwachengu wa Mwachofi.

Richard Momoima Onyonga (the Minister's son), Noel Mwachofi (the MP's brother) and Timothy Kimonge are represented by Mrs. D. A. Nanjiero and Antony Khamati. Philip Murgor (the Assistant Minister's son) is represented by Mr. George Oraro and George Imbaya Andiwa by Miss F. N. Muteshi.

George Muthui Kathembe is represented by Mr. Njenga Njau Musyoka Annan and Mr. Zamba Kitonga.

Applying for bail for the students on behalf of the other lawyers, Miss Muteshi said there was no likelihood for the accused to abscond or interfere with witnesses.

She said the students were Kenya citizens and were all dependents and that the court could order that they report every day after being released if necessary. "To my knowledge, they were arrested in August and have been in custody for over a month.... Investigations ought to have been completed," Miss Muteshi said.

Rejecting the application, Mr. Rauf said the Republic was considering upgrading the charges, which showed that the investigations were incomplete. "Besides, in all these cases. State security is

involved," he said.

Some women were seen crying on learning that the State would now charge the students with sedition.

The students are: Ken Kidawa Sigala, George Imbaya Andiwa, John Mochere Ombui, Alex Tom Majani alias Captain Alex Tom Majani, Harrison Mugatsia Tsingalia, David Muriuki Mambo (a son of the PSC member), Noel Mwakunda Mwachofi alias Mwakudua Rigoma, William Shurumba Omoto, Stephen Omondi Oludhe, Manson Oyongo Nyamweya, Philip Kipchirchir Murgor, Evans Gavala Vatisia, George Bethwell Nyanjom, Kenneth Odhiambo Obimbo, George Muthui Kathembe, Timothy Kazungu Kimonge, Peter Ciira Wambere, Charles Waweru Githua, James Mugo, Eliud Komu, Abel Ongui Okaka and James Njoroge Mutonya.