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Students to face sedition charge

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TWENTY-TWO Nairobi University students earlier charged with taking part in a riot on August 1 will tomorrow face an alternative charge of sedition.

Senior State Counsel Nicholas Harwood yesterday

told chief magistrate Abdul Rauf the State was in the process of amending the earlier charge with that of sedition.

"For administrative reasons, we were not able to do that this morning," he said during a brief mention of the case.

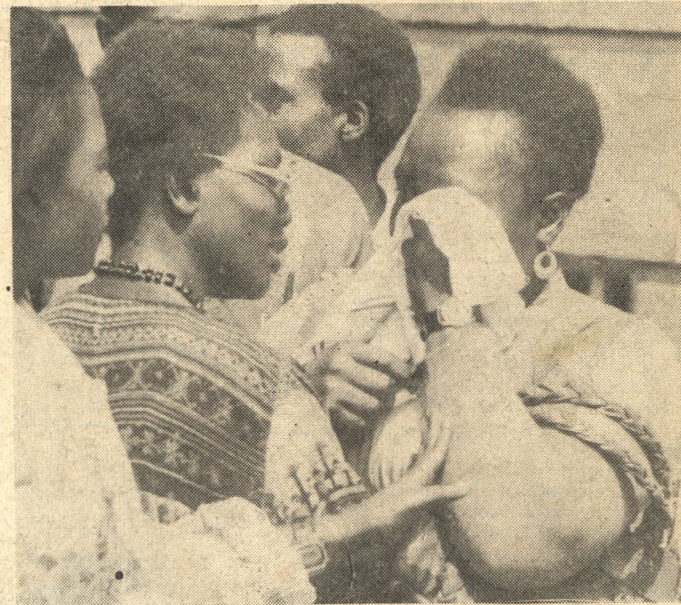
Opposing bail applications by lawyers representing several students, Mr. Harwood told the packed court that the charges were serious as they arose out of the events of August 1 when an attempt was made to take over

the Government.

He asked the students be remanded and the case mentioned on Friday, "when I will be prepared with the new charges".

He said investigations were still continuing. He said the fact that the charges were being reviewed showed the seriousness with which the State viewed the cases against the students.

Of the 22 students, only five are represented. All of them denied taking part in a riot



THE mother of one of the students breaks down into tears after seeing her son being led to court yesterday.

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