

Des Lindberg record bann

"FOLK ON TREK," a long-playing record by last year's Sari Award winner, Des Lindberg, and his wife, Dawn Silver, has been banned, according to yesterday's Government Gazette.

The record, made in July, includes songs sung by the Lindbergs during their nine-month South African platteland tour. Thousands of copies have been sold.

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The banning has been condemned by Johannesburg folksingers, who said they were mystified by the action.

Keith Blundell, a well-known Johannesburg folksinger, said: "I am flabbergasted. I have heard the Lindbergs sing for some years and there is nothing in their material which warrants banning.

"This action is most disturb-

ing. I think the people who ban records in South Africa are influenced by overseas folksingers. They have gained a false impression of artists here."

Dave Marks, who has written a number of folksongs, said: "I think it is a great record. The Government's action is laughable and stupid."

Robert Solomon, who

manages folksinger

the banning as "The Lindbergs the songs to pack every dorp in South he said. "Everybody to 60 has loved them.

Mr. Mathew Mann, a spokesman for the recording company which cut and distributed the disc, said he could see no reason why it should have been banned.