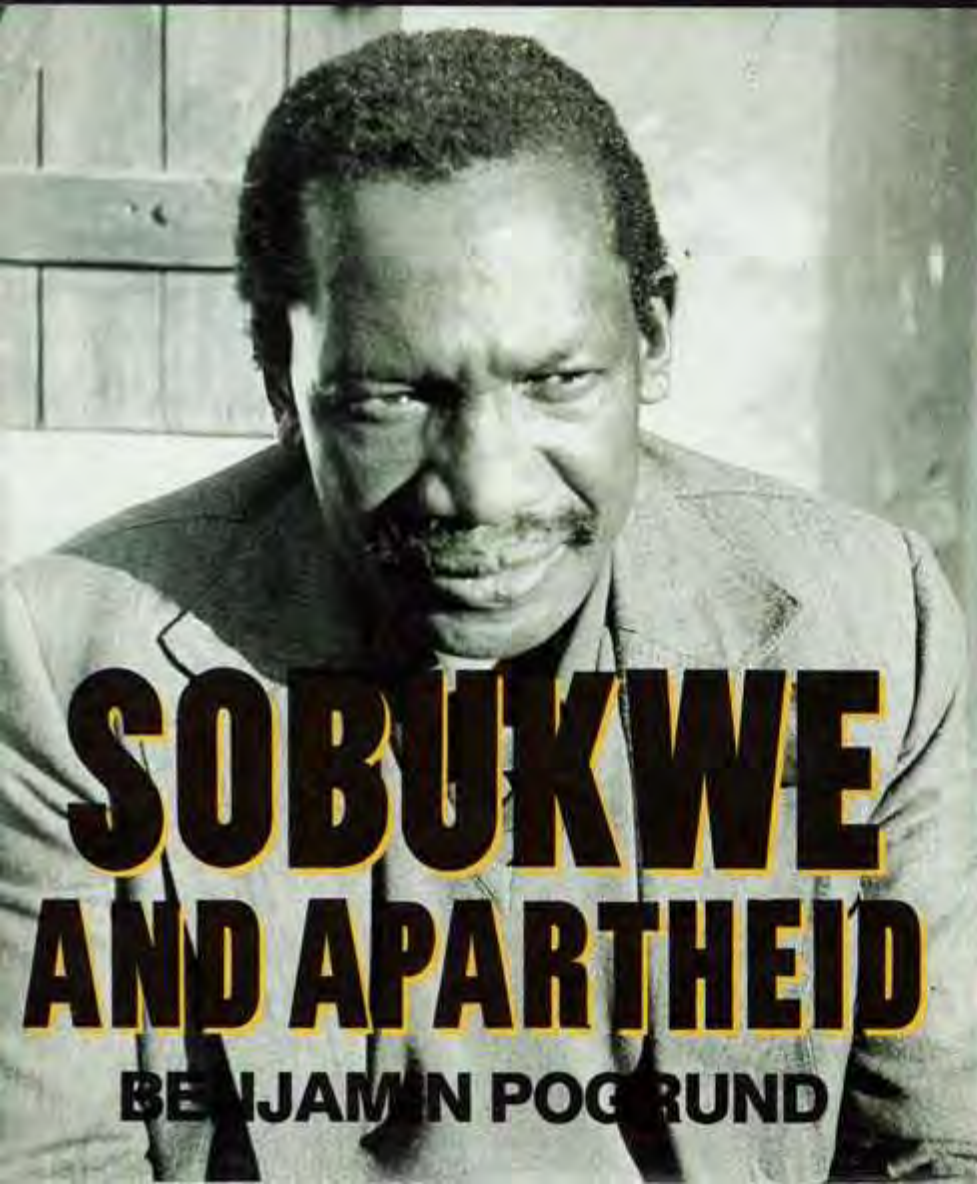


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SOBUKWE AND APARTHEID

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"Robert [Sobukwe] was one of the most selfless people I knew, wonderfully prodigal with himself on behalf of others especially those who were thought not to count for much. He had a gentle endearing smile – you were better for having been touched by him.

I am greatly privileged to have known him and to have fallen under his spell. His long imprisonment, restriction and early death were a major tragedy for our land and for the world".

Archbishop Desmond Tutu

Thirty years ago Robert Sobukwe led a mass defiance of the pass laws in South Africa. He persuaded blacks to present themselves at police stations and demand arrest. A determinedly non-violent protest turned to tragedy when the police opened fire on a crowd, killing 69. It was 21st March 1960 at Sharpeville and Sobukwe's last day of liberty.

The protest was a turning point: Afrikaner rule hardened and black resistance went underground. Sobukwe, leader of the Pan-Africanist Congress, was jailed for three years for incitement. At the end of his sentence the Government, so fearful of his power, influence and intellect, rushed through the "Sobukwe Clause" to keep him in jail, year by year. For the next six years Sobukwe was kept in near solitary confinement on Robben Island rejecting all overtures by white authority to persuade him to compromise his position on African resistance to apartheid.

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After nine years of jail Sobukwe was released into banishment and house arrest in the small town of Kimberley.

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It is also the story of a remarkable friendship between Sobukwe and Pogrund whose joint experiences and passionate debates chart the course of a tyrannical regime.



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Benjamin Pogrund thank you for your letter of 17th December. All I can say is that it has been through the great deal of work and a whole a lot of... I do... intricate. The...

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