

Thousand gather at Sobukwe graves

GRAAFF-REINET — About 1 000 placard-bearing and slogan-chanting people passed through this small Karoo town yesterday on their way to the unveiling of the tombstones of the former leader of the banned Pan Africanist Congress, Mr Mangaliso Robert Sobukwe, and his brother Charles.

Police maintained a

discreet presence. Officers dressed in camouflage uniforms were seen sitting on the national road about a kilometre from the cemetery keeping a watch on the ceremony. Others were stationed nearby.

At the graveside, speeches were given by Mr Benjamin Pogrund, deputy editor of a Johan-

nesburg newspaper, and Mr Sifano Nyaka, a representative of the Azanian People's Organisation.

Mr Pogrund gave an account of Mr Sobukwe as an indomitable and unrelenting man.

Mr Nyaka criticised student liberals.

"The black people in this country are not con-

vinced about the commitment, dedication and sacrifice of the white liberals to our struggle," he said.

"Some of us are still asking ourselves what happened to the militant Nusas leaders of the early sixties."

He believed they had been absorbed in "privileged managerial positions". — DDC.

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