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Two tribes divided by a common heritage

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In the present turmoil, in which many other figures are eclipsed by Nelson Mandela's, it is well to be reminded of that other gentle giant, Sobukwe, who led his Pan-Africanists out of the ANC in the late-Fifties and orchestrated the pass protests that culminated in Sharpeville. In *Sobukwe and Apartheid*, Benjamin Pogrund sheds human light on a remarkable individual: he does for Sobukwe what Donald Woods once did for Biko. But he lacks the interpretative grasp Sparks brings to the overall situation. And though he illuminates much about Sobukwe's own views on race and Africa ("When I say 'Africa for the Africans' I have always made clear that by African I mean those, of any colour, who accept Africa as their home"), he is less informative about the PAC — at a time when that is much needed.

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