

WORLD TO BID FAREWELL TO AFRICA'S HERO

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THE late President Samora Machel of Mozambique will be buried at his country's main Heroes' Acre in Maputo this morning in a ceremony attended by his brother leaders and by the people of the nation he led.

The Prime Minister, Cde Mugabe, arrived in Maputo yesterday for the State funeral.

He was met at Mavalane Airport by Frélimo's most senior member, Cde Marcelino dos Santos, and the party's second secretary, Cde Jose Luis Cabaco.

The Prime Minister was accompanied by the Minister of State (Security), Cde Emmerson Mnangagwa, the Minister of Education, Cde Dzingal Mutumbuka, the Minister of State (Defence), Cde Ernest Kadungure, the Minister of Health, Cde Sydney Seke-ramayi, the Speaker of the House of Assembly, Cde Didymus Mutasa, the Commander of the Army, Lieut-Gen Rex Nhongo, and the Minister of Natural Resources and Tourism, Cde Victoria Chitepo.

The delegation that will represent Zimbabwe at the funeral today also includes the Commander of the Air Force of Zimbabwe, Air Marshal Josiah Tungamirai; provincial governors; Cde Janet Banana, Cde Maud

From Pascal Mukondiwa in Maputo

Muzenda; and several Zanu (PF) officials.

At Mavalane was Zimbabwe's advance team

THE ZBC will be broadcasting live from Maputo the State funeral of President Samora Machel on all radio channels this morning, it was announced yesterday, although the actual transmission time is not yet known. In the evening, radios one and three will broadcast a special feature on Cde Machel and his life.—Herald Reporter.

of the Minister of Information, Posts and Telecommunications, Cde Nathan Shamuyarira, the Minister of Energy, Water Resources and Development, Cde Kumbirai Kangai and the Minister of Youth, Sport and Culture, Cde David Karimanzira.

Cde Shamuyarira said he and other colleagues

had been assigned "specific" tasks by the Mozambique Politburo during the funeral.

Just before the Prime Minister's plane took off a Nigerian Air Force jet landed at Harare International Airport on a stop-over on its way to Maputo with the Nigerian delegation to the funeral.

The Nigerian party was led by Rear-Admiral Augustus Aikhomu, who is the chief of general staff of the Nigerian armed forces and deputy to the Nigerian Head of State, Major-General Ibrahim Babangida.

Other leaders who ar-



REAR-ADMIRAL Aikhomu soon after his arrival at Harare Airport yesterday on a stop-over on his way to Maputo for Cde Machel's funeral today.

rived yesterday were the chairman of the Organisation of African Unity

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and President of the Congo Cde Dennis Sassou Nguesso; the chairman of the Frontline States, Dr Kenneth Kaunda; the President of Angola, Cde Eduardo dos Santos; the President of Tanzania, Cde Ali Hassan Mwinyi; and Botswana's President Quett Masire.

Malawi will be represented by the Minister Without Portfolio, Mr Robson Chirwa. The Congress of South African Trade Unions sent its secretary - general Cde Jay Naidoo.

The former colonial masters of Mozambique, Portugal will be represented by the president of that country Dr Mario Soares, who said yesterday he brought messages of condolence from the people of Portugal.

Brazil's Foreign Minister, Mr Roberto Abreu Sodre, said he had delivered his condolences on behalf of his country's President Jose Sarney.

The vice-president of

the German Democratic Republic, Cde Werner Krollkowski arrived aboard the same plane as Czechoslovakia's First Deputy Prime Minister, Cde Ladislav Gerstle.

Bulgaria is represented by politburo member, Cde Stanko Todorov, who arrived on the same plane as Cde Gheorghe Radulescu, member of the executive committee of the Communist Party of Romania.

Late in the afternoon the OAU's secretary-general, Dr Ide Oumaru, arrived followed by the EEC vice-president, Mr Lorenzo Natali, Guinea Conakry's Minister of Defence, the President of Guinea Bissau, Cde Bernardo Vieira and the President of Sao Tome and Principe, Cde Pinto da Costa.

Five victims of the aircraft crash in which Cde Machel died were buried with full military honours at Maputo Cemetery yesterday morning.

Among them were the former Minister of Trans-

port and Telecommunications, Cde Luis Alcantara Santos, and the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Cde Jose Carlos Lobo, who was also a member of the Central Committee of Frelimo.

Fourteen more victims were buried in the afternoon, including personal assistant to Cde Machel, Cde Fernando Honwana; the director of the Centre of African Studies at Eduardo Mondlane University in Maputo, Dr Aquino da Braganca; and the presidential photographer, Cde Daniel Maquinasse.

Thousands of Maputo residents packed into the cemetery in the sweltering heat to pay their last respects to the heroes.

Among the mourners, politburo members were led by Cde Marcelino Dos Santos and the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Cde Joachim Chissano.

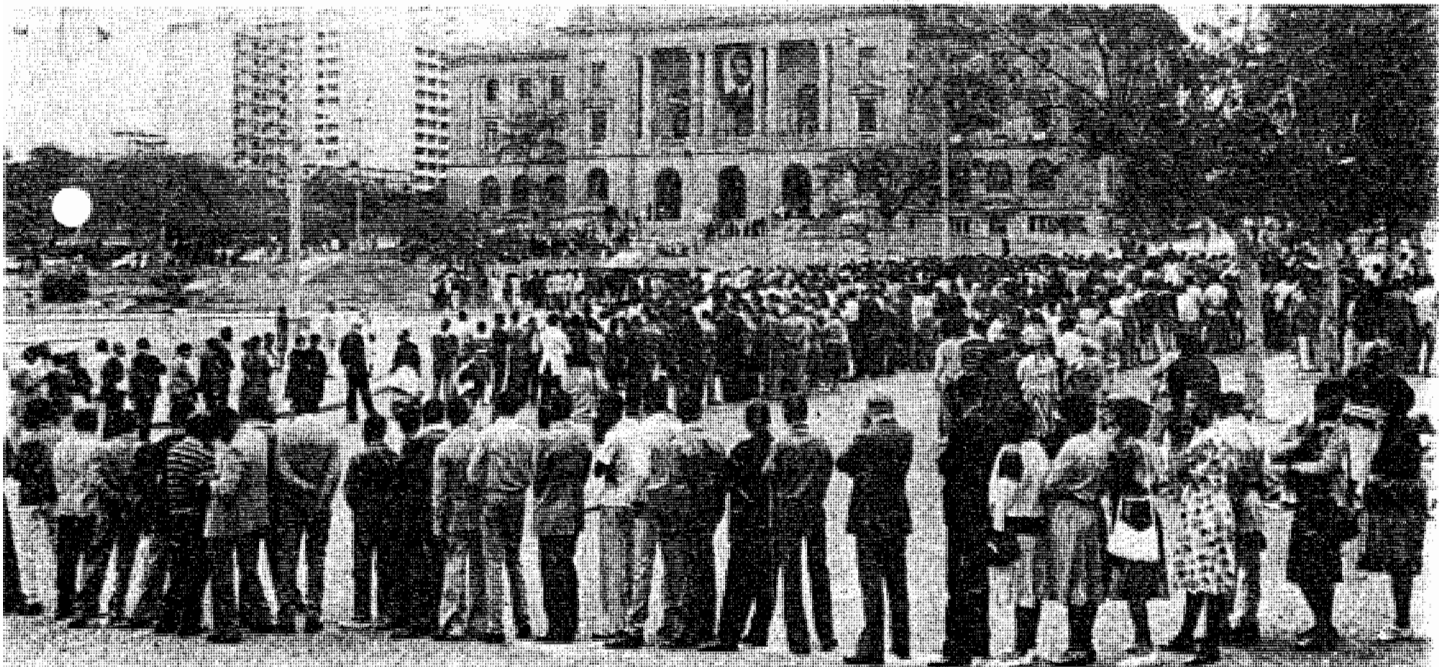
Gun salutes were fired as the coffins were lowered into the graves and

moments of silence observed. The proceedings were punctuated by wailing weeping and sobbing from mourners.

Speaking at Mavalane Airport minutes after arriving on the same plane that brought Dr Kaunda, Commonwealth secretary-general, Mr Shridath Ramphal said that South Africa's destabilisation policies must be to blame for the death of Cde Machel, whatever the circumstances that caused the plane to crash.

● South African bantustan leader Chief Buthelezi was refused permission to attend the funeral.

Chief Buthelezi jetted in in a private aircraft with a South African registration number and was told to go back because he had not been invited. South Africa is represented at the funeral by members of the ANC, Umkhonto we Sizwe and the SACP, including Cde Olliver Tambo, Cde Thomas Nkobi and Cde Joe Slovo. — Ziama-AIM-PANA.



TO honour a liberator and their leader, Mozambicans wait silently in line outside Maputo City Hall to pay their last respects to President Machel, whose body lies in state in the centre of the capital of a free land.