

Machel's Funeral: In Brief

Public holiday announced for day of funeral (Text of communique issued by the funeral ceremony central commission - read by announcer) Due to the fact that the funeral ceremony of Marshal Samora Moises Machel, Chairman of the Frelimo Party and President of the People's Republic of Mozambique, will take place on 28th October 1986, the funeral ceremony central commission decided to make that day a holiday, so as to ensure that all Mozambicans from Rovuma river to Maputo river will attend and participate in this ceremony. Only those work places whose duties must not be interrupted in the public interest will be excepted. (Maputo home service in Portuguese 0928 gmt 27 Oct 86)

Cuban and Nicaraguan delegation arrive (Excerpt) A high-level Cuban delegation led by Political Bureau and Secretariat member Jorge Risquet has arrived in Maputo, capital of Mozambique, to attend the funeral of that African nation's late President, Samora Machel. The delegation from Nicaragua, led by Vice President Sergio Ramirez Mercado, has already arrived in Mozambique. . . (Radio Progreso, Havana, 1200 gmt 27 Oct 86)

(Excerpt) Our special correspondent in Mozambique reports that Jorge Risquet Valdes. . . today paid posthumous homage to late Mozambican President Samora Machel. Risquet,

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and the delegation accompanying him, bid farewell to the initiator of the armed struggle against Portuguese colonialism and founder of the People's Republic of Mozambique. The Cuban delegation also place floral wreaths in front of the coffin of the deceased leader; one sent by Commander-in-chief Fidel Castro and another one by the Communist Party of Cuba Central Committee. . . During the evening, Risquet and the rest of the Cuban delegation were met at the Frelimo party headquarters by Marcelino dos Santos, Frelimo Political Bureau member. . . (Havana television 0100 gmt 28 Oct 86)

Winnie Mandela refused permission to attend funeral (Text) The Minister of Home Affairs, Mr Stoffel Botha, has confirmed that after careful consideration his office has decided not to accede to a request by Mrs Winnie Mandela to attend President Machel's funeral. Mr Botha said Mrs Mandela's legal representative has been informed of this decision. (Johannesburg home service in English 0500 gmt 28 Oct 86)

Buthelezi not allowed to attend funeral by Mozambicans: denial (Text) Maputo, 28th October: South African bantustan leader, Chief Mangosuthu Gathsa Buthelezi, was refused permission yesterday to attend the funeral in Maputo today of the late President Samora Machel. Buthelezi jetted in a private aircraft with a South African registration number and was told to go back because he had not been invited. Meanwhile, the South African authorities have refused Mrs Sisulu, Co-President of the UDF (United Democratic Front) a visa to attend the late president's funeral, according to reports reaching Maputo. (ZIANA/PANA in English 0821 gmt 28 Oct 86)

(Excerpt) Ulundi, 27th October: Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, Inkatha leader and Chief Minister of KwaZulu, had not left Ulundi today and had made no attempt to visit Maputo for the funeral of President Samora Machel, a KwaZulu government official said tonight. The official was reacting to a report from the Mozambican capital by the semi-official Zimbabwe news agency, ZIANA, that the chief had jetted into Maputo in a private aircraft and was told to go back because he had not been invited. "The report is utter nonsense. Chief Buthelezi has not left Ulundi all day. It's a mystery where ZIANA got its report from," the official told SAPA. . . (SAPA in English 1823 gmt 27 Oct 86)

S African trade union body calls for a minute's silence for Machel (Text) Johannesburg, 27th October: The combined Council of Unions of South Africa and the Azanian Council of Trade Unions, [CUSA/Azactu] has called for a minute's silence at midday tomorrow in honour of the funeral of President Samora Machel of Mozambique. In a statement to SAPA today CUSA Azactu said: "We request our members to observe a minute's silence at exactly noon as a mark of respect in memory of (President Machel's) untimely and as yet unexplained death. We ask that all machines and equipment, all buses and delivery vans stop at noon to pay our respects to this brave, uncompromising foe of apartheid." (SAPA in English 1000 gmt 27 Oct 86)