

South Africans Let Diplomat Visit the Injured Soviet Flier

JOHANNESBURG, Oct. 22 (AP) — An Soviet diplomat today visited a Soviet crew member injured in the plane crash that killed President Samora Machel of Mozambique, the South African Foreign Ministry said.

South Africa, which has no relations with the Soviet Union, allowed the unidentified diplomat and Nadezhda Novoselov, the wife of Vladimir Novoselov, flight engineer, to make the trip from Maputo, the Mozambican capital.

Mr. Novoselov, who has a broken leg and head injuries, was transferred from a hospital near the crash site to Pretoria. He was among 10 survivors of the crash Sunday that killed President Machel and 33 others.

The Russian was originally identified as the pilot, but a Mozambican list of survivors said that he was the flight engineer and that the Soviet pilot, co-pilot and two other engineers were killed.

Neither Mozambique nor South Africa has commented on what caused the Soviet-made TU-134 jet to crash.

Cause of Crash Is Unclear

Mr. Novoselov has been quoted as saying he believes the plane was shot down. Foreign Minister Roelof F. Botha of South Africa has said a survivor reported hearing a noise like a bang shortly before the crash.

South African newspapers said bad weather and pilot error probably caused the crash. The newspaper Business Day quoted Mozambican aviation sources as having suggested that the pilot apparently mistook the lights of the South African border town of Komatipoort for those of Maputo.

Some critics have accused the South African government of involvement. The South African Broadcasting Corporation today called the accusations "far-fetched" and said the Govern-

ment was going to great lengths to insure an open inquiry.

In Maputo, the Mozambican Government said President Machel's body would lie in state beginning Thursday, and a funeral was planned for Tuesday.

The first funeral for a crash victim occurred today with the burial of Gulamo Khan, the President's press secretary. Most of the victims will be buried next Wednesday.

A Western diplomat in Maputo described the city as "very, very quiet," and said people were staying indoors at night. Sports and cultural activities have been suspended.

"People are upset, they really are upset," he said. "There is a lot of uncertainty, people are just hunkering down and wondering what is going to happen. There is no question that there is genuine mourning."

Mugabe Mourns Machel's Death

Special to The New York Times

HARARE, Zimbabwe, Oct. 22 — Prime Minister Robert Mugabe today called the death of President Machel an "irreparable loss."

The Zimbabwean leader's statement was made public as hundreds of university students continued demonstrations, charging that South Africa had a hand in the plane crash.

Describing Mr. Machel as a "comrade-in-arms," Mr. Mugabe paid tribute to Mr. Machel's role in the 1970's in the struggle to end white Rhodesian rule in what is now Zimbabwe. Mozambique was the base of Mr. Mugabe's guerrillas.

Mr. Mugabe said in a statement that President Machel was a "universal humanitarian" who was dedicated to the struggles for a "free and just Africa, rid of apartheid and other forms of oppression and exploitation."