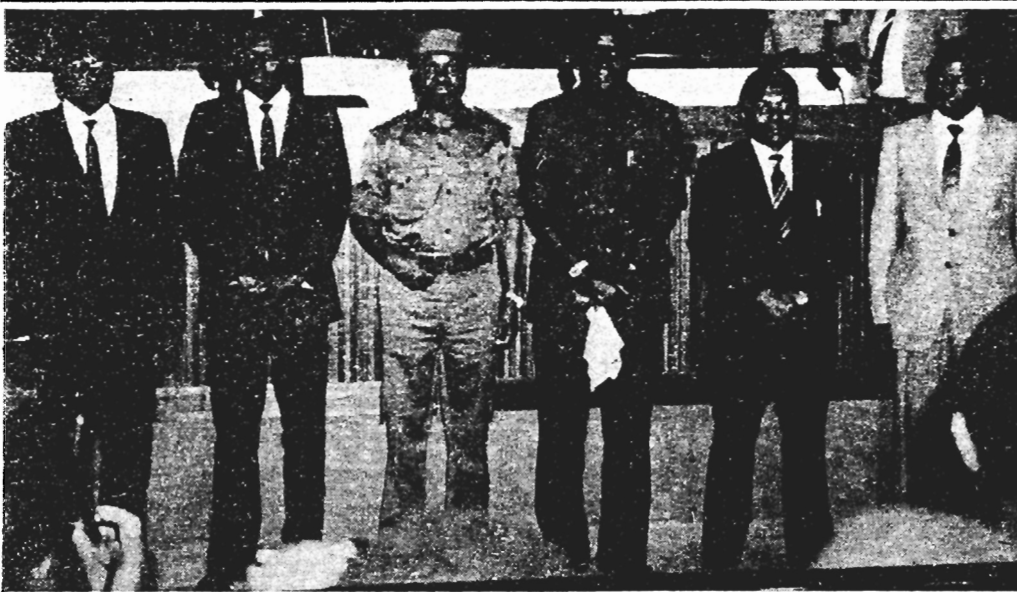


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PRIME MINISTER MACHEL at the last meeting of Frontline leaders before his death, a meeting that took place in Maputo on October 12. From left: The Prime Minister, Cde Mugabe, President Eduardo dos Santos of Angola, President Samora Machel, Zambian President Kenneth Kaunda, President Ali Hassan Mwinyi of Tanzania and President Quet, Masire of Botswana.

Leaders send sympathy messages

Herald Reporter

MESSAGES of condolence expressing deep shock and profound sorrow at the death of President Samora Machel were yesterday sent to the Mozambican government by President Banana and the then acting Prime Minister, Cde Simon Muzenda.

President Banana said: "We are greatly saddened by this tragic loss of a dear brother and comrade-in-arms, whose death is a great loss to his wife and family, to the fraternal people of Mozambique, their government and also to all the peoples of Zimbabwe, Southern Africa and the entire continent of Africa as well as to all progress peoples the world over.

"C. Samora Machel was a brave revolutionary, a champion of peace and justice and an illustrious son of Africa whose vision of freedom was a source of inspiration not only to his people, but also to all Zimbabweans and other revolutionaries in their struggles for liberation, national independence and social justice.

"His spirit will continue to live in the hearts and minds of all who had come to know and love him."

Cde Machel's death while returning from a mission of peace had come at a time when he had been resisting imperialism and its agents in the region who were intensifying their acts of aggression and destabilisation against the heroic people of Mozambique.

His wise leadership and guidance would be greatly missed and it was the solemn duty of all to pick up his spear and continue the struggle against the forces of reaction until the achievement of his vision

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of a Southern Africa free of imperialism, colonialism, neo-colonialism, apartheid and all other forms of exploitation and racism.

President Banana extended Zimbabwe's deep and heartfelt sympathies to Frelimo, the government and people of Mozambique, to the bereaved family of Cde Machel and to the families of the other Mozambicans who died in the plane crash.

Cde Muzenda described Cde Machel's death as "a tragic loss" and said the late Mozambican leader was "a gallant fighter

for the emancipation of the people of Mozambique and, indeed, of the entire African continent".

The grief, said Cde Muzenda, was made all the heavier to bear by the fact that many other high level Mozambican officials also died together with Cde Machel.

"Samora Machel was a man imbued with the most admirable and exemplary qualities of leadership — an indefatigable fighter for his people; a champion of the oppressed; an ardent advocate of justice and freedom for all peoples; and a visionary who was also a man of action.

"He was a true man of the people, for it is for the people that he laboured tirelessly both before and after the achievement of Mozambique's independence."

Cde Machel had lived for the people and had died, in tragic circumstances, for them.

"Zimbabwe," said Cde Muzenda, "pays homage to this illustrious son of Africa and at the same time calls upon the fraternal people of Mozambique to continue the wide-ranging struggle that he had so ably led."



THE HERALD published a special edition yesterday afternoon and thousands clogged the pavements — queuing in most cases, fighting in a few — to buy a copy. Rush-hour traffic was even worse than usual in Second Street with long queues of cars trying to turn into Gordon Avenue and, in some cases, just stopping