

ZCTU mourns death of ^{H 22.11.86} 'loyal patriot' Machel

Herald Reporter
THE Zimbabwe Congress of Trade Unions yesterday expressed shock and dismay over the Sunday night death of Mozambican leader Cde Samora Machel.

In a statement, the general secretary of the organisation, Cde Anselm Chitewer, said on behalf of the workers in Zimbabwe: "I wish to express our utmost sympathy and heartfelt condolence to the workers and peoples of Mozambique following the untimely death of Cde Machel — a gallant fighter, a dedicated and loyal patriot who refused to compromise with injustice and oppression."

In the wake of the death of President Machel, Arab ambassadors in Harare met urgently to

observe a minute of silence.

They expressed their condolences to the people and government of Mozambique on "the tragic loss" which they said not only affected Mozambique but the progressive world.

Meanwhile, Novosty Press Agency reported that the president of South Africa's largest legal anti-apartheid coalition, the United Democratic Front, Cde Archie Gumede said: "We are very shocked to learn of the sad news of the unexpected death of President Machel."

The Congress of South African Trade Unions said in Johannesburg that Frelimo's efforts at economic and social reconstruction were sabo-

taged at every turn by the "Pretoria-led forces of chaos and oppression".

The chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, Cde Yasser Arafat, has requested the Prime Minister, Cde Mugabe, urgently to call a high level meeting of the Non-Aligned Movement to discuss the criminal aggression against President Machel and his colleagues and the circumstances which led to the crash of his plane, Wafa has reported.

The death of President Machel on South African soil should be seen against the background of Pretoria's long war of aggression against Mozambique, the Pan Africanist Congress foreign affairs secretary, Cde Gora Ibrahim, has said.