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■ As Mozambique yesterday postponed the lying-in-state of President Samora Machel - killed in a plane crash on the SA border and due to be buried on Tuesday - and suspended voting in general elections, SA police fired teargas to end a Wits university campus march by 1 000 students.

● Machel's body was to lie in state for people to pay their last respects in Maputo's city hall from 5pm yesterday, but a brief government statement delayed the lying-in-state until this afternoon.

■ And the Mozambique parliament, the People's Assembly, announced the suspension of voting in the general election, underway throughout the country since August and scheduled to end next month. A new timetable will be announced after Tuesday's funeral.

■ Mozambique also announced its own high-level commission into the crash which killed Mozambique's first president.

■ Commemoration services are planned in Johannesburg, Soweto and Lenasia this weekend.

Meetings will be held at Lenasia Extension 5's Gandhi Hall tonight at 8, by the Transvaal Indian Congress; on Sunday at 1pm at Regina Mundi, organised by the UDF; and on Tuesday - the day of Machel's funeral - at Khotso House, organised by the SA Council of Churches.

Students at Wits and Cape Town universities met yesterday to mourn Machel's death - and after the Wits meeting, police came on to the campus to break up a march of 1 000 students around the campus.

On Wednesday, Lesotho police used teargas to break up a march by about 1 000 students protesting Machel's death, and arrested between 100 and 200 youths, witnesses told Sapa. Youths threw rocks at police who charged them with rubber whips, as they attempted to march on Maseru from the Roma capital. Police would

not comment, but there were no reports of serious injuries.

And in Zimbabwe, where students early this week attacked SA Airways and the SA trade mission after hearing of Machel's death - resulting in a similar number of arrests - the government has declared two weeks of national mourning. The death of the 53-year-old Mozambican president also sparked unrest in Botswana and Zambia.

● In Maputo, the first of the plane crash's 30 victims, press attache Gulano Khan, was buried yesterday. Senior officials who died with the president, including Transport Minister Alcantara Santos, will be buried next Wednesday.

● In Moscow, Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev observed a minute's silence in Machel's memory when he visited the Mozambican Embassy to sign a book of condolences yesterday.