

# Heroine's funeral for Ruth First

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President Samora Machel praised the political scientist, Ruth First, before her funeral yesterday.

President Machel also replied to accusations by the South African Defence Minister, Magnus Malan, that Mozambique was accumulating sophisticated weapons.

"No sensible person could believe that an underdeveloped country like Mozambique constitutes an economic or military threat to South Africa," Mr Machel said.

Miss First was killed by a letter bomb last week. Speaking at the funeral, Mr Moses Mabhinda, secretary of the South African Communist Party and a leading figure in the African National Congress,

talked about the subversive effect inside South Africa of the ideas of people like Ruth First.

*AP adds:* Buses brought hundreds of workers and students to the cemetery from the Eduardo Mondlane University.

South African journalists and foreign correspondents based in South Africa were barred from entering Mozambique for the funeral.