

Portuguese President attends funeral: meets Angolan leader (Text) President Mario Soares arrived yesterday morning in Maputo to attend Samora Machel's funeral which took place today in the Mozambican capital. On arriving at Mavalane airport, the President of the Republic declared that he was bringing the solidarity and friendship of Portugal to Mozambique. The political dimensions of Samora Machel greatly surpassed the framework of Mozambique, Mario Soares emphasised. Samora Machel's death had created an enormous vacuum in Mozambique and southern Africa, and for us, Portuguese, the sister nation of Mozambique. Besides Mario Soares and his wife, the Portuguese presidential delegation includes representatives of the political parties. Mario Soares is the only non-African Head of State to attend Samora Machel's funeral. The former president of the Republic, Ramalho Eanes, Foreign Minister Pires de Miranda as well as various other diplomats and Portuguese personalities have been in Maputo since yesterday paying their last respects to the Mozambican leader who died on the 19th and was buried this morning. (Lisbon in Portuguese for abroad 1300 gmt 28 Oct 86)

(Excerpts) On the sidelines of the funeral ceremony of President Samora Machel in Maputo today, relations between Portugal and Angola were the subject of discussions between Presidents Mario Soares and Jose Eduardo dos Santos, at the Portuguese leader's request. . . . At the end of the 45 minute meeting, which was also attended by the two countries' foreign ministers, Mario Soares assured that it had been a down-to-earth and cordial talk. [Soares: recording] I think it was what I would like to describe as a very

significant meeting between the two heads of state and their respective foreign ministers. President Eduardo dos Santos and I spoke on behalf of our respective states, and conditions now appear to have been created, which are very favourable to the development of bilateral co-operation at all levels [end recording]. Mario Soares renewed his invitation for Jose Eduardo dos Santos to visit Portugal. The date has not been set as yet but what will soon become a fact is the trip to our country by Angolan Foreign Minister Afonso Van Dunem, followed by a meeting of the Portuguese-Angolan joint commission. . . . (Lisbon home service 1900 gmt 28 Oct 86)