

■ Judge Named for Inquiry

Alan Cowell of The New York Times reported from Johannesburg:

South African authorities appointed a supreme court judge on Tuesday to head an inquiry into the crash of the Soviet-built airliner that killed Mr. Machel. IHT 22-10-86

At the same time, Pretoria, eager to rebut assertions by the Soviet pilot that he was shot down, also invited the aircraft's Soviet makers to join a preliminary investigation.

The Soviet pilot and nine other persons survived the crash.

In Maputo, meanwhile, Mozambicans, in a mood described by residents as subdued and resigned, began 60 days of official mourning for Mr. Machel, the guerrilla commander who had led the former Portuguese colony since its independence in 1975.

The pilot has been quoted as saying he was shot down, an accusation denied by South Africa.

Another survivor reportedly told Foreign Minister R.F. Botha of South Africa that there had been a shot or bang from within the plane shortly before the crash.

The aircraft's flight recorder has been found and was placed in a sealed container Monday in the presence of Mozambican officials.