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TRIBUTE TO GREATNESS

SELDOM have such great tributes come to a man at his funeral from such an international gathering as assembled at Dr. Matthews' funeral at Gaberones on Saturday.

Ambassador A. Mohale, who was sent by the U.N. ambassadors all the way from New York to represent them at the funeral, said that Ambassador Matthews was not just another ambassador, but a great statesman and a leader.

Mr. E. Clarke, who came all the way from Washington to represent the President and Government of the United States, paid tributes to how Matthews had endeared himself to the people of America and its Government and forged a link of friendship between that country and Botswana.

It was in recognition of his contribution and friendship that America had decided to accompany this statesman and friend to his final resting place. President Johnson had provided a special plane to transport his remains and his family back to Botswana.

The funeral, attended by scholars, statesmen from far and near, and by the ordinary folk, was tribute to the greatness of this son of South Africa.

Yet he whose greatness was lauded by nations, lies in small Gaberones, away from his own native land, which could not give him the scope for service he yearned to give.