

U.N. Studies Congo Crisis

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. (AP)—U. N. Congo Advisory Committee members Wednesday studied a suggestion by Acting Secretary-General U. Thant that military force be used as a last resort to end the secession of the Congo's Katanga Province.

Committee members said Thant asked the 19-nation group during a closed-door meeting Tuesday their opinion of a military operation if economic pressure cannot end President Moise Tshombe's defiance of the central Congo government.

Thant told a news conference in London July 7 the United Nations was planning new action against mineral-rich Katanga. But he added: "It has never been my intention—and never will be my intention—to use any military initiative."

Air Survivors Asked About Fatal Crash

HONOLULU (AP)—Canadian and U.S. investigators Wednesday interviewed survivors of the crash of a Canadian Pacific airliner Sunday night, including a former pilot, in an effort to learn the cause of the crash.

The plane missed its runway and crashed in flames, killing 27 of 40 persons aboard. It was the first fatal crash of a scheduled commercial plane in Hawaii.

Seven of the 11 crew members on the Britannia turboprop plane were killed, including all the cockpit crewmen.

Civil Aeronautics Board investigators were reported to be particularly interested in the testimony of Bernard Knowles, 37, a former New Zealand Air Force pilot instructor who was among the survivors.

Knowles told newsmen that the plane "made a good approach down to about 20 or 25 feet... then I felt the nose go up and the throttles go on, not much, just enough to carry us farther. I thought we were going to overshoot the runway... then the left wing dropped. I don't know if it was a stall or a turn but it was probably a stall at that speed."

The plane crashed while making an emergency landing with one of its four engines dead. It had turned back after taking off for Sydney, via the Fiji Islands.

Railroad, Agency Settle Dispute

SALEM (AP)—The Union Pacific and Oregon Highway Commission have settled their long dispute over right of way for the bypass of the Columbia River Highway at The Dalles, Leonard Linds, commission attorney, said Wednesday.

"We have reached agreement," he said, "and it now is being checked. It looks like the Highway Commission will accept it on Aug. 9."

This will pave the way for construction of the bypass. The present route through The Dalles is a bottleneck.

Jordan Gets Loan

AMMAN, Jordan (AP)—Jordan has received \$1.4 million as the first part of a \$21 million development loan from Kuwait, according to an announcement here.



Seeks Asylum

A detective holds newspaper which partially hides the face of Dr. Robert A. Soblen, left, as Soblen is driven back to jail in London after making a court appearance in an effort to prevent extradition to U.S.

Dominican Republic Protests 'Interference' From Cubans

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic (AP)—The president of the Dominican Republic said Wednesday his government will formally accuse Cuba of subversion and interference in Dominican internal affairs.

President Rafael Bonnelly said in an interview that powerful Havana shortwave radio broadcasts beamed at the Dominican Republic daily "incite violence and subversion."

He said Foreign Minister Jose Antonio Bonilla Atilas, who is now in Washington, has been instructed to take the protest before appropriate international bodies.

In the past week Havana radio, which claims to be airing a program for the Dominican "Liberation Movement in Exile," has been outlining steps to overthrow the Dominican government and calling for concerted action by students, peasants and laborers.

The Dominican government's press office said such calls for action are followed quickly by outbreaks of vandalism or terrorism by small gangs. Several stores were ransacked during the latest flareup.

Oil Company Gets Lease

SALEM (AP)—Humble Oil & Refining Co. Tuesday was granted an oil lease by the Oregon Land Board covering 237 acres of state land in Marion and Linn counties.

This settled a dispute between Humble and Willard Farnham, Portland, over who was entitled to the tract.

Farnham's application was made Nov. 29, and Humble's Dec. 1. The board's policy is a first come, first served basis, but Farnham was ruled ineligible because his bond was faulty.

In other action the board denied the request of Farnham, head of Farnham Chemical Co. of Portland, to combine his application for an oil lease in Coos and Curry counties with one asking for tracts in Clackamas, Linn and Marion counties.

Heat Linked To Rail Crash

DIJON, France (AP)—The train wreck which killed 38 persons and injured 47 near here Monday may have been caused by a rail distorted by summer heat, it was reported Wednesday.

Engineer Michel Bosson said he sensed an "abnormality" in the track seconds before the crash. Investigating technicians said the wreck may have been caused by a rail "deformed" by the sun which has been baking the rail line for several days.

A spokesman for the management of the nationalized French railways confirmed that the distorted-rail report is "one of the theories we are investigating."

Five cars of the 85-mile-an-hour Paris-to-Marseille Express jumped the track, and one of them plunged 150 feet off a viaduct into a rocky ravine. The dead and most of the seriously wounded were in that car.

Dem. to Seek Foreign Aid Fund Slash

House to Take Up Money Measure

WASHINGTON (AP)—The chairman of the House Foreign Aid Appropriations Committee Wednesday proposed a \$2 billion cut in President Kennedy's foreign aid funds.

Kennedy won the first round Tuesday, when the House approved and sent him a bill authorizing a \$4.6 billion ceiling on foreign aid for fiscal year which started July 1.

But the actual money must still be appropriated, and the legislation to do that was being studied by appropriations subcommittee Chairman Otto E. Passman, D-La.

He defeated Kennedy on the issue last year and hopes to do the same this time.

\$2.5 Billion Level

Passman said that it was time for Congress to cut foreign aid spending to the \$2.5 billion level.

"Why, even if we give them \$3.5 billion," he said, "they wouldn't know what to do with it."

This means storm clouds ahead for the White House, which told Congress last January that \$4.9 billion was needed to run the foreign aid program.

Congress authorized \$208 million less but Passman hopes to cut the original request almost in half. He points to unused funds from past years and the imbalance of payments problem as good justification for the move.

Chances are that Passman will not win the drastic cuts but the reductions his House subcommittee votes probably will be large enough to prompt an appeal by Kennedy to the Senate for restoration of the money.

\$860 Million Cut

Passman kept the foreign aid program just below \$4 billion last year. This represented an \$860 million slash from what Kennedy originally wanted.

In the authorization bill approved Tuesday, Congress gave Kennedy authority to continue U.S. aid to Poland and Yugoslavia when he considered it vital to American interests.

The bill, regarded as a major administration victory, also was without two provisions the White House had fought to remove.

The sections, dropped by a House-Senate conference committee, would have cut aid for India and prohibited the United States from buying \$100 million worth of U.N. bonds until other countries paid up their back debts to the world organization.

'Mr. X' Gives Himself Up; Was to Sell Stolen Stock



ALAN POMERANZ
Mr. X in Custody

NEW YORK (AP)—Alan Jack Pomeranz, named by authorities as the mysterious "Mr. X" in the case of the \$1.3-million stock theft from Bache & Co., walked into Dist. Atty. Frank S. Hogan's office Tuesday and gave himself up.

Pomeranz, 33, who was arrested on a charge of criminally receiving stolen property, would give interrogators no information other than his name, age and address.

But Hogan, describing Pomeranz as "a salesman of sorts who lived by his wits, a salesman of products and ideas," said "Mr. X" had contracted to dispose of the blue chip stocks stolen from the Wall Street vaults of Bache & Co.

Pomeranz's surrender was the second of two surprises for Hogan.

The first surprise came when the federal government announced that Pomeranz was "Mr. X"—a piece of information given to the FBI by Hogan Friday and kept secret by his office.

"Evidently their practice requires the issuance of a warrant," said Hogan. "We would have preferred to keep our detectives working without publicity."

Hogan said his office had only five minutes advance notice before U.S. Atty. Robert M. Morgenthau announced the arrest of a 13th defendant in the sensational theft of \$1,370,475 worth of blue chip stock certificates from the Wall Street Schoenberg house. He is Edward Schoenberg, 30, an artist and interior decorator also known as Bobby Edwards.

Walked Into Office

Pomeranz, who has worked as a part-time interior decorator, walked into Hogan's office a few hours later.

Here is how authorities have reconstructed the stock theft:

The inside man was Gordon A. Tallman, 30, a clerk at Bache for eight months. He smuggled the stock out of the Wall Street office under his shirt in mid-June.

On the outside, Robert J. Dodge, 24, an unemployed truck driver and friend of Tallman, turned most of the stock over to Pomeranz for disposal.

"Pomeranz consulted with Edwards (Schoenberg) on the distribution of these securities," said Morgenthau in announcing Edward's arrest on charges of conspiring to transport stolen securities interstate.

Schoenberg, who was held in \$25,000 bail by a U.S. commissioner for arraignment Aug. 3.

'Denying Everything'

Said Schoenberg's lawyers: "He is denying everything. They haven't got a thing against him."

More than \$1 million worth of the stocks is still missing. Authorities said they believe Pomeranz holds the key to their whereabouts.

Pomeranz, father of three and separated from his wife, was described by Morgenthau as the key figure behind the theft of the securities.

Hogan's office said Pomeranz promised Dodge and Tallman 5 per cent of the proceeds on the stolen stock, but all they actually received was a down payment of \$4,400.

Election Feb. 10

ASUNCION, Paraguay (AP)—The government says presidential elections will be held next Feb. 10. Only one candidate is expected—the current president, strongman Gen. Alfredo Stroessner.

President Supports Vote in Puerto Rico

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Kennedy notified Puerto Rico's governor Wednesday he agrees that the people of Puerto Rico now should vote on their preference for independence, statehood or perfecting the present commonwealth form of government.

Kennedy's views were in a letter the White House said Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson delivered Wednesday to Gov. Luis Munoz Marin. Kennedy appointed Johnson to represent the people of the United States on the celebration Wednesday of the 10th anniversary of the founding of the commonwealth government.

Hundreds cheered Johnson Tuesday night on his arrival in San Juan. Munoz had written the President that he believes the time has come for growth the improvement of the commonwealth system. He said he intended to ask the Puerto Rican Legislature to enact a law that would submit to a vote of the people proposals "to perfect the commonwealth within its association with the United States."

"It is my purpose also," Munoz told Kennedy, "to recommend that advocates of both independence and federated statehood for Puerto Rico should be afforded the opportunity in the legislation to present these alternatives to the electorate, so that no doubt whatever may be entertained either in Puerto Rico, in the United States or elsewhere that the basic United States principle of self-determination has been carried out."

The President said he is aware that the commonwealth relationship is not perfected and has not realized its full potential. He said he is in full sympathy with the aspiration Munoz expressed for maximum development of the commonwealth system.

"I see no reason," Kennedy said, "why the commonwealth concept, if that is the desire of the people of Puerto Rico, should not be fully developed as a permanent institution in its association with the United States. I agree that this is a proper time to recognize the need for growth and, both as a matter of fairness to all concerned and of establishing an unequivocal record, to consult the people of Puerto Rico, as you propose to do, so that they may express any other preference, including independence, if that should be their wish."

As for the celebration of the commonwealth anniversary Wednesday, Kennedy told the governor that "this is indeed a great occasion."

The achievements of the Puerto Rican people in the short span of 10 years have been remarkable, he said.

The commonwealth is a self-governing entity permanently affiliated with the United States. In Congress it has only a resident commissioner without a vote.

Doctor Takes Post

PORTLAND (AP)—Douglas County Health Officer Dr. John Donnelly has accepted a post as assistant Multnomah County health officer. He takes the job Aug. 15.

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