



The End

Uniformed United Nations commander, Brig. Reginald Noronha, chats with Katanga Premier Moise Tshombe at Tshombe's headquarters in Kolwezi Monday after the peaceful occupation of the dissident Tshombe stronghold in The Congo's rebellious Katanga Province.

Pay Worries Captured Mercenary

By RICHARD K. O'MALLEY
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ELISABETHVILLE, the Congo—Eight men lounged on cots in a makeshift internment room at Elisabethville Airport. Two played black-jack. A couple of others read paperbacks. A bored United Nations guard looked on.

These were eight mercenaries who had led troops for Katanga President Moise Tshombe in his unsuccessful battle to secede from the central Congo. All had been captured and were waiting repatriation.

What kind of man is the 20th-century mercenary soldier?

Let's take the case of Skimmer, a 6-foot-2 South African with a broad grin that never quite reaches his eyes and the shoulders of a professional fullback.

Skimmer has a fund of natural charm if you don't notice that the green eyes rarely smile. He is bluff and hearty and talks easily.

Now that the fighting was over, what did he worry about?

"I suppose I won't get the last of my pay," he said. "I don't see how they can pay that now and I can use it."

Mercenaries got around \$1,000 a month with half paid in foreign currency, the rest in Katangan francs. Skimmer thought the pay wasn't bad. "They gave us three months in advance when we signed up."

About half of his enormous right bicep had been shot away by automatic rifle fire. He walked to a dressing station and got back in the fighting after treatment.

"This arm isn't ever going to be the same again. I lost too much muscle. Still got a machinegun slug in my hip. It's not comfortable."

Did he want to join up some other venture?

"Not me. But I hope I get the last of my pay. I can use it. I got a relative in South Africa who runs a little garage. I'm going to go in with him."

Skimmer didn't want to talk much about the fighting but he obviously was chagrined at the way he had been captured.

"I nipped into Elisabethville for a good dinner. First thing I know I was surrounded by guns."

"I expect we'll be sent off pretty soon now. It's been all right here. Absolutely no abuse, no bad treatment. The food is good. We've got no complaints."

It was hard to imagine him poking into the creaky workings of an automobile in a South African garage.

JFK Hails Katangese Capitulation

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Kennedy has hailed the end of the Katanga secession and declared that the Congolese now have an opportunity "to rally behind their national and provincial leadership."

He said the peaceful entry of U.N. forces into the Katanga stronghold of Kolwezi had confirmed the downfall of the separatist regime of Moise Tshombe.

This, he said in a statement Monday, "is warmly welcomed by the United States and all who are concerned with the future of the Congo and the whole of Africa."

He said the Eisenhower administration "determined wisely" that the U.S. goal of seeking conditions allowing the Congolese to work out their own future could best be pursued through the United Nations.

He added that his administration had vigorously supported the U.N. efforts.

The American people, he said, are deeply indebted to U.N. Secretary-General U Thant and to his predecessor, Dag Hammarskjöld "who gave his life in the quest for peace" in the Congo.

Assistant Secretary of State G. Mennen Williams expressed belief that the U.N. success also had brought dividends to the United States.

"Increased Respect" The U.S. participation in the U.N. Congo operation, he said, "has greatly increased the respect of Africans for us."

Williams, chief of the State Department's Bureau of African Affairs, viewed the U.N. victory as, in effect, a defeat for communism.

In an interview he explained his reasoning: "We think the major achievement of the U.N. operation was to remove one of the main obstacles to Congo unity and stability. Now the Congo government can get things rolling. Whenever there is stability or independence, the capacity of the Communists to enter and interfere is greatly diminished, or even diminished to zero."

Its main provisions are:

- The heads of state and government will meet at least every six months. Their foreign, defense, education, youth and sports ministers will meet every three months and their chiefs of staff every two months. Three high officials from each government will meet monthly as a sort of watchdog committee.
- There will be exchanges of troops for training, joint maneuvers, joint use of training camps and joint research in arms production, except in nuclear weapons. There also will be joint studies of strategic and tactical problems.
- There will be alignment of university degrees, increased study of each other's language, exchanges of scholarships and coordination of research, except in the nuclear field. West Germany has pledged itself by treaty not to manufacture nuclear weapons.

Coal Miners Back on Job

CARMICHAELS, Pa. (AP)—Some 1,000 coal miners returned to work Monday at U. S. Steel Corp.'s nearby Robena Mine where 37 miners died in an explosion last Dec. 6.

The mine had been idle since the blast and the miners had refused two previous orders to return to work. They had said they wanted steps taken to insure safety and prevent more explosions.

The miners voted over the weekend to return to work. Some 600 members of United Mine Workers Local 6321 were on hand for the vote.

U. S. Steel said the entire Robena complex with the exception of the Frosty Run shaft at Robena No. 3 will operate on a five-day week. The explosion last December occurred at the Frosty Run shaft.

A public hearing into the causes of that explosion ended last week. A final report is pending.

Population Count

TAIPEI, Formosa (AP)—Formosa's population has been set at 11,474,639. The count, through November, 1962, did not include an estimated 600,000 men in the Chinese Nationalist armed forces.

Allied Chiefs Confer On Common Market

By JOSEPH W. GRIGG
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PARIS — West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer sought to persuade French President Charles de Gaulle Tuesday not to torpedo Britain's efforts to enter the European Common Market.

Adenauer was in a favored position to exert the pressure. He and De Gaulle have agreed to an historic reconciliation of two traditional enemies whose quarrels have drenched Europe and the world in blood for a thousand years.

De Gaulle was reported insisting on vetoing acceptance of Britain in the Common Market at the present. Adenauer was said to be seeking a face-saving formula to prevent a total breakdown of the negotiations.

Talks May Recess One reported West German suggestion was that the Common Market talks being held in Brussels should be recessed for a time to allow the present six members to take a new look at the concept.

This would solve nothing but would give the appearance of avoiding an open break. Adenauer and De Gaulle planned to go over the Common Market situation Tuesday and then put the finishing touches on the treaty of cooperation to which they agreed Monday.

Macmillan Pledges Fight

LONDON (AP)—Prime Minister Harold Macmillan has served notice on French President Charles de Gaulle that Britain will fight to get into the European Common Market.

Terming De Gaulle's opposition a "setback," Macmillan told a Conservative Party meeting Monday night that the rest of Europe and the free world supports Britain's bid for full membership in the six-nation trade group.

"We still believe that, given the will, the remaining difficulties can be surmounted," he said with evident passion.

The Common Market issue is expected to be one of Macmillan's biggest political challenges in the new parliament session which opened Tuesday with ceremonies honoring Opposition Labor Party Leader Hugh Gaitskell, who died last Friday. The ceremonies were the only scheduled business for the day.

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