

Uniformed 'Soldiers' Rule People Almost at Will in Congo City

Arrests, Beatings Drunken Brawling Commonplace

By WILLIAM ANDERSON
Stanleyville, The Congo—A uniformed rabble rules this frightened city.

Arbitrary arrests, beatings, extortion and drunken brawlings have become so commonplace that they no longer are a subject of conversation among the 500 Europeans who stay close to the Stanley hotel.

Once these soldiers were the Congolese Army Third Group. They have arrested their officers and elected new ones three times since July. They act on rumor and whim.

The rule of the soldiery begins at the airport. Passengers are met with a bayonet in the stomach and are herded single-file like prisoners into the immigration building. Unemployed Congolese hanging around the airport scream "we are the masters" and "freedom."

Formality Lacking
Congolese passengers are ushered through customs without formality. Europeans are searched, money is counted "to ensure you are not carrying money to pay Belgian spies."

The money is thrown on the ground where the passenger must stoop to pick it up.

One British subject unfortunately was listed in his passport as a "general manager" for a business firm. He was pushed around for an hour by soldiers who thought he was a British army general. Only the arrival of another plane diverted their attention from him.

Col. Yohanna Chites, commander of the U.N. garrison in this town—seat of deposed premier Patrice Lumumba's power—said he can interfere only if U.N. personnel are arrested.

Several Severely Beaten
But Ethiopian troops used "good offices" to secure the release of 74 Europeans. A U.N. official said several had been severely beaten.

Last week, virtually every automobile was confiscated by the soldiers. They demanded owners show bills of sale. Few of them carried a bill of sale with them and lost their cars—without any receipt.

Now the army rides in style in civilian cars with gun muzzles sticking through the windows.

The hard-drinking soldiers have several sources of revenue. One of the most lucrative is the threat of arrest. The present going rate for not arresting a European is \$60. This carries no guarantee the troops won't come back when they have used up the money.

Rural Africans, friendly and hard-working for the most part, must pay a "tax" at troop roadblocks when they come to town.

Occasionally a platoon of soldiers will surround a village and take it over for a night.

Officials are arrested indiscriminately. Charles Bakoko, provincial assembly president, was seized just after agreeing to an interview with this correspondent. He was accused of "secret dealings" with Europeans.

Czech-born Slavomir Brzak has been trying to organize a \$100,000 vegetable farm scheme to provide work for 3,000 Congolese.

"But as soon as I start walking with the civilian officials they get arrested and I have to begin all over," he complained.

Inflation is rampant. Banknotes which were intended as replacements for worn out currency and which have no gold backing were given to the troops.

For more than a month, seven members of parliament

have been held prisoner. Their crime was disavowing Lumumba, who is in Leopoldville.

Alphonse Songolo, a parliamentarian, now is in a Congolese army hospital under guard. He is almost blind from a four-hour beating after his arrest. He was left without medical aid for four days.

Believed Shot
Other members of the parliament were reported taken "up country" by soldiers. People here believe they have been shot.

The leading politician in

town now is Louis Lumumba, brother of Patrice. The deposed Congolese premier's deputy, Antoine Gizenga, who engineered the arrest of Songolo, is in Stanleyville, but sticks close to home since his own, brief arrest.

A provincial cabinet official says he thinks Louis Lumumba is planning to cut the province off from the rest of The Congo, under his brother Patrice.

Another cabinet official solemnly assured newsmen that the U.N. command is sheltering a band of Belgian

paratroopers who plan to attack Stanleyville.

Most of the European population here now is composed of Portuguese and Greeks. Businessmen and planters, they sit watching their money dwindle, their lifetime's work melting away. Once bustling and busy, Stanleyville is a dead city.

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Plans for the restoration, which are being completed by Keeney and associates, await approval by the city council. Jack Bartz, contractor, will have charge of the project.

Contributions to the hotel fund are being accepted by the foundation and persons wishing to contribute may forward checks to the treasurer, Frank Pinnock, 459 Herbert st., Ashland.

Jack Sutton presented a plan for marking historic sites in Josephine county. The board stressed that it is interested in historic sites of this area, many of which are unknown or have been demolished.

Lee Pinkham, surveyor, Vern Smith, Francis D. Haines and Sutton are taking an active part in designating buildings or sites which were significant to southern Oregon history.

New International Length Adopted

Paris (Science Service)—A new international standard of length has been officially adopted here by the international General Conference on Weights and Measures.

The new standard defines the meter as 1,650,763.73 times the wavelength of the orange-red spectral line of light emitted from atoms of krypton 86.

With the krypton standard now designated as the primary standard, the platinum-iridium meter bar housed at the International Bureau of Weights and Measures in Sevres, France, drops to the position of a secondary standard. The chief advantages of the change are that the primary standard is now non-destructible and that the meter can be measured more precisely.