

# Evacuation Under Way From Katanga Refugee Center

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 Elizabethville, Katanga—U.P.—One of the worst eyesores in the Congo is gradually being eradicated.  
 It is the huge disease and crime-ridden Baluba refugee camp established in Elizabethville by the United Nations in August, 1961, as a haven for frightened Baluba tribesmen. The Balubas, politically op-

posed to Katanga President Moise Tshombe's government and fearing reprisals in the then developing Katanga was against the U.N., among such thousands from Kasai and South Kasai that their care, feeding and housing became a Herculean task.  
 The hastily prepared camp grew and grew. No one is sure even now how many refugees the camp eventually

held. Generally the figure has been estimated at between 40,000 and 50,000.  
 In the crowded, unsanitary conditions, the camp became a hell-hole where disease flourished, terror ruled and crime ran wild.  
**Inmates Evacuated**  
 Now the camp's inmates are being returned to Kasai and South Kasai at an average of about 1,000 a day. The evacu-

ation began in May and no one is sure just how long it will take because no one knows how many persons are involved.  
 By June 10, the number evacuated by train and plane had passed 20,000.  
 U.N. civilian chief in the Congo Robert Gardiner is given much of the credit for the evacuation. While others were procrastinating, he announced during a short visit to Elizabethville early in May that the break-up of the camp must begin immediately.  
 "You have four days to get the first trainload of refugees away," he told startled officials.

Evacuation plans, some of them three and four months old, were hurriedly re-examined.  
 Four days later, on May 8, the first trainload of 1,000 refugees pulled away from the siding beside the camp.  
 At first there were to be two trains a week, then this was reduced to one for transportation reasons. Refugees were taken by train to Kamina, 350 miles away and roughly the halfway point, then airlifted to Luluabourg, capital of Kasai Province.

**Plans Transport**  
 Next move was the introduction of two DC4 aircraft to fly refugees direct from Elizabethville to Bakwanga, capital of South Kasai. Again the U.N. struck unexpected trouble when it was found the refugees' huge piles of luggage limited the number per

## Ocean Building Practices Listed

New York — U.P. — The hurricane season brings a reminder from a storm-minded architect that it doesn't always make sense to close the windows when the wind blows.

"Resistance of the building to the wind is what does the damage from wind action," says Daniel Chait, an expert on beachfront building. "The best way to overcome it is to make sure the wind has a chance to blow through the house."

"This may be done by opening all windows during a critical storm."

Chait put together an outline of seafront building practices after the great Atlantic storm of March 5-6 this year. "That blow — a combination of high winds and high tides — destroyed hundreds of homes, caused millions in damage and brought a state of disaster along much of the east coast."

Hurricanes can reproduce these wind-and-water conditions. The hurricane season begins in mid-August.

Chait, a New York builder, has designed stem-proof buildings for erection in Panama, Oxnawa, New Jersey and Long Island, N.Y.

"It must be kept in mind that sand is semi-fluid," he says. "Therefore one must discard the principle on which foundations in solid ground are calculated — namely, that earth usually does not shift."

Two techniques solve the problem: the "taproot" foundation of pilings reaching through fluid sand to stable ground, or the "boat" in which the house is literally floated on a concrete boat or tub.

Above-ground stresses also must be considered. Chait warns. Besides the obvious problem of wind, there is the stress transmitted from the foundation to the house itself ("all points must be tied together with metal plates and bolts so the house will have some 'give' but will not wrack or move") and water smashing against the house.

For the latter problem, Chait's advice is simple enough: don't go too near the water.

## Invitations to Bid On Project Issued

Invitations to bid on construction of the new Surveyor Recreation site in the Medford district have been issued by the Portland office of the bureau of land management, according to Donald J. Schofield, district manager.

The Surveyor Recreation site is located on the west side of Surveyor Mountain midway between the Dead Indian highway and the Greensprings highway on the BLM Keno access road.

Those interested in bidding on the project are invited to an on the ground review of the work to be accomplished. The "show me" trip will be conducted Aug. 30, Schofield said.

Prospective bidders are requested to meet at the Medford district office at 8 a.m. Aug. 30. A representative of the local office will conduct the trip and answer questions relative to the project.

flight to about 60 instead of the planned 85.  
 The number of aircraft, each making two flights daily was doubled.  
 In June, the evacuation again was intensified, with seven aircraft making 14 flights daily.  
 Combined with train transport, the number of refugees leaving Elizabethville jumped to 7,000 a week.  
 With the movement of the refugees from Elizabethville, the U.N.'s troubles could still be far from over. So far there has been little information on the reception the refugees

have received in the villages. In Luluabourg, they aroused some initial distrust among the local population and this feeling may spread to the villages. In Bakwanga the first arrival received a more friendly welcome and seem to have a better chance of being absorbed back into the population.  
 Food may be a difficult problem as present supplies dwindle. U.N. chiefs in Elizabethville are considering diverting some of the food for the steadily decreasing population of the Refugee camp to Kasai and South Kasai.

**Klamath Falls Truck Operator Fined \$100**  
 Salem — U.P. — Jonel C. Hill, state public utility commissioner, said today he has fined Edward A. Schultz, Klamath Falls trucker, \$100 for hauling a load of roofing material from Eugene to Klamath Falls without proper authorization.  
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