

Committee Postpones Action on Anti-Death Penalty Bills

Tshombe Ponders Move for Peaceful Takeover of Congo

Editor's note: Moise Tshombe was a central figure in the Congo crisis caused in part by the secession of his Katanga Province. Since Katanga was forced back into the Congo by the United Nations action, he has dropped out of the limelight but still is considered one of Africa's leading statesmen. In the following interview with a UPI correspondent Tshombe gives his views on his and the Congo's future.

By TIM KNIGHT
Elisabethville, Katanga Province (The Congo) — Moise Tshombe, once the "tiger of Katanga," said today he would start no more wars but might try to take over the central Congolese government peacefully.

The 43-year-old Katanga Province leader said he was optimistic about the future of the Congo and the African continent if the great powers keep the cold war out. He said he had no personal ambitions and harbored no bitterness toward the United Nations which forced the end of Katanga's secession earlier this year. He inferred that the big powers pushed the world organization into war against Katanga.

Secedes From Republic

Tshombe was a central figure in the Congo crisis which erupted after the country became independent of Belgium in mid-1960. He took his mineral-rich province out of the republic and maintained the secession for nearly three years despite economic pressures and three "wars" against UN forces. The moon-faced businessman-politician said today he had ended his secessionist movement but he indicated he might adopt a "if you can't beat them, join them" policy in rising to power in the central government.

Tshombe, once president of Katanga, now is reduced to Katanga's provincial head under the central government in Leopoldville.

But he is still one of the most important statesmen in Africa. He could yet rise as the only man capable of leading the Congo without UN protection.

American Mission Education. He was educated in an American mission and he later traveled in Europe. He speaks French, Portuguese, English and nine African languages.

I spoke to him and this was the exchange:
Question — What are the chances of another war in Katanga?
Answer —

Consideration of New Constitution Deciding Factor

Salem — UPI — Action on anti-death penalty bills was postponed by a House committee Thursday to await the outcome of Monday's House consideration of a new state constitution.

The anti-death penalty measures already have won Senate approval.

The proposed new constitution retains the death penalty. The House Constitutional Revision Committee, which heard the death penalty measures Thursday, postponed action to Tuesday to determine if amendments would be necessary so that if the voters rejected capital punishment the prohibition could be applied to either the present or to the proposed new constitution.

A constitutional change and a proposed change in statutes are included in the anti-death penalty package.

The constitutional change would make the penalty for first degree murder life in prison.

The statute change would require confinement for at least 15 years, and lifetime supervision under parole.

The Senate conducted extensive public hearings on both measures. The proposed constitutional change was approved 25-3, the statute revision 24-6.

Sen. Don Willner (D-Portland) was the principal witness at Thursday's hearing.

"Will you let the people vote on this issue?" he pleaded.

Willner went over testimony before the Senate committee and pointed out that the death penalty was not a deterrent, there was the possibility of error, and that capital punishment "brutalizes society."

Rep. Edward Elder (R-Eugene) former Lane county sheriff, argued that the death penalty was a deterrent to murder.

He said he believed courts appointed competent defense attorneys in death cases. He said only the poor who could not hire good legal help were sent to the gas chamber.

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Stocks Turn Mixed; Chemical Section Slightly Easier

New York — UPI — Stocks turned mixed today. Steels were mixed and autos firm. Du Pont led a slightly easier chemical section. International oils firmed. Electronics, rails and utilities were narrowly mixed.

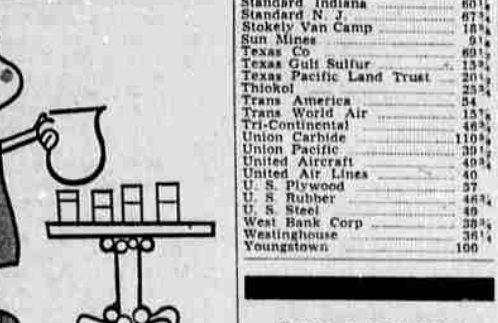
Issues showing strength in the general list were American Viscose, U.S. Smelting, Norfolk & Western Railway, and Ingersoll Rand.

DOW JONES AVERAGES

New York — UPI — Dow Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 721.08, up 1.42; 20 railroads 164.78, up 0.50; 15 utilities 139.08, up 0.42; and 85 stocks 255.01, up 0.61. Sales Thursday were about 4.48 million shares compared with 3.06 million shares Wednesday.

Thursday's prices on selected stocks:

Alcoa	51
Alum. Co. Am.	58
American Air Lines	22
American Can	41
American Motors	10
A. T. & T.	120
American Tobacco	32
Anacosta Copper	48
Armco	33
American Standard	15
Bendix Corp.	54
Bethlehem Steel	31
Boeing Air	37
Brunswick	15
Caterpillar Corp.	37
Chrysler Corp.	105
Coca Cola	93
C.B.S.	34
Columbia Gas	29
Continental Can	29
Crown Zellerbach	35
Crucible Steel	28
Curtis Wright	21
Du Pont	105
Du Chemical	53
Eastman Kodak	115
Firestone	37
Ford	34
General Electric	80
General Foods	70
General Motors	60
General Portland Cement	23
Georgia Pacific	52
Greif Bros.	44
Gulf Oil	46
Honolulu	34
Idaho Power	45
I.B.M.	468
Int. Paper	32
Johns Manville	48
Kennecott Copper	79
Lockheed Aircraft	181
Martin	100
Merck	100
Montana Power	36
Montgomery Ward	48
National Biscuit	48
New York Central	121
Northern Pacific	48
Pac. Gas. Elec.	48
Penn. J. C.	27
Penn. RR	151
Phillips	65
Procter & Gamble	77
Radio Corporation	64
Richfield Oil	65
Sears	56
Safeway	56
Santa Fe	28
Shell Oil	41
Shell Oil	41
Southern Bell	67
Southern Pacific	33
Sperry Rand	37
Standard California	13
Standard Indiana	60
Standard Oil	67
Stokely Van Camp	18
U.S. Mines	91
Texas Co.	25
Texas Gulf Sulfur	13
Texas Pacific Land Trust	20
Thiokol	24
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Trans World Air	15
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Senate-Passed Workmen's Compensation Bill Declared 'Mess' By House Industries Committee

Salem — UPI — Members of the House Committee on Labor and Industries decided informally Thursday to try to get out a workmen's compensation bill this session.

But they termed the Senate-passed bill before them "a mess."

The House committee heard nearly four hours of testimony on a bill to overhaul the state's 50-year-old program of industrial accident benefits for injured workmen.

Labor and industry witnesses, who fought bitterly over workmen's compensation in 1961, indicated they may be closer than ever to a compromise.

The Senate bill abandons the state monopoly sought by labor. On the other hand, it provides for less private insurance than management would like. It would give employers three choices: Insurance through the state system, self-insurance for a "direct responsibility employer" who could afford to post his own bond, and self-insurance with the backing of a private firm.

It includes these features: Universal coverage (including farmers); a revamp of the state administrative agency and its claims procedures; appeals; a review board; jury trial; and a 20 per cent increase in benefits.

Labor said the bill provides for too many employers to insure outside the state system. Labor also said the claims of these employers should be processed through the state system.

Foreign Briefs

FRANCE PLANS TO KEEP ATOMIC TEST AREA
Paris — UPI — Authoritative sources said today French plans to hold onto its atomic test area in the Sahara desert until 1967, when the treaty authorizing its use expires.

WEST GERMAN ROCKET SETS RECORD
Cuxhaven, Germany — UPI — Scientists Berthold Seliger fired a three-stage, solid fuel rocket 85 miles into the sky Thursday to set a new altitude mark for West German rocketry.

RED CHINESE TOLD OF SHIP SINKING
Tokyo — UPI — Red China's newspapers informed their readers for the first time that the Leap Forward, the first big cargo ship built under the Communist regime, sank in the East China Sea Wednesday.

ENTIRE CITY COUNCIL ARRESTED IN JAPAN
Ogi, Japan — UPI — Police arrested the entire 15-member city council of this small Japanese community on a charge of violating laws against improper campaigning in Tuesday's local elections.

AMERICAN CONDUCTOR WINS OVATION IN LISBON
Lisbon, Portugal — UPI — American Conductor Robert Zeller stepped into the breach at the last minute and won a 10-minute standing ovation Thursday night for his performance with the Portuguese National orchestra.

Zeller, 38, agreed to stand in for an Italian conductor who fell ill.

Rail Hurdles Near Conclusion

New York — UPI — Judge Samuel I. Rosenman, chairman of the presidential emergency board investigating new railroad work rules, hopes to have the major hurdles to agreement in the featherbedding battle cleared by next week.

Rosenman met Thursday in a joint session with railroad representatives and the five operating brotherhoods, and separately with the labor leaders.

He said there was "some movement on one of the toughest issues" involved in the investigation — what to do about firemen on diesel engines.

The Brotherhood of Firemen contend that firemen should be kept on the train crew as a safety factor.

"I still hope to get agreement on the major issues by next week," Rosenman said. But he stressed that he is not sure the major points of the dispute can be pinned down by the May 11 deadline for submitting the board's report to President Kennedy.

He said that if the two sides continue to make progress he may ask for a postponement of the deadline.

"If we are making enough progress we may delay the report, but at this time we are planning to submit the report on time," he said.

Drug Penalty Bill Killed in California

Sacramento — UPI — Atty. Gen. Stanley Mosk today refused to concede defeat of an administration-backed bill to levy stiff penalties for dangerous drug violations.

The Senate finance committee Thursday killed the bill on a voice vote.

"We are considering revising the bill somewhat and presenting it to the committee a second time," Mosk said. "I must say I think it's unfortunate that after the bill was cleared by judiciary committee it was rejected by finance on a matter of policy rather than how it affected the finances."

The attorney general said he anticipated no major problems with other measures in the 16-bill dangerous drug package backed by Mosk and Gov. Edmund G. Brown. The bills were introduced by Sen. Edwin J. Regan (D-Weaver).

A bill to establish a state-sponsored program to rehabilitate dangerous drug addicts has been sent to an interim committee on the basis

Management Tour Scheduled Saturday

Grants Pass — All owners of forest properties are being invited to participate in a forest management tour in Josephine county Saturday.

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