

Chaos, Near Bankruptcy Fail To Jar Congo's Chiefs From Tribal Suspicions Into Reality

Editor's Note: — The lives of many men, along with some of your tax dollars, have gone into the effort to end the chaos that has throtted the Congo since it won independence 16 months ago. What are the results? What is the outlook? Here is the first of three articles giving a penetrating look at the Congo today. The writer won a 1961 Pulitzer Prize for his dispatches on African affairs.

By LYNN HEINZERLING
LEOPOLDVILLE, the Congo (AP)—Sixteen months of blood-

shed, political chaos and near bankruptcy—not to mention millions of dollars—have failed to awaken the Congo to reality. Congolese leaders still cannot put aside tribal suspicions, pretensions and ideologies long enough to face their real problems as a nation.

The republic's "government of reconciliation" under Prime Minister Cyrille Adoula has failed to reconcile.

The backyard government set up by Antoine Gizenga in Stanleyville with the help of Communist governments collapsed and Gizenga joined the Adoula government as vice premier. He contributed little and has gone back to Stanleyville. Nobody knows when or whether he will return.

The army is still divided, with Gen. Joseph Mobutu commanding in Leopoldville and Gen. Victor Lundula in charge at Stanleyville.

The United Nations has reached a cease-fire agreement in the secessionist province of Katanga, whose rich copper deposits are the nation's greatest asset. It is desperately trying to bring President Moïse Tshombe of Katanga into negotiations with Adoula.

Both Mobutu and Lundula talk vaguely of taking Katanga with their armies, although the logistic problems alone are far beyond their capabilities.

The Congolese Parliament considers its most important order of business is to arrange to chop up the jungle land into still more provinces with diverse tribal groups. There are not enough skilled Congolese to run the central government and administer the present six provinces properly.

The new nation still does not

have its own constitution, but is operating under a fundamental law worked out with the former Belgian colonial masters. Parliament is amending this law so that the six provinces laid out arbitrarily by the Belgians can be cut up to accommodate and perpetuate tribal groupings.

It is a labor based on the ancient hates of the Congolese that will further impede the Congo's entrance into the world of the 20th century.

The shadow of the first prime minister, Patrice Lumumba, still lies across the Congo. The tall, flamboyant nationalist leader was slain in Katanga more than eight months ago while being held by Tshombe's government.

The newspaper of the Lumumba forces in Leopoldville in a recent issue described him as "that grand liberator, that Caesar—leader of leaders, hero of heroes, sage of sages, savior of saviors."

Lumumba's top lieutenants—Gizenga, minister of Interior; Christophe Gbenye and Chamber President Joseph Kasongo, all leftists—are contending for the grand liberator's mantle. They hope, too, to seize power from Adoula.

Western diplomats, who have watched the whole incredible story unfold in the Congo, believe the Adoula government is the best the country can achieve in the circumstances. Some consider Adoula the most impressive man in the Congo.

He seems in control although Interior Minister Gbenye, the Lumumbist, is pressing him hard. Lumumbist youth movements are springing up. Communist money is coming into the country to finance trouble, diplomats say.

Recently in Leopoldville's African quarter pamphlets, have been circulated urging the black Congolese to attack whites.

Antiwhite excesses last year started an exodus of Europeans which almost paralyzed the economy and threatened to turn the Congo back to the jungle. They are coming back now—Belgian teachers, businessmen, technicians. The Congo can hardly survive without them.

Although the central government has not resumed diplomatic relations with Belgium, a small Belgian mission operates with government approval.

Adoula must keep the Congo calm and solve the Katanga problem to survive. The central government cannot hope to operate this huge country of 900,000 square miles without a share of Katanga's rich copper profits.

United Nations officials are confident. They expect that preliminary contacts between Katangan emissaries and the central government will be followed by a meeting between Adoula and Tshombe.

Despite his statements, Tshombe himself is known to feel that the days of his private state are numbered. Not a single nation has recognized the proclaimed independence of Katanga.

The central government, under great pressure from leftists and Lumumbists, still thinks grandiosely of sending Mobutu's troops to the Katanga border and seizing the recalcitrant province. Mobu-

tu is known to regard such an adventure more soberly.

It was Mobutu, with the backing of President Joseph Kasavubu who expelled Russians, Czechs and Poles from the country last year after they openly supplied war materials to maintain Lumumba in power.

Mobutu's forces do not have the equipment or the supplies for a drive to Katanga. Although the United Nations might regard such an action as a legitimate police maneuver of the central government, it would be bound to prevent civil war.

Mobutu and members of the central government know that a defeat in Katanga or even a long stalemate could mean the end of the Adoula government. The time would then be ripe for a takeover by the extremist Lumumbists.

There are bright spots. The Communist threat is recognized and it is still less real than in the days of Lumumba's gaudy reign.

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Dismal Fall Weather Spots Nation

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Dismal fall weather—foggy, rainy and cool—covered broad

sections across the northern half in the northwest quarter of the country.

Fog, drizzle and light rain extended from the southern Great Lakes region south and southwestward into central Missouri and Indiana. The murky weather was associated with a slow-moving cold front that extended across northwest Ohio southwestward into Texas.

Light rain fell in eastern sections where there also was considerable cloudiness. Rain hit areas along the east coast of Florida and from Cape Hatteras, N.C., northward through New England. Cloudy skies also were reported

Constitution Groups Meet

SALEM (AP)—Four subcommittees of the 17-member state Constitutional Revision Commission will hold organizational meetings this week in Portland.

Chairman Herbert M. Schwab, Portland circuit judge, has called a meeting of his Judicial subcommittee meeting for 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at his courtroom.

Chairman Stafford Hansell, Republican state representative from Hermiston, set 10 a.m. Friday for a meeting of his Suffrage, Election and Amendments subcommittee. It will meet at Portland State College.

The Finance and Local Government subcommittee headed by Sen. Donald R. Husband, R-Eugene, will meet at 2 p.m. Friday at Portland State College.

The Human Rights subcommittee headed by Rep. George Van Hoomissen, D-Portland, will meet at 9:30 p.m. Saturday at Portland State College.

Home Ec Chief Visits Schools

Mrs. Estelle Van Cleave, supervisor of Home Economics Education from the State Department of Vocational Education, Salem, spent Oct. 12-14 visiting local homemaking departments and school officials.

Mrs. Van Cleave is a former resident of Klamath Falls and is a new member of the Home Economics Supervisory Staff in Salem.

Klamath OEA Meets Saturday

The first general meeting of the Klamath Chapter Oregon Educational Association will be held at the Winema Hotel Saturday, Oct. 28. A 12:30 p.m. turkey luncheon will be followed by a business meeting with several items of business on the agenda.

A musical program has been arranged by Willard McKinny, vice president of the association. Mrs. Frances Koertje, president, will report on highlights of the NEA convention in Atlantic City last June. Her talk will be illustrated with slides.

Members not contacted by school building representatives for reservations should call Lois Hartely, TU 2-0738 or Lillian Brandt, TU 4-3620, by Wednesday, Oct. 25.

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ALOHA, OES Friendship Night and Reception, 8 p.m., Masonic Temple. Honoring Martha Powell, grand representative.

NEIGHBORS OF WOODCRAFT THIMBLE CLUB, 8 p.m., Shasta Grange Hall. Masquerade.

POMONA GRANGE OFFICERS practice, 8 p.m., Midland Grange Hall.

SWEET ADELINES Rehearsal, 8 p.m., Pine Grove Room, Willard Hotel. All women interested in barbershop singing invited.

EAGLES AUXILIARY OFFICERS, 7:30 p.m., Eagles Hall.

MALIN PARENTS AND PATRONS, 8 p.m., grade school gym. Joe Searles, Klamath Civil Defense director, speaker.

WEDNESDAY
REALTY BOARD, 12 noon, Rickfals. Program.

EIGHT & FORTY, 8 p.m., home of Ada Matthews, 324 North Sixth. Bring white elephants for silver auctions.

AAUW STUDY GROUP, 9:30 a.m., 2027 Del Moro. "The Gifted Child," by Forrest Hawley. Interested persons invited.

RED CROSS first aid instructors, 7:30 p.m., Chapter headquarters, county library. Organizing session.

WEDNESDAY
EAGLES AUXILIARY DRUM CORPS, reorganizes 7:30 p.m., Eagles Hall. All interested welcome.

GOLDEN AGE CLUB, 1:30 p.m., Klamath Falls Auditorium. Halloween party. Women bring pies.

SOJOURNERS, 12:30 p.m., luncheon, Willard Hotel.

ROYAL NEIGHBORS of America, 8 p.m., IOOF hall.

THURSDAY
WW I BARRACKS No. 825 and Auxiliary, 8 p.m., VFW Hall.

FAIRVIEW SCHOOL PTA, 2:15 p.m., auditorium. Executive board meeting preceding.

KLAMATH MINERAL CLUB, 7:30 p.m., Klamath Auditorium. Rock auction.

LIONESS CLUB RUMMAGE SALE, 8 a.m., Clyde's Towing. Proceeds to "Eye Program."

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