

Soviets Push African Communism By Pumping Cash, Planes Into Congo

Editor's Note — Down in the Congo, beset by chaos since it won independence, the Soviet Union sees a chance to establish an important bridgehead for communism in Africa. But all is not clear sailing for Moscow, as this dispatch, second of a series on the Congo today, discloses.

By LYNN HEINERLING
LEOPOLDVILLE, the Congo

(AP) — The Soviets have been given another chance in the Congo, but they may be bungling it again.

Patrice Lumumba, the powerful Congolese leader of last year's independence disaster, gave them their first chance. He invited them to help him crush all resistance to his high-handed rule.

The Russians responded enthusiastically.

They sent in 10 Ilyushin planes to ferry his troops around the country. They sent 100 trucks to move the ammunition, plus a horde of propagandists disguised as technicians.

Lumumba was delighted. Two of the trucks stood in front of his house for a day or two. A special Ilyushin stood available for his use for months. The Soviets pumped money into the country to create confusion and doubt, but they overdid it.

Col. Joseph Mobutu, then a 29-year-old army officer, climbed on a barroom table in a downtown hotel and announced he had given the Soviet, Czech and Polish embassies 48 hours to close down and evacuate their personnel.

They went out in the Ilyushins, leaving the trucks behind.

Now, the Russians, Czechs and Poles are back at government invitation. They came here from Stanleyville, where they had been recognizing and supporting the rump government of Antoine Gizenga. Gizenga claimed to be Lumumba's heir. But in August he gave up this pretension and agreed to join the central government as second vice premier.

The Soviets hadn't been in Leopoldville long when Congolese officials noted that huge sums of money were being distributed. The Soviets would like to see Gizenga, a moody, malleable man, or some other Lumumbist back in power.

The Communists have spent a great deal of money trying to create an image of Lumumba as the first Congolese martyr. They have named streets, libraries, universities and youth clubs after him.

Operating under his name, their potentialities for creating trouble are endless. To millions of black Africans, who understand the events in the Congo only dimly, Lumumba is a martyr and the greatest Congolese.

Even in the moderate Western-oriented countries of Africa, Lumumba is accepted as the father of the Congo Republic and an authentic martyr to the cause of black progress. This belief is carefully nurtured by left-wing organizations.

First order of business for the Communists in the Congo, therefore, must be to get Lumumba's National Congolese movement back in power.

With apprehension, veteran diplomats, old Belgian residents and United Nations officials watch the Cyrille Adoula government's efforts to prevail and rule. While they think the moderate, Western-oriented Adoula is firmly in control, something bizarre always happens in the Congo to change the course of events.

Left-leaning Christophe Gbenye, interior minister, controls the police. He is a powerful Lumumbist and many believe he would become prime minister if the Adoula government should topple.

Riots and trouble could bring about Adoula's fall. Riots and trouble appear to be what the Communist-supported Lumumbists are seeking.

The Lumumbist paper in Leopoldville, Le Matin, blasts continuously against the West, the government, missionaries and European spies. Referring to slowness in solving the Katanga secession problem, the paper said the government should adopt an old proverb: "It is necessary to kill a few to save the majority."

Everything seems to point to a large Communist operation in Leopoldville. But the intense behind the scenes trouble-making already observed could put a crimp in the plans.

None of the Communist diplomatic missions has been recognized by the Adoula government. Too much enthusiasm by the Soviets could cool off the government's earlier decision to accept the Red diplomats.

Two East German Communist diplomats, who came here from Stanleyville, were ordered to leave the Congo within 48 hours. Some of the Congolese who attended the Belgrade conference went on to Berlin afterward and had a look at the wall erected there by the East Germans.

Russian, Czech and Polish representatives were advised to return to their capitals and apply for accreditation through normal channels.

The formal channel of approach for accreditation would be through Foreign Minister Justin Bomboko, and Bomboko does not like Communists. Gen. Mobutu, who moved the Communist missions, once installed in the Congo, the out of the country last year, has made no public statement about a wide field of operations. No return.

His disapproval of the Congo is so ideal located for Soviet purposes. The Congo has borders with eight other African states or territories. These include such tense racial trouble spots as Angola and Northern Rhodesia. As yet the Soviets have no formal relations with any of these territories. A foothold in the Congo would provide a convenient backdoor to them.

STAR GAZER

By CLAY R. POLLAN
Your Daily Activity Guide According to the Stars

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ARIES	Taurus	Gemini	Cancer	Leo	Virgo
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APR. 21	MAY 22	JUNE 23	JULY 24	AUG. 24	SEPT. 25
1-8-9-10	11-16-22	13-22-48-68	19-27-35-47	24-29-37-43	54-60-68
59-65-72	31-36	23-28	69-75-79-81	44-50-56	54-60-68
APR. 21	MAY 22	JUNE 23	JULY 24	AUG. 24	SEPT. 25
1-8-9-10	11-16-22	13-22-48-68	19-27-35-47	24-29-37-43	54-60-68
59-65-72	31-36	23-28	69-75-79-81	44-50-56	54-60-68

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PAISLEY, Ore. (AP) — Letters mailed nearly 20 years ago are finding their way back to some residents of this southeastern Oregon community.

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