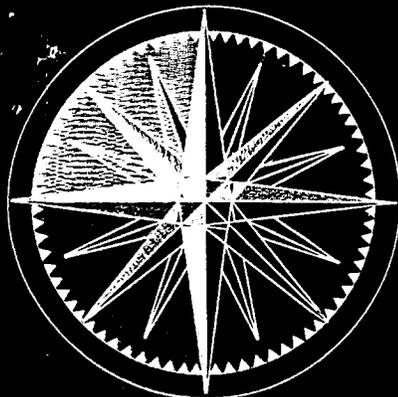


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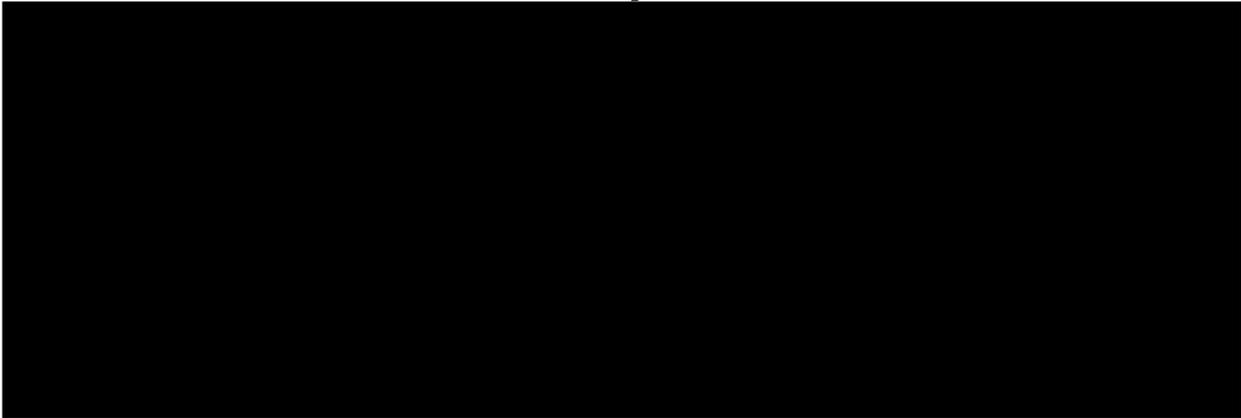
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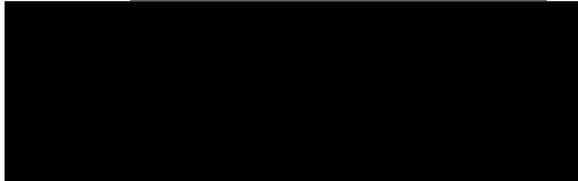
The over-all Congo military situation has brightened somewhat with government gains in the south. The rebels in the north, however, continue to move unopposed down the Congo River from Stanleyville, because the government has no dependable reinforcements.

The northern rebels now control Lisala on the Congo River, and face little opposition from there through Coquilhatville to Leopoldville. The insurgents' rapid advance may stimulate disorders in the capital.

There appears to be no opposition to the rebel occupation of both Kibali-Ituri and Uele provinces. The insurgents have expanded their control to the Sudan border at Aba in Kibali-Ituri, and are reportedly at Bondo on the western border of Uele Province. The fall of Bunia in eastern Kibali-Ituri may be imminent.

Government forces retain the initiative in the south. The capture of Albertville, the rebel capital, on 31 August by some 1,000 army troops moving from Kabalo was the most dramatic victory. Manono, the last rebel stronghold in Katanga, has also been recaptured. Bukavu, the capital of Kivu Centrale Province, remains in government control and the morale and physical condition of the army garrison there improves daily.

Mercenaries continue to arrive, mainly from South Africa. 


In Leopoldville, Antoine Gizenga, silent since his recent release from prison, now openly opposes Tshombé. The leftist former Stanleyville

leader has denounced Tshombé, the US, and Belgium, and has announced the formation of a new "united" Lumumbist political party. There are reports that Gizenga may try to flee Leopoldville to join up with the rebels. The rebel leaders are apparently gathering in Stanleyville and may announce a dissident regime prior to the upcoming emergency meeting of the Organization of African Unity (OAU).

The rebel regime in Stanleyville has been beset with problems involving the local population and parts of the rebel army. Control may now be improving, for the city's rulers have recently indicated that they will permit renewed civilian aircraft flights to Stanleyville.

Some of Tshombé's original political supporters are now complaining that he is making major decisions without consulting them. They also say that his prestige is dropping sharply in the provinces. This sentiment seems to fluctuate with the defeats and successes of government forces, but it may become a problem for Tshombé.

The OAU ministerial council is still scheduled to meet on 5 September in Addis Ababa

despite an eleventh-hour postponement attempt by Leopoldville. The radical African states will seek ways to enhance the status of the "nationalist" rebels and to involve the OAU directly in the search for a political solution. Nkrumah, for example, intends to press for a "round-table" conference of all Congolese factions with a cease-fire enforced by "OAU peacekeeping forces." Some of the moderates, notably the Tunisians and Tanganyikans, also strongly favor "negotiations" among contending Congolese but most of them will be wary of setting precedents for OAU intervention in a country's internal affairs.

Some type of OAU "inquiry" or "good offices" commission at Leopoldville's "invitation" may be the chief outcome of the meeting. The Ethiopians evidently plan to press for such a body, composed of representatives of seven moderate and three radical African states, to establish an OAU "presence" in the Congo. The OAU is unlikely to recommend military support of the Leopoldville government, at least not while Tshombé is around. Continuing publicity about his recruitment of white mercenaries--especially South Africans--has further undermined his position even with the moderates. [REDACTED]