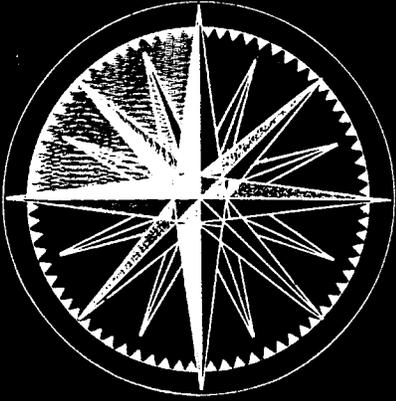


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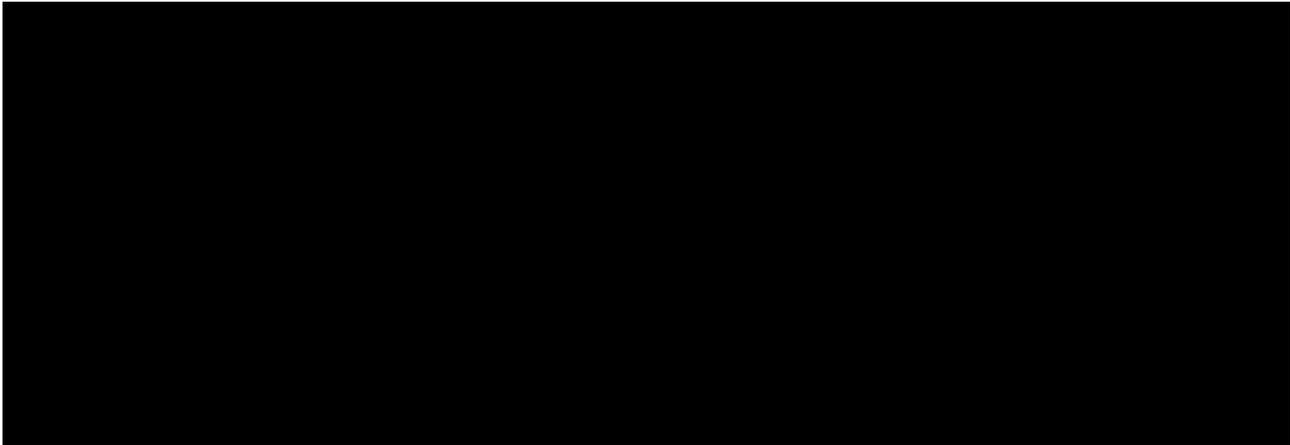
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NEW TROUBLES IN THE CONGO

US and UN officials in the Congo are alarmed by UN Secretary General Thant's proposal to withdraw UN forces. They report that by the end of this year no more than two and a half Congolese Army battalions will have sufficient training to be reliable for maintaining order. These officials foresee disturbances between the civilian population and the army in Katanga, and possibly another mass flight of Belgians. Thant, preoccupied with the UN's financial problems, has planned to withdraw all UN troops by 31 December--and might do so even earlier.

In Katanga tensions still remain high, although European workers at the Union Miniere plants in Jadotville have returned to work following a strike over the killing of one of their colleagues by a Congolese soldier. A serious incident nearly took place in Elisabethville on 24 May when the central government representative there decided to use Congo Army troops to strip

Tshombé of his Katangan gendarmerie bodyguard. The troops were prevented from ransacking Tshombé's residence only by a threat from UN officers to use force against them.

Another source of serious disturbances is the Congolese Parliament's decision to create a new Lualaba province in western Katanga. Two large tribes--Tshombé's Lunda and their traditional enemies the Tshokwe--share this area. Tshombé has stated publicly that he opposes any division of Katanga. The struggle over division will be the more intense because the new province is supposed to include the Kolwezi area, where some two thirds of Katanga's minerals and three quarters of its electric power are produced, and where the Union Miniere has about a third of its processing facilities.

