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Preliminary steps to implement the UN plan for Katanga's reintegration with the Congo are under way despite continuing evidence of mutual suspicion between Adoula and Tshombé that may thwart the plan and bring serious armed clashes.

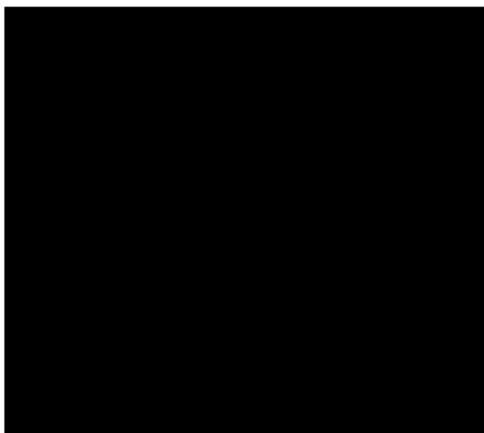
Adoula has issued decrees relating to the payment of foreign exchange to the central government and to the establishment of a unified system of currency. A delegation of UN aides and of representatives appointed by Adoula to serve on the financial and military commissions has arrived in Elisabethville to begin discussions. Tshombé has not yet appointed his representatives, but an early response is expected.

Tshombé's public and private statements give increasing evidence that he will stall on military and financial integration pending the production of what he considers an acceptable constitution. He has emphasized that he accepted the UN plan only because it promised a federal constitution--which he says must be very flexible.

Adoula has invited the provinces to submit their views on the constitution, but has angrily rejected Tshombé's suggestion that a Katangan constitutional specialist meet with

the UN experts drafting the document. Insisting that Katanga could not have preferential treatment, Adoula has expressed fear that Tshombé might succeed in having each step toward integration depend on prior discussion, agreement, and even ratification of every one of the 220 articles in the current constitution draft.

Adoula for the first time has expressed to UN Chief Representative Gardiner his doubts that he can get the constitution through Parliament, which he considers "out to get him." The premier now is considering the device of first presenting the draft to the provinces. He has asked the UN experts to complete their work by the end of September.



Tshombé has sought to interpret the 12 September clash

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between a UN patrol and Katangan gendarmes near Elisabethville airport as a demonstration of the UN's "bad faith." The circumstances indicate that both sides bear responsibility. Gardiner has told Ambassador Gullion that the UN has no intention of agreeing to limit the freedom of UN patrols in Elisabethville or around the airport--which is vital to the UN position.

Limited clashes between Katangan and central government units in the Kongolo area of North Katanga have occurred recently. Tshombé's charge that a major Congolese Army offensive is under way in the area is not confirmed; however, he may hope that his charge will head off such a move. He has sent mercenaries and Katangan forces northward to block any Congolese Army move to the south.

Military action is also possible in South Kasai as

a consequence of Adoula's anger at "King" Albert Kalonji's escape from jail and his fear that Kalonji will join up with Tshombé. Adoula ordered the occupation of Bakwanga, Kalonji's capital, but army commander Mobutu favors concentrating on the Katangan problem and has vacillated on executing the order.

Foreign Minister Bomboko indicated on 18 September that Adoula had dropped the plan. Later reports indicate, however, that some military preparations were still going on.

If Tshombé does in fact attempt a rapprochement with Kalonji--as he is reported to be planning --Leopoldville may still feel it must act. [REDACTED]

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