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WEEKLY REVIEW

CONGO

UN military forces in four days of operations established control of Elisabethville and of Kipushi, the mining town near the Northern Rhodesian border, and routed Katangan forces at Kaminaville, near the UN-held airbase at Kamina. The UN then moved toward the mining towns of Jadotville and Kolwezi, where Katangan military elements had been concentrated. There had been no Katangan air activity up to 3 January.

The UN publicly announced on 31 December that it would halt further military operations pending new overtures to Tshombé to implement the UN reintegration plan. This decision was reversed, apparently as a result of protests from UN officials and military commanders in the field who feared the momentum of UN military successes would be lost--as in September and December 1961. On 2 January, Thant reportedly ordered UN forces to halt on the outskirts of Jadotville, apparently to try to get Tshombé to return to Elisabethville.

In his public statement on 31 December, Thant called for Tshombé and Union Minière (UMHK) to send representatives to Leopoldville immediately in order to begin discussions on payment of foreign exchange and export tax receipts to the central government. UMHK officials in Brussels have indicated they now are willing to do this.

Thant also called on Tshombé to accept central government

customs and immigration officials in Katanga. These officials now are on their way to Elisabethville.

Furthermore, Tshombé was to send his officers to Leopoldville to take an oath of allegiance to the central government, to cooperate with the UN in removal of his mercenaries, and to permit complete freedom of movement for UN forces throughout Katanga.

Thant called on Adoula to give reassurances of an amnesty for Katangan leaders and to consider further modification of the new draft constitution. He asked both Tshombé and Adoula to agree to a troop standstill.

Tshombé has again threatened to fight to the end and to adopt a "scorched earth" policy insofar as the Belgian mining installations are concerned. However, when faced in the past with strong military pressures, and the possible destruction of his forces and regime, Tshombé has chosen to negotiate rather than to fight.

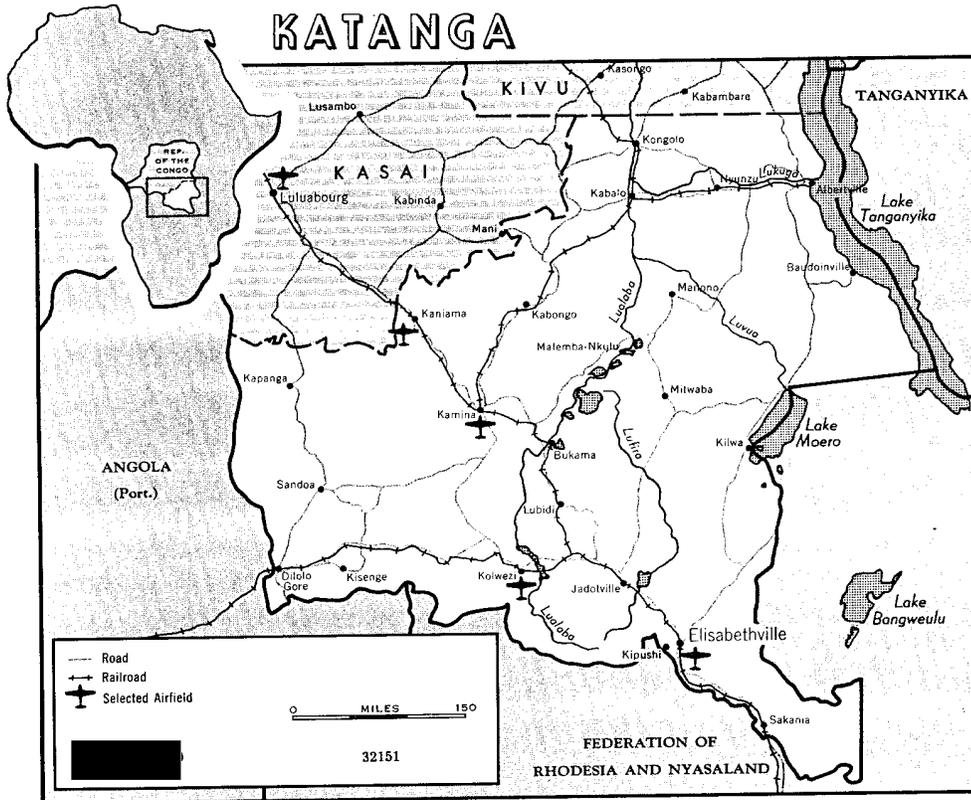
Katangan forces avoided a major confrontation with the UN forces during the operations around Elisabethville and Kipushi. Tshombé appears to have hoped that international pressures from London, Brussels, and Paris would force the UN to halt.

The Adoula government in Leopoldville, elated by UN

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military successes, obviously hopes to be able to impose central government controls in Katanga soon. The government is trying to get the UN to agree to permit Congo National Army (ANC) forces to enter southern Katanga. Defense Minister Anany has asked Ambassador Gullion to arrange for a US airlift of 3,000 ANC troops to Elisabethville.

The introduction of a sizable ANC force into the Elisabethville area would very likely result in serious disorders and widespread fighting involving Katangans and the local Belgian population.

Adoula meanwhile has carried out what Ambassador Gullion has called "the famous creeping coup": Parliament has been recessed until March. No disorders have been reported, however, probably because Adoula made it clear that Parliament was only on vacation and that salaries would continue.

The Senate, before the recess, passed with its consistent inconsistency a censure motion against Vice Premier Jason Sendwe, the principal Baluba tribal leader in northern Katanga and a long-time political foe of Tshombé. (~~SECRET~~
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