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of Jadotville, Kolwezi, and Kipushi without being challenged by the Katangan gendarmerie. Such a move would curtail Tshombé's mining revenue, but, despite Bunche's estimate, it is very doubtful that these three mercenary strongholds could be seized without a serious fight and without US airlift support.

Katanga is still detaining more than \$2 million worth of UN supplies at Sakania on the Northern Rhodesian border and at Dilolo on the Angola border in spite of Tshombé's assurance that the nonmilitary goods would be released. The local UN representative has said that the UN preferred to let the matter lie for two or three weeks more and implied that continued Katangan failure to release the UN goods would provide a basis "for other UN action, not involving the use of force." A swift occupation of the two towns would enable the UN to control all Tshombé's copper ore exports while bypassing the main Katangan defenses.

Adoula and other Leopoldville officials, fearing that the US and other Western powers are backing away from the UN plan, are planning to exert more military pressure on Tshombé. A UN officer reported on 7 November that ANC forces had advanced to within one and a quarter miles of Kongolo.

Foreign Minister Bomboko is in the US seeking transport planes.

The Congolese Parliament opened in Leopoldville on 5 November in what proved to be an anticlimatic session, as the senate failed to obtain a quorum. The opposition hopes when Parliament finally gets down to business to be able to topple Adoula on the question of the constitution or his failure to integrate Katanga, but it now appears unlikely that they will have sufficient votes to do so. (SECRET NO FOREIGN DISSEM)

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