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DAILY BRIEF

***Congo:** Hammarskjold's death further reduces the prospects for an agreement in the near future to reintegrate Katanga into the Congo. Tshombé is quoted as having told a news conference in Northern Rhodesia yesterday that he was returning to Katanga to lead a "fight to the end" against UN troops. Tshombé said he was willing to discuss a peaceful solution with UN representatives and "will talk with anybody of good faith," but not with O'Brien, the chief UN representative in Katanga. A UN spokesman in Leopoldville said that a high UN official would be detailed to contact Tshombé, but also stated that Hammarskjold's death will not mean any change in UN policy in Katanga.

Attacks on UN positions continued through yesterday, and reports indicate the fighting has now spread to several localities in northern Katanga. The Irish unit which had been besieged at Jadotville has surrendered, and several unconfirmed press stories indicate that the UN base at Kamina may have fallen to Katangan forces.

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