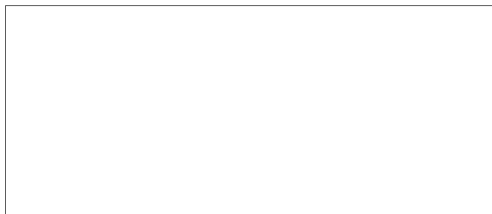


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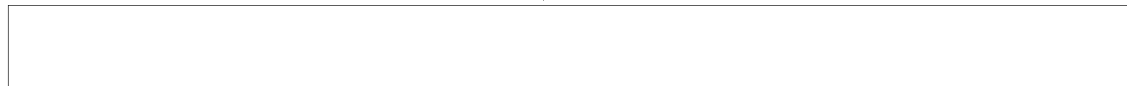


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Situation in the Congo

[redacted] Katanga President Tshombé was reserved but cordial and did not discuss the specifics of the Indian troop movement. It is impossible to determine whether Tshombé intends to carry through his implied threat against Americans, but the consul believes that if violence does occur, it will have been instigated by Tshombé's Belgian advisers. [redacted] According to another report, a European in Elisabethville stated on 15 March that "immediate and serious internal disorder will result throughout the Congo" if Indian troops are brought in.

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[redacted] Afro-Asian representatives at the UN apparently have not yet developed a position toward the Tananarive conference. Most of them, with the exception of Guinea, are reserving judgment on the conference.

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[redacted] whether Kasavubu's installation as head of the confederation invalidated his claim to recognition by the UN, which has acknowledged him as chief of the republic set up last June. This question was later raised publicly by Ghana, which asserted in a 15 March statement that Kasavubu had abdicated "by accepting an office which is dependent upon the dissolution of the Congo Republic."

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[redacted] the Sudanese Government has postponed the withdrawal of its troops from the Congo as a result of a strong plea from Hammarskjold. The government reportedly has not decided whether to remove these forces or not.

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