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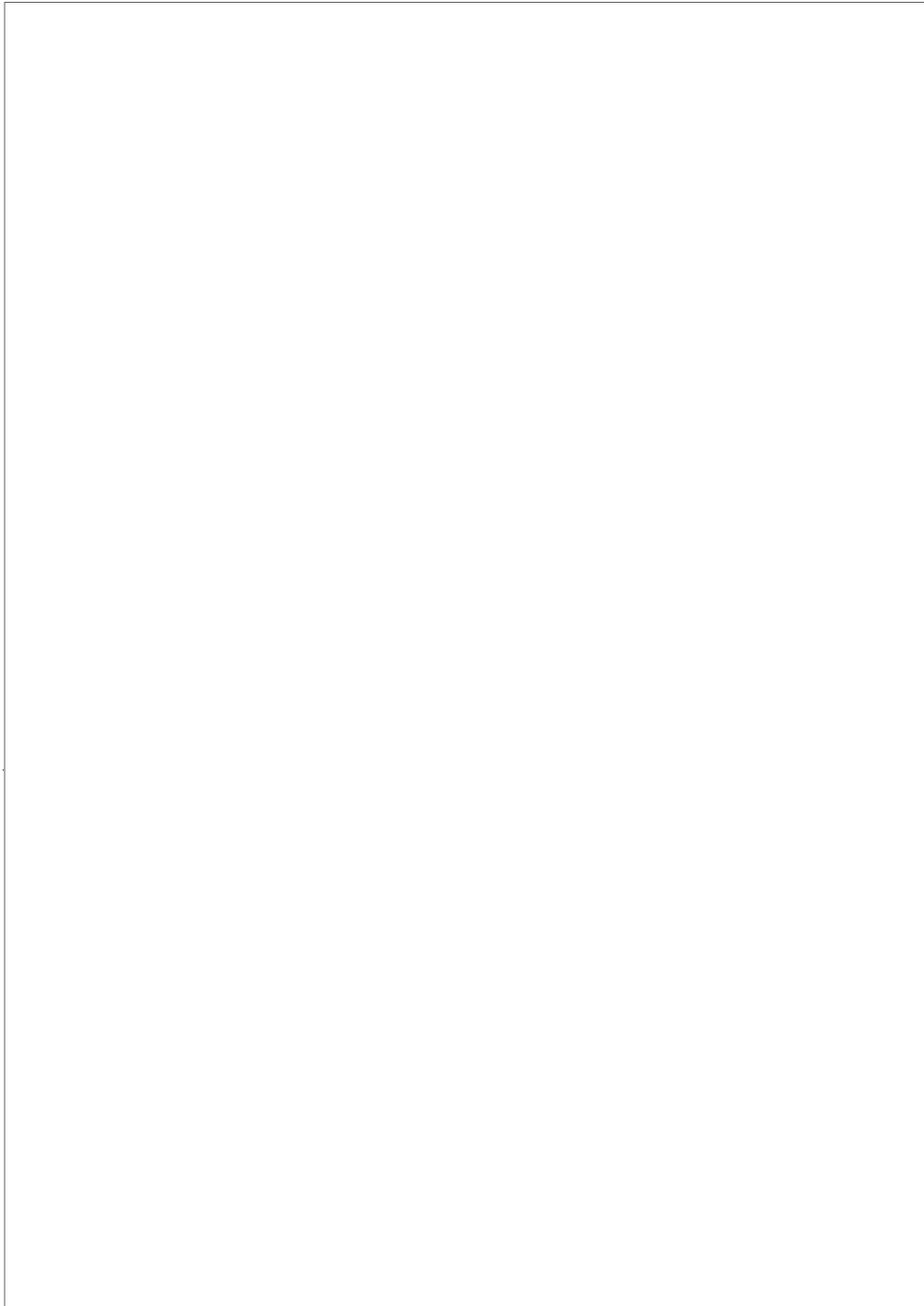
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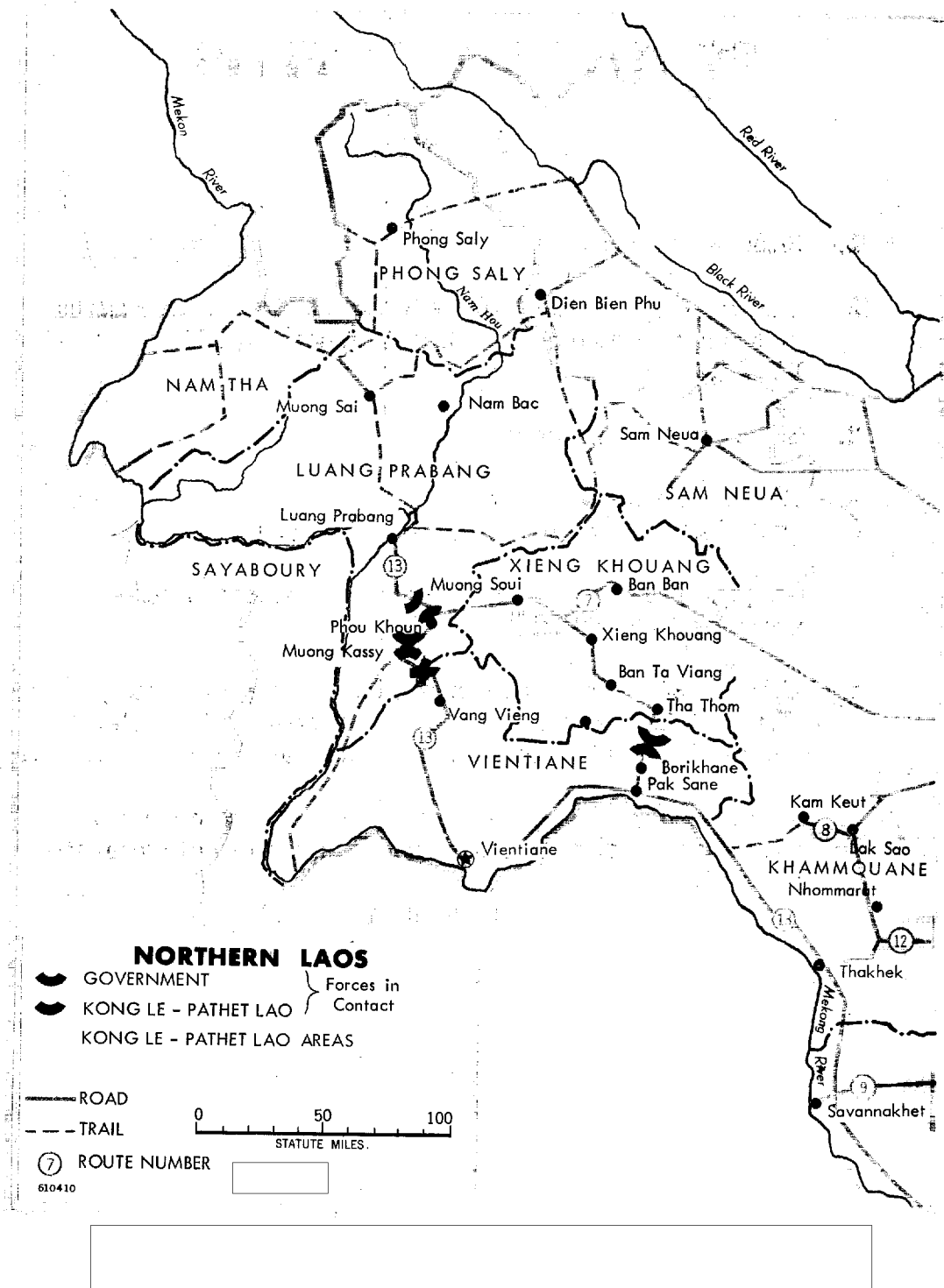
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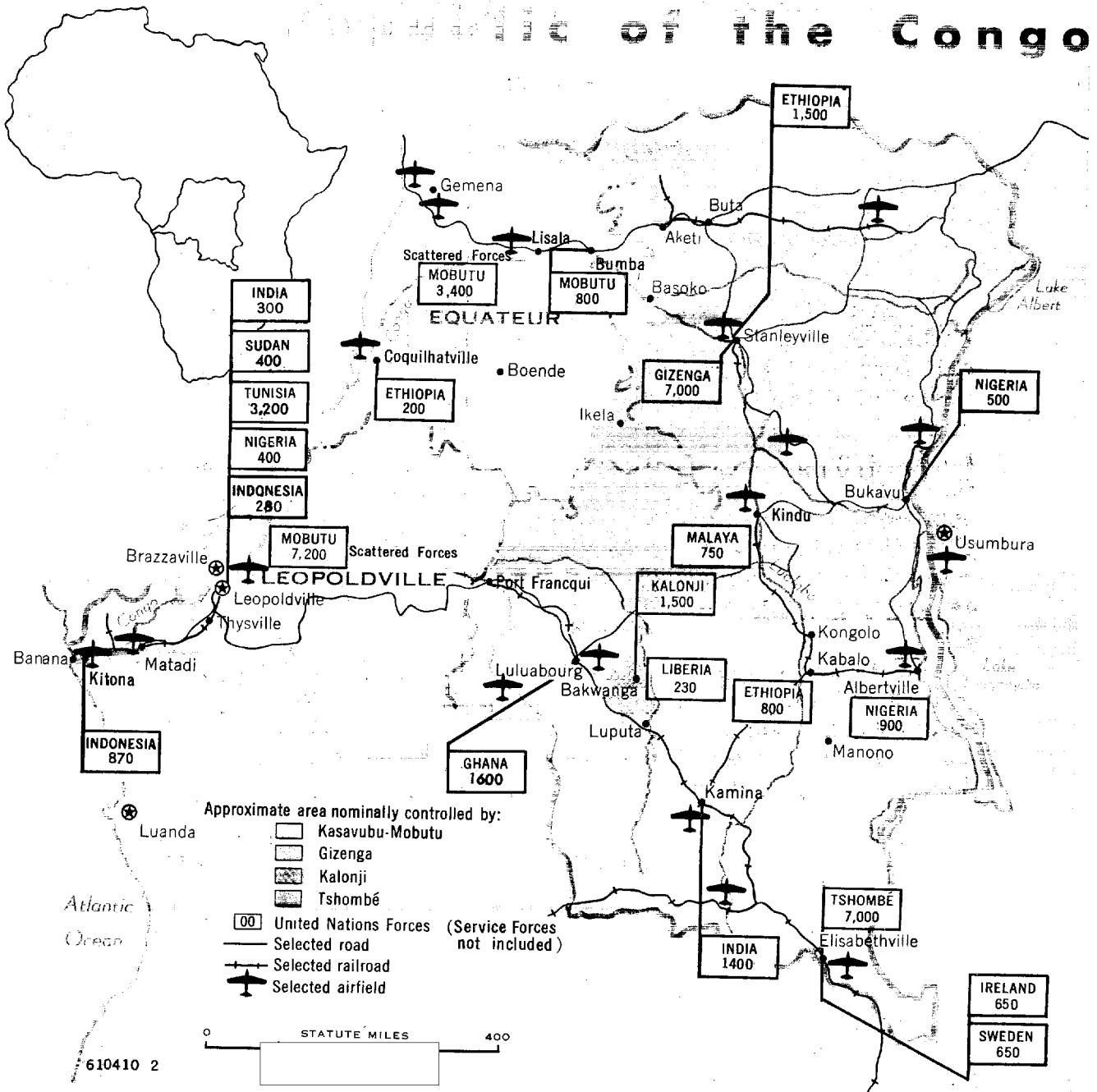
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Laos: Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Pushkin, in his recent discussion with UK Ambassador Roberts on Laos, said that the Western position on Laos now is much closer to that of the USSR and that it should not be too difficult to reach agreement. Moscow, Peiping, and Hanoi continue to imply strong objections to any proposal that a formal cease-fire must precede an international conference, but all have repeated a Pathet Lao statement that a cease-fire must take place "simultaneously" with the holding of a conference. In a summary of the statement, Moscow radio said that the cease-fire should coincide with the "convocation" of the conference.

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[The government forces seeking to recapture Muong Kassy are reported under enemy pressure north of the town; one column to the south remains stalled on Route 13; another column moving northward by trail east of the highway is encountering light opposition.] [redacted] (Page 1) (Map)

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*USSR: [A test vehicle, probably an ICBM, was launched from Tyura Tam at about 0915 GMT (0415 EST) on 9 April, and apparently failed in flight shortly thereafter. Delays totaling approximately seven hours were noted in the countdown.

[the launching was associated with Soviet space program developments. As in the case of last week's launching of a probable ICBM on 2 April, however, no facilities associated with previous space launchings participated in yesterday's shot. These facilities continue to reflect preparations for a forthcoming space program event.]

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[Yesterday's launching was the seventh test shot this year of probable ICBMs from Tyura Tam. Three of these were failures. The total of generally successful Soviet test ICBM shots to date, is 32.]

Congo: Hammarskjold told Ambassador Stevenson on 7 April that he feels Tshombé's military operations in northern Katanga--which have already resulted in the capture of Manono and Kabalo--foreshadow intensified civil war in Katanga Province unless the UN can promptly establish its authority in the area. He added that if Tshombé's offensive does not stop soon, his forces will have to be "neutralized." Hammarskjold has requested that approximately 1,200 Indian troops be airlifted from Dar es Salaam to Kamina within the next few days; their arrival could provoke violent incidents by Tshombé's supporters in Elisabethville. Although military talks between Mobutu and Stanleyville General Lundula are apparently proceeding as scheduled, the political conference between Gizenga and representatives of the Leopoldville government, scheduled to begin on 9 April, has been postponed. The Leopoldville emissaries apparently feared for their safety, and now have suggested that the conference be held in neutral territory, possibly Addis Ababa. [redacted] (Backup, Page 3) (Map)

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Belgium: [redacted] Paul Henri Spaak and his associates are confident a Social Christian - Socialist government will be formed with Spaak as foreign [redacted]

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minister, and that Spaak is already thinking of an early visit to the UN in a move to improve relations over the Congo situation. Spaak is understood to be planning to absorb the Ministry of African Affairs into the Foreign Ministry, in the hope of eliminating a major source of pro-Katanga influence and an important channel of undercover dealings with Tshombé.

future Belgian policy depends largely on UN action on the pending Congo resolution. A tough Indian draft resolution is scheduled to come to a vote today. A severe censure would not be accepted by the Belgian public and, would make Belgian cooperation with the UN less likely.

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Kenya: Several African leaders in Kenya are concerned that violence may occur if political factions continue to refuse to form a government until Jomo Kenyatta--convicted for his role in Mau Mau activities--is released from detention by Britain. As a result of the elections last February, Africans predominate in the legislature for the first time and had been expected to fill most executive posts. The leaders fear that agitators--capitalizing on the lack of progress in meeting economic problems aggravated by the political impasse--may incite disorders among the 80,000 men who have been released from detention camps. Most of these men have not found jobs. Meanwhile, the Kenya administration apparently hopes to concoct a government from among European, Asian, and minority African legislators, although such a government would probably lack popular support and might precipitate nationalist-inspired disorders.)

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USSR - Communist China: The Soviet Union and Communist China have announced the signing in Moscow on 7 April of their trade protocol for 1961, which calls for Soviet deliveries of heavy industrial machinery and equipment, petroleum products, and similar exports in return for Chinese supplies of raw

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materials and light industrial goods. In addition to the trade protocol, Moscow agreed to "loan" Peiping 500,000 tons of sugar and to defer for five years repayment of the trade deficit accrued by China in 1960. [redacted]

[redacted] this deficit came to about \$237,000,000. [redacted]

The agreements reached so far are only a first step toward the establishment of a new framework for Sino-Soviet economic relations following the Moscow conference in November. In view of China's current economic difficulties, Peiping's negotiators are probably pressing for further Soviet assistance, which Foreign Minister Chen Yi recently termed "critical for all of us." A Chinese delegation has arrived in Moscow to "carry on and complete" the more difficult talks on an economic, scientific, and technical agreement. [redacted]

El Salvador: The resignation on 6 April of two of the three civilians on El Salvador's ruling civil-military directorate probably stemmed from disagreements over how fast the government should move in implementing the moderate program of social and economic reforms launched last month. A group of influential young military officers is insisting on more energetic implementation of reforms, and this may increase opposition to the program among wealthy businessmen and plantation owners. [An extensive cabinet reorganization reportedly is imminent.] [redacted] (Backup, Page 9)

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In addition to insisting that a cease-fire be simultaneous with the international conference, the Pathet Lao broadcast of 7 April went on to elaborate on two other "necessary conditions" for a cease-fire. The statement asserted that the "interested parties" within Laos should work out the actual ground rules for a cease-fire, and that the cease-fire must coincide with the ending of "aggression and intervention" by the US and its "satellites." In connection with the latter point, the Pathet Lao radio had stated on 6 April that a real cease-fire could be achieved only when the US had withdrawn its "military officers, aircraft, armaments, and the aggressive troops of Thailand and Chiang Kai-shek's remnants."

[] Pushkin did not react adversely to the suggested date of 24 April for convening a conference, but he acknowledged that the funeral of the late King of Laos, scheduled for the same period, did present problems which could not be ignored. The Soviet spokesman also expressed the opinion that the conference would be rather long and detailed and would not necessarily require the continuous presence of foreign ministers. However, he said the ministers should attend the opening of the conference in order to demonstrate its importance.

[] Political leaders in Vientiane are reportedly giving increased thought to ways of forming a single, reorganized government to represent Laos at an international conference. Reports have circulated that government officials are ready to ask King Savang to head a government composed of former prime ministers, partly as a means of countering foreign efforts to reinstate Souvanna Phouma as premier. Meanwhile, government spokesmen have continued to express alarm over possible further reinforcement of the Pathet Lao with North Vietnamese units in order to increase the enemy's advantage in forthcoming negotiations.]

[] An attacking enemy force estimated at two companies reportedly was repulsed on 8 April by elements of the government paratroop battalion advancing on Muong Kassy from the]

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[redacted] north. Although paratroop positions are reported encountering enemy harassment on three sides, available information does not indicate that they are seriously threatened. Two companies have been requested as reinforcements by the government column stalled south of Muong Kassy.]

[redacted] Enemy forces south of the Plaine des Jarres are reported to be widening a trail for a distance of about 20 miles southward toward Pak Sane from their base at Ban Ta Viang. [redacted] a Pathet Lao company is moving toward the area northwest of Pak Sane with a mission to sever Route 13 linking that town with Vientiane.]

[redacted] Pathet Lao forces are also reported to have extended their control in the Kam Keut - Lak Sao area to about six miles south of Lak Sao on the road leading to Nhommarat. There are indications that enemy supply dumps are being established in the vicinity of Lak Sao.] [redacted]

[redacted] The Soviet airlift into Laos continues. The Soviet IL-14 en route to Hanoi from the USSR was scheduled to leave Peiping on 9 April.] [redacted]

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Situation in the Congo

[Hammaraskjold said that he is coming to the conclusion that Tshombé is "simply a criminal and outlaw," and that the element of force on Tshombé's side in diplomatic bargaining with the UN must be removed. Hammaraskjold believes Tshombé's recent military moves in northern Katanga were made to undercut his rival, Jason Sendwe, and to increase his own prestige so that he could dominate a conference of Congolese leaders apparently to take place in late April in Katanga. The danger of spreading the civil war in Katanga arises from Sendwe's announcement in Leopoldville on 7 April proclaiming himself chief of the Luluaba state and calling on its people to resist Tshombé's invaders.]

Kabalo was reported calm on 9 April, with UN troops holding the railway station and airport. However, there have been clashes between UN Ethiopian troops and Tshombé's forces which have resulted in casualties on both sides, and further violence could occur at any time.

Elsewhere in Katanga, Tshombé's government is removing restrictive measures against UN troops, but gradually so as not to lose face with the public. UN troops on 8 April had water and electricity in all installations, but food supplies were still low. The UN commander in southern Katanga stated on 8 April that continuation of the relatively relaxed attitude depends on events at Kabalo, reaction to the airlift of Indian troops to Kamina, and the ability of the Swedish and Irish UN forces to maintain order in Elisabethville.

[As a result of last week's transfer of the Irish battalion to Elisabethville, according to Hammaraskjold, the Indian contingent in Kamina is sufficient only to hold the airfield. The secretary general thinks the arrival of additional well-disciplined Indian troops in Kamina, where they would be less than an hour away from Elisabethville, would greatly strengthen his hand in dealing with Tshombé. The UN commander in Elisabethville has warned, however, that the appearance of]

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[Indian troops in that city would set off bloody encounters between UN forces and Katangan mobs supported by Tshombé's troops.]

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[redacted] said the black troops were worthless, since they had no discipline or sense of tactics and fired in all directions. The Belgian officers were not much better, [redacted] as they had little knowledge of bush fighting and no control over the native troops. [redacted]

[redacted] 32 white troops actually "took" Manono and then turned it over to the black soldiers, who massacred women and children left behind by the defenders. [redacted]

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[redacted] Alione Diakite, named Mali's ambassador to the Gizenga regime, presented his letters of credence on 5 April. He is the first diplomat accredited to Stanleyville to have arrived; others from bloc and African countries are in contact with Gizenga's Cairo office. [redacted]

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[difficulties with the Belgian authorities in his negotiations in Brussels on the removal of Belgian military personnel from the Congo, and he has recommended "strong pressure" on Belgium and its allies to facilitate his mission. It is possible, however, that the Indian draft resolution on the Congo, which calls for the withdrawal within 21 days of all Belgians who hold major military or political posts, will be moderated somewhat.

[] Tokyo on 7 April instructed its UN delegate to abstain from voting on the resolution because it is "too extreme and impractical." [] R)

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Delay in Formation of Government in Kenya invites Violence

[As a result of the legislative elections held in February and the later supplementary balloting by the Legislative Council for 12 "national" members--four from each of the African, European, and Asian groups--the two leading African nationalist parties have 35 seats in the 65-member legislature. The Kenya African National Union (KANU), with 20 seats the larger group, is led by its general secretary Mboya and its president Gichuru. The chief opposition group to KANU is the Kenya African Democratic Union (KADU), led by Ronald Ngala. It has 15 seats and represents minority tribal groups.]

[In neither party can the leaders control their legislative representatives; KANU is particularly faction-ridden. Mboya is challenged by American-educated Julius Kiano as well as by pro-leftist Oginga Odinga. Several KANU members are reported dissatisfied with their party's rigid stand on the Kenyatta issue and would probably break away and cooperate with KADU if the latter were successful in forming a government or if the governor made some face-saving compromise on Kenyatta.]

[KADU leaders appear more willing to cooperate with the governor in forming a government, provided the party does not lose its popular backing thereby and provided some KANU members participate. Ronald Ngala is visiting London in an effort to obtain some \$60,000,000 in grant aid for the resettlement of Africans in the former White Highlands. At the recent All African People's Conference in Cairo he sought nationalist support by attacking the United States for colonialist policies.]

[KANU's attitude threatens to cause increasing difficulties for London. Mboya recently told American officials that he saw "no way out" unless Kenyatta were released. Even then, however, KANU would form a government only with the intention of demanding a new constitutional conference in the near future with Kenyatta in attendance. Mboya now demands Kenya's independence in 1961; neighboring Tanganyika is scheduled to become independent on 26 December 1961.]

[Britain remains opposed to releasing Kenyatta, although it has expressed its willingness to do so as soon as a Kenya]

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[government is formed and functioning well. On his recent visit to Kenya, Colonial Secretary Macleod gave his full support to Governor Renison for his policy regarding Kenyatta.] [redacted]

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Changes in Salvadoran Government

The two civilians resigned because of their opposition to rapid implementation of reform measures. The directorate will continue operating with its three remaining members, [redacted]

[redacted] Changes reportedly will be made in all ministries except defense, interior, and labor. The US Embassy at San Salvador believes the prospective appointees were chosen because they represented diverse groupings and thus would have a broad appeal. One of them, Miranda Lupone, whose appointment as foreign minister appears almost definite, is known to champion "reform by decree," including nationalization of the Central Bank.]

Junior army officers believe reforms are not being implemented fast enough because most cabinet ministers are too much under the obstructive influence of wealthy businessmen and landowners. Most of the wealthy class became at least temporarily convinced of the necessity for reforms to improve the lot of the lower classes after an alarming upsurge of Communist and pro-Castro activity in El Salvador between the coup in October 1960 and the one that brought the directorate to power last January. Many of the landowners began to change their minds, however, after the implementation of the first reforms, which included a forced reduction of rent for low-income housing and a paid day of rest on Sundays for agricultural workers. Coffee growers reacted to the Sunday rest law by dismissing large numbers of workers, and the Communists are reported working to exploit the resulting peasant discontent.

The government warned violators that the reforms are in line with recommendations agreed to by 18 Latin American governments at Bogota, Colombia, last year, and that the army will be on the peasants' side in the event of any "social explosion."

The rapidly diminishing influence of the upper class in the government and the prospects of having the schedule for the

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implementation of social reforms timed by the army's junior officers increase the probability that some wealthy Salvadorans will resort to bribery and subsidized violence in an effort to frustrate the reforms and, if possible, to bring down the government.

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