

Soviets Demand Debate On Congo Issue in U.N.

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (P)—The Soviet Union demanded yesterday that the U.N. General Assembly begin debating the crisis in the Congo before the end of this week. It said the situation is "steadily deteriorating."

The assembly's Irish president, Frederick H. Boland, said the 88-nation assembly probably would start such a debate Monday afternoon.

Questioned by reporters, he said that in consulting delegations on the Soviet request,

he found there was a general feeling against meeting before Monday.

Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko declared in a letter to Boland the Congo situation is going downhill "as a result of the aggression unleashed" against the country.

Gromyko, whose government has labeled Belgium the aggressor, also complained that the council's Congo resolutions were not being carried out. The last resolution, adopted Feb. 21, urged the immediate withdrawal of all Belgian military personnel and political advisers from the Congo.

Finally, Gromyko wrote, "Attempts have been undertaken of late to dismember the Republic of the Congo."

This was a backhanded reference to the agreement of 12 Congolese leaders, announced Sunday in Tananarive, Malagasy Republic, to change the Congo from a unified republic to a loose confederation.

Boland said some delegates had told him that before beginning the debate, they wanted to see a report of the U.N. Conciliation Commission for the Congo on its recent six-week peacemaking tour of that country.

An authoritative source reported that a split persisted in the commission as it met privately yesterday afternoon to seek final signatures on the report so that the document could be issued.

The informant said the chairman of the 11-nation commission, Jaja Wachuku of Nigeria, was threatening to file a minority report because he objected to the final form of the majority report, signed by eight other members in Geneva last Friday.

Informed diplomats said the report recommended broadening the present Leopoldville government into a coalition, calling a U.N.-sponsored conference of political leaders to work out a new federal constitution, and convening Parliament to pronounce itself on that constitution. They said it also suggested that U.N. experts advise the Congolese at all stages of this process.

Economic Coordination

WASHINGTON (P)—The Senate approved U.S. membership in the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development yesterday, as a step toward closer economic coordination among North Atlantic nations.

South Africa Hopes to Ease Secession Blow

LONDON (P)—Prime Minister Hendrik Verwoerd sought yesterday to soften the blow of South Africa's secession from the Commonwealth by a bid for continued financial and defense links between his isolated nation and Britain.

His offer of cooperation was eagerly taken up by Prime Minister Harold Macmillan, who told the House of Commons the rupture of the 51-year relationship was a tragedy. Macmillan also declared the doors of Britain's Commonwealth always will be open to South Africa if there should be a change of heart in that country.

The determination of other members, particularly the Africans and Asians, to denounce South Africa's racial segregation practices prompted Verwoerd Wednesday to withdraw his application for continued membership when his country changes from monarchial to republican status May 31.

Verwoerd denied yesterday he had been unwilling to compromise. He said his decision came after hearing a series of "unbridled attacks" on South Africa.

Saudis Tell U. S. To Leave Base

WASHINGTON (P)—Saudi Arabia has told the United States to get out of the strategically located air base at Dhahran, the State Department reported last night.

Dhahran, located on the Persian Gulf, is one of the few bases in the Arab world used by the U.S. Air Force. Another is Wheelus AFB in Libya, North Africa.

State Department press officer Joseph W. Reap said the Saudis have informed the United States they will not renew the agreement for U.S. use of Dhahran which is slated to expire in April, 1962.

Assembly Censures South Africa

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (P)—The U.N. General Assembly censured South Africa yesterday for repeatedly ignoring U.N. resolutions aimed at eventual freedom for the territory of South-West Africa.

By a vote of 74-0 with nine abstentions, the assembly approved a resolution that criticized South African moves toward annexation of the territory on Africa's southwest coast—a former League of Nations mandate.

The action came on the heels of South Africa's decision to withdraw from the British Commonwealth because of criticism of its white supremacy policies. There was speculation that South Africa also might withdraw from the United Nations.

The United States voted for the resolution despite the feeling of Britain, France and other colonial powers that it had legal shortcomings.

The resolution was aimed at the meeting of Commonwealth prime ministers in London, where South Africa's decision to withdraw was announced Wednesday.

It called on U.N. members closely associated with South Africa to bring pressure on that country to change its policies in the former German-ruled territory it took over in 1915, and governs under a League of Nations mandate.

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Senate Cuts Clause From Benefit Bill

WASHINGTON (P)—The Senate stripped a state-by-state financing provision out of the emergency unemployment benefits bill last night in a major victory for President Kennedy.

The roll call vote was 44-42.

The administration had mounted an all-out fight to defeat the provision. At the urging of Sen. Harry F. Byrd, D.-Va., it had been inserted in the bill Wednesday by the Finance Committee which he heads.

With this major test out of the way, the Senate planned to go ahead and complete action on the bill quickly.

The effect of the provision would have been to require that each state's employers must pay for the extra jobless aid payments provided in that state under terms of the bill, one of Kennedy's major anti-recession measures.

The administration and its supporters argued that unemployment was a national problem and that the resources of all the

states must be pooled to meet it. With defeat of the Byrd amendment, the bill reverts to the financing provision in the measure as it passed the House two weeks ago.

Under that, the \$927 million in emergency jobless benefits authorized in the bill would be paid out of a common fund created by a special four-tenths of 1 per cent tax levy in all the states.

Byrd had expected to win the big floor battle. He pointed out that under estimates obtained by his committee, 40 states would pay out more new taxes than they would receive in benefits under the bill while only 10 would have larger benefits than taxes.

However, the administration moved promptly to try to win the fight in its first decisive test.

U. N. Tries Rescue Of 30 Missionaries

LEOPOLDVILLE, the Congo (P)—A U.N. Malayan patrol marched through the wilds of Kivu Province last night in an effort to rescue 30 missionaries held captive in Kasongo.

The missionaries managed to get word to the U.N. Command that rebel Congolese soldiers were holding them under guard and that they were without food.

A U.N. spokesman said nationality of the missionaries has not been learned and that an earlier announcement that 23 of them were believed to be Americans "was based on an assumption which has not now been confirmed."

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