

Soviets Retract Demand To End U.N. Congo Stay

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (AP)—The Soviet Union backed away yesterday from its previous formal demand that the United Nations end its Congo operations within a month.

The Russians also passed up a chance to call again for dismissal of U.N. Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold, who challenged the U.N. General Assembly Wednesday to vote for his ouster if that was what the members wanted.

Congolese Will Meet For Talks

LEOPOLDVILLE, the Congo (AP)—Congo central government and rebel leaders will meet tomorrow in neutral Congolese territory to negotiate political and military differences.

Gen. Joseph Mobutu, military strongman of the Leopoldville government, announced arrangements to meet the rebel commander in Oriental Province, Gen. Victor Lundula, at Bumba, a river town on the neutral border between Equator and Oriental provinces.

Leopoldville Vice Premier Jean Balikongo disclosed he will meet the Stanleyville rebel leader, Antoine Gizenga, the same day at the jungle village of Bundoki, about 30 miles from Bumba, on the same border.

The developments, indicating possibility of an all-Congo settlement, followed swiftly a gesture by the central government toward reconciliation. The government lifted its 4-month-old blockade of rebel Oriental and Kivu provinces.

Economics Minister Jean-Pierre Dericoyard warned the blockade would be reimposed if rebel soldiers or authorities should threaten security of the goods or the transport workers in charge of the shipment.

The blockade also had hurt Leopoldville.

Briton Sees Way To Avoid 3rd War

GETTYSBURG, Pa. (AP) — "I suppose we shall just manage to avoid a third world war," British historian Arnold J. Toynbee said yesterday.

Speaking at a founder's day ceremony at Gettysburg College, Toynbee offered his own formula for averting world conflict:

- Settle disputes in countries where there is a predominant or militant minority of westerners such as South Africa, Rhodesia, Algeria and Kenya.
- Reach a disarmament agreement and relax of tensions with the communist powers.
- Spend savings from disarmament on economic aid to the non-western world.

"If these things happen, we can look forward to the future with a great deal of confidence," he said.

Italy-U.S. to Confer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House announced yesterday that Italian Prime Minister Amintore Fanfani will visit President Kennedy June 12 and 13 for a "general exchange of views on world problems."

Glass Shield To Protect Eichmann

JERUSALEM (AP) — An Israeli soldier, rifle in hand, sits in a cubicle behind bullet-proof glass.

When his watch ends another armed guard takes his place. So it will be around the clock until next Tuesday morning when Adolf Eichmann, for whom the cubicle was built, enters this special courtroom in Jerusalem and his trial begins.

Eichmann was Gestapo chief in charge of Jewish affairs in Nazi Germany during World War II.

He will go on trial for "crimes against the Jewish people and crimes against humanity" under a law which carries the death penalty.

Eichmann was brought to a cell in the building this week from the fortress prison near Djalameh, a village six miles east of Haifa.

Authorities disclosed he had been held at the prison since Israeli agents spirited him out of Argentina last May.

Laotians May Hold Peace Talks Soon

VIENTIANE, Laos (AP) — King Savang Vathana was reported using a firm hand to bring Laos' warring factions to the peace table, probably April 28 at the state funeral for his father.

One step was said to be a royal veto of a government proposal to ask for intervention by the Southeast Asia Treaty Organization.

Sources close to the monarch said he hopes to get the contending sides together when the funerals

in the royal capital of Luang Prabang. He is said to be willing to let Moscow-backed Prince Souvanna Phouma return as premier.

As a British-Soviet call for a cease-fire was awaited in this administrative capital, the maneuvering of Communist Pathet Lao rebels and the royal army continued.

Four Soviet transport planes dropped Pathet Lao paratroopers Thursday near royal army headquarters at Vang Vieng, 80 miles north of Vientiane, said the acting information minister, Tiao Sopsaisana.

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