

Dennis, Guthrie Discuss Effect on Corps' Future

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WASHINGTON—Lawrence E. Dennis, associate director of the Peace Corps, said last night that the death of U.N. Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold should not have any effect on Peace Corps projects.

"The Corps is an ideological enterprise," Dennis said, "and should not be effected by a mix-up in the United Nations."

Another member of the Peace Corps holds a slightly different view. Dr. George M. Guthrie, associate director of the Philippine's project now at the University, said that any uncertainty in the United Nations could effect the Corps.

"Many United Nation agencies work in countries which would like Peace Corps help," Guthrie said, "but if the security of the U.N. is endangered by the Secretary General's death, these countries would probably be hesitant about having any other outside help."

Guthrie said when the countries have U.N. agencies helping them they are more apt to be outgoing about seeking such foreign help as the Peace Corps.

"But if the U.N. agencies are removed from these countries," he said, "they will probably be reluctant to ask for Peace Corps volunteers."

Dennis and Guthrie both said that at present the Peace Corps

has not changed any of its original plans. Training is progressing as usual, Dennis said.

Dennis said that the projects should not be effected because "the type of aid we send countries does not hinge on anything political. We send them technical assistance and teachers," he said, "They need these, and I see no reason why they should not ask for them."

Guthrie said that the current situation in the U.N. might not have much of an effect on the projects that are already operating in countries. But, he said, if the stabilizing element of the U.N. agencies in needy countries is damaged or removed these countries might not call in the projects that are planned for them.

In Africa, where Hammarskjold was killed, there are already projects in three countries—Tanganyika, Ghana and Nigeria. These are also several other projects for that continent in the planning stages, Guthrie said.

Hammaraskjold Dead—

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ments later the plane climbed again and disappeared.

News that the wreckage had just been sighted came as Tshombe opened a news conference here with a call for a truce between his Katanga forces and U.N. troops.

Tshombe said: "If Hammarskjold has died it is bad for the Congo. We Africans should be grateful for everything he has done for Africa."

Hammarskjold had been U.N. secretary-general since 1953. The slight, sandy-haired Swede died on the eve of a General Assembly session dealing with such problems as Berlin and Red China.

"The crew were all very experienced men," said a U.N. spokesman. "There was something very strange."

The crashed plane, which had been assigned the U.N. military force commander, Lt. Gen. Sean McKeown, was shot up at Elisabethville a day or so ago. A bullet from the ground damaged the plane's exhaust pipe in one engine. This was later substituted when it reached Leopoldville and a thorough check was made on the aircraft for possible other damage.

A vast air search was launched at daylight yesterday, when it became evident Hammarskjold's plane would have exhausted its fuel. U.N., British, American and Rodesian fliers participated.

The search crews finally found the wreck in the forest preserve, about five miles north of Ndola.

The airliner had sheared through trees as it plunged to earth and was shattered by the impact. Two of the four engines disappeared.

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Katanga Claims Kamina Fallen

LEOPOLDVILLE, the Congo, (AP)—Katanga forces claimed the big United Nations base at Kamina fell Monday and the 500 Irish and Swedish defenders surrendered.

The fall of the main U. N. base in Katanga was claimed in Katanga military radio messages.

A U. N. spokesman in Leopoldville said the United Nations had received no messages to indicate that Kamina had fallen.

But U. N. headquarters had received an urgent call from the base 260 miles northwest of Elisabethville for reinforcements, heavy weapons and ammunition. The U. N. force was under attack from 500 Katangans backed by shellfire from an armored train.

The reported fall of a second U. N. garrison came amid reports of a spread in the fighting. The fighting broke out last Wednesday when U. N. forces, at the request of the Leopoldville central government attempted to take over the province from President Moise Tshombe's regime in an effort to unify the Congo.

For the first time central government troops were reported in northern Katanga.

Britain meanwhile called for swift new efforts to effect a cease-fire between U. N. and Katanga forces.

The British Foreign Office said Tshombe and Dag Hammarskjold had agreed on a cease-fire yesterday before the U. N. secretary-general was killed in a plane crash in northern Rhodesia. It urged new talks he set up between Tshombe and "the senior U. N. representation."

In Kitwee, northern Rhodesia, Tshombe said he would negotiate peace with any successor to Hammarskjold, but not with the chief Katanga representative, Conor Cruise O'Brien of Ireland.

"I will talk to anybody of good faith," Tshombe said.

Heavy fighting also was reported in Kabalo, 150 miles east of Albertville, where Katanga forces occupied the airfield, and in Nynuzu, where the U. N. forces took refuge. Nyunzu is midway on the railroad between Kabalo and Albertville.

Another radio report originating in Elisabethville said the Belgian consulate building in Elisabethville was under heavy U. N. fire. There was no confirmation.

Students Comment--

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U.N. was voiced in discussions as to who would succeed Hammarskjold. Marcy Gress, senior in journalism from Wellesley Hill, Mass., called Hammarskjold a "very capable leader. It will be hard to replace him with anyone as qualified. I certainly hope this doesn't weaken the U.N."

Herbert Goldstein, senior in pre-law from Harrisburg, said, ". . . this will have a significant effect on the U.N. It will probably be three or four years before a decision is made as to what will happen to the post of Secretary-General."

In summing up the speculation as to what reaction the death of Hammarskjold might bring in the Soviet Union, Salah Humaidan graduate student from Saudi Arabia, said, "The Reds will celebrate that for sure. They've been out to get him for years."

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