

Katanga Truce Talks Khiari Chosen to Begin

NDOLA, Northern Rhodesia—A Tunisian U.N. official took Dag Hammarskjold's vacant chair and opened truce talks with Katanga President Moise Tshombe yesterday. The role of head negotiator for the United Nations fell to Mahmoud Khiari, chief of civil operations in the Congo.

A probe of the plane crash that killed the secretary-general and 14 of his 15 companions paralleled the delayed negotiations.

Expert opinion tended to discount speculation that Hammarskjold's four-engine DC6B might have been felled by sabotage or Katanga gunfire.

Veteran pilots who viewed the fire-blackened wreckage in a forest reserve north of this neutral copper mining center said the crash appeared typical of the results of a power failure or faulty instrumentation.

Lt. Col. Ben Mallick, U.S. air attache in Leopoldville, was one who inspected the wreck. He said he is convinced talk that a Katanga jet shot down the plane is groundless.

There was no elaboration of a report by the lone survivor—Harold M. (Harry) Julien, 36, American U.N. security guard—that a series of explosions shook the plane before it plunged into the forest.

Badly burned and only semi-conscious when he was pulled from the wreckage, Julien was reported to be as comfortable as could be expected in a hospital, but not in condition for questioning.

Col. Bjorn Egge, U.N. intelligence chief, said a surgeon has been flown in to establish exactly how they died—whether in the air or on the ground.

The recovery of the last two bodies momentarily puzzled authorities here, for that showed 16 persons were aboard.

The U.N. office in Leopoldville had listed only 14, but a clerk disclosed its list had omitted two security guards, both young Swedes.

Rusk, Gromyko to Meet To Discuss UN, Berlin

UNITED NATIONS (AP)—Secretary of State Dean Rusk and Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko will meet tomorrow afternoon to discuss the Berlin crisis and the crisis in the United Nations.

U.S. sources disclosed last night that Gromyko accepted an invitation to lunch with Rusk.

Informants said that Berlin would be discussed—a point on which Washington and Moscow agreed last week. The crisis in U.N. affairs arising from the death of Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold is also expected to get an airing at the luncheon.

Rusk said he intended to talk over the U.N. situation with Gromyko.

Army Recalls 73,000 Men

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Army summoned another 73,000 Reservists and National Guardsmen to active duty yesterday, ordering them to report Oct. 15.

The call-up went to two National Guard divisions—the 32nd Infantry of Wisconsin and the 49th Armored of Texas—and to 249 Reserve and Guard supporting units. The 32nd will train at Ft. Lewis, Wash., and the 49th at Ft. Polk, La.

Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara, announcing the new call-up at a news conference, described it as another readiness measure in the light of world conditions. Asked if it indicated a worsening of the Berlin situation, he replied: "No, I think not."

Houston Chosen As Moon Lab Site

WASHINGTON (AP)—A sprawling 1,000-acre site in Houston, Tex., was picked yesterday for a \$60-million laboratory command center—the mastermind of America's efforts to get a man to the moon.

Here the crews will be trained to fly the missions and the spacecraft themselves will be designed, developed and tested.

This is the final step in assigning the major centers from which project Apollo—the moon mission—will be coordinated.

American scientists hope to get a man on the moon by 1970.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration announced that its manned space flight research laboratory in Houston would be the command center for project Apollo and subsequent space flight missions.

Sunday Liquor Sales

HARRISBURG (AP)—Pennsylvania yesterday removed its prohibition against Sunday sales of alcoholic beverages aboard railroad cars.

Gov. Lawrence signed into law legislation striking down the old law which had been in effect ever since the railroad started serving food and drinks aboard their passenger runs.

Viet Nam Rebels Raid Phuoc Thanh

SAIGON, South Viet Nam (AP)—The rebel attack on the provincial capital of Phuoc Thanh raised the possibility yesterday that Communist forces are opening a major assault against the government in South Viet Nam's civil war.

A series of attacks around the country in the past few days was climaxed when hundreds of Communist Viet Cong rebels seized and burned Phuoc Thanh early Monday.

Some observers fear the action may open a long-expected assault of major proportions. The rebels have been building up their strength with reinforcements from Communist North Viet Nam in recent months.

It was the first assault on a provincial capital and the most daring rebel raid of the war. The city is only 60 miles north of this capital.

The province chief, an army major, and a number of his military and civil aides were beheaded at Phuoc Thanh. Several

dozen defending civil guardsmen were killed. About 50 wounded were rushed back to Saigon.

The provincial building were ransacked and burned before the rebel units fled into the forests and rubber estates of the up-country area. Paratroops and ranger units reached the scene in the morning, and other units were being rushed in.

Military sources put the strength of the attacking rebels anywhere up to 1,500 men.

At least two other large attacks were reported from the strategic area north of Saigon.

Well-informed government circles speculated that the Viet Cong are massing for larger attacks on government bases to keep government forces tied down while the rebels build new bases. Government strategy has been toward increasing mobility, seek-out the enemy and trying to destroy their bases.

Pennsylvania Alerted For Hurricane

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Residents of eastern Pennsylvania last night were put on a hurricane watch by the U.S. Weather Bureau as ferocious Esther continued offshore up the Atlantic Seaboard.

The watch was issued for southeastern Pennsylvania, the Lehigh and Schuylkill River valleys and the Pocono Mountain area. Residents along tidal waters and other lowland areas were urged to move back until the threat of Hurricane Esther has passed.

In Harrisburg, Richard Gerstell, Pennsylvania Civil Defense director, said it is too early to tell whether the state as a whole could expect anything more than fringe effects from the hurricane.

What Esther does between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday probably will determine how greatly it affects Pennsylvania. The Weather Bureau expects it to turn from its present northwesterly course to a more northerly course during daylight today.

If that happens, the hurricane could stay over the Atlantic Ocean and Pennsylvania would escape all but high winds and heavy rains.

Philadelphia was taking no chances. Its police department was placed on a hurricane alert. Managing Director Donald Wagner ordered the start of a city-wide emergency program after noting the Weather Bureau's forecast of possible strong winds through Wednesday's early hours. The motor harbor patrol was ordered to watch for flood conditions on the Delaware and Schuylkill Rivers.


7 Geography Profs Attend Annual Meeting

Seven members of the faculty of the Department of Geography attended the 57th annual meeting of the Association of American Geographers at East Lansing, Mich., Aug. 28 to Sept. 1.

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