

Behind the News



CYRILLE ADOULA



MOISE TSHOMBE

... key figures in current Congo questions

Congo Fuse Burns Again

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Editor

The Congo with secessionist province Katanga is back in the headlines. Actually, it has never been away. Underneath a troubled calm there, economics and ego have been creating a situation which may explode into another area of hot war.

Increased attention has been given the Congo of late because of financial strains within the country itself as well as the United Nations, which supports 17,156 troops there.

Congo Budget Problems

The central government of Premier Cyrille Adoula faces mammoth budget problems. The country's first budget, approved in early June, foresees a \$232 million deficit.

The problem is heightened by the continued refusal of Katanga President Moise Tshombe to unite his province—which was part of the Congo under the Belgians—with the Leopoldville government. Katanga controls almost half of the former colony's wealth and sees little reason for joining an unstable regime to the north—even though that instability is in large measure caused by the absence of Katanga.

The United Nations faces money problems of its own. The Congo force costs the U.N. \$9.5 million a month and several member states have refused to share in payments for this force. The U.N. Secretariat reported, for example, that as of May 31, \$51,496,695 was owed on 1960-61 Congo assessments alone.

Katanga's Secession

But enough of dry figures—which, however, loom very large in the life expectancy of the infant Congo and possibly for its U.N. "nurse" as well. Two summers ago the Congo hit the front pages because of violence following independence. Maladies which had developed unmolested for years became obvious when Tshombe took Katanga out of the Congo July 11, 1960, not two weeks after the Congo's separation from Belgium. Native Katangans and the British and Belgian mining interests were saying, "The Katanga should be run by Katanga people." The new country soon became an arena for the cold war maneuverings of Russia and the United States as well as the conflicting interests of the Katangans, Congolese, Belgians and U.N. advisors.

The Union Miniere firm had become part of the Katanga social fabric as well as politically powerful. The rich U.M.'s influence today is evidenced by President Kennedy's recent vexation with the firm for paying its taxes to Tshombe and thus supporting him rather than Adoula's central regime. One can visualize neither a Katanga without U.M. nor a U.M.

as it exists today without Katanga. But many cannot see the Congo as a stable, pro-West ally without the mineral resources of Katanga.

Despite blame in its past handling of the Congo, the West today is facing squarely the complex crisis in the Congo. Added to economic woes and Katanga secession are the delicate relations among the Congo's 200 tribes. These people, comprising 70 ethnic groups and using 400 dialects, live restlessly in this country, one-third the size of the United States.

A Political Entity?

The West also considers the question of whether the Republic of the Congo is indeed a political entity. Must emerging nations accept the boundaries drawn for them in the 19th century by men thousands of miles away? The limits of the Belgian Congo (and thus the recognized boundaries of the new republic) were determined at the Berlin Conference in 1885.

And a second question raised is whether a province may secede. The United States said "no" in its Civil War. Katanga says "yes" and appears determined to stick to this affirmation even if it is pulled after the Congolese into the history books as "countries that once were."

Secretary of State Dean Rusk said last Dec. 8: "We hope that the leaders of Katanga will recognize that their present path leads nowhere." Tshombe, on the other hand, thinks that if the U.N. is financially forced to withdraw in December when special funds run out, Katanga independence will be accepted as fact. Most Western observers, however, feel otherwise.

The Congolese and Katangans may have been more consistently off the front pages since the U.N.'s December invasion of Elisabethville ended but all is not placid. That something brews is shown by lengthy reports in two of America's foremost newspapers, The New York Times and The Washington Post and Times-Herald, last weekend. The reporters would hardly exaggerate just to have something to write as enough worldills are around to fill the columns with print.

Education Needed

One hardly knows what to expect from the fledgling politicians, parliamentarians who accuse the government members of being thieves or who often have education comparable only to our junior high level. One can only hope that the U.N. — some of whose members created the misunderstandings within the Congo — will quickly educate these leaders that their irresponsible power jockeying could well throw the switch in a few short months.

Clark to Speak in HUB Wednesday

Sen. Joseph S. Clark, D-Pa., will speak at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Hetzel Union ballroom at the invitation of the University, which has extended a similar invitation to all the candidates for major office in the forthcoming state elections.

Rep. James E. Van Zandt, R-Pa., will speak Oct. 2. Van Zandt and Clark are campaigning for the latter's seat in the U.S. Senate. The seat of junior senator Hugh Scott, a Republican, is not up for election this fall.

DATES FOR OTHER political speakers are expected to be settled soon. Each of the candidates has selected a date to fit his own schedule.

Clark expressed the opinion yesterday that medical care for the aged will be a major issue in Pennsylvania's fall election campaign, the Associated Press reported.

The Democratic candidate took a directly opposite view to that expressed by his Republican opponent, Van Zandt, who said at a news conference in the capital Tuesday that President Kennedy had made the question of financing medical care for persons 65 years of age or over under the Social Security system too "tainted" for it to be an issue.

THE PRESIDENT, following defeat of his medical care plan in mid-July, has planned to try to make it a major issue in the fall

congressional elections, the AP said.

Clark told capital newsmen: "There isn't a shadow of a doubt that an overwhelming number of those people, the aged in Pennsylvania, want to get health care and that an overwhelming number — 90 per cent of them — favor it under Social Security."

Clark said he feels two other major issues are jobs for this state's unemployed and the experience of the Democratic candidates for all offices, the AP dispatch said.

Clark and Sen. Estes Kefauver, D-Tenn., are preparing legislation designed to prevent experimental use on human beings of untested drugs such as thalidomide, the AP also reported.

Thalidomide is the tranquilizer developed in Europe which has

been blamed for birth deformities. Its use has been directed to pregnant women.

IT IS HARD to believe that the Food and Drug Administration does not now have the power to require that a drug be thoroughly tested before it is distributed around the country for so-called clinical tests," Clark was quoted as saying by the AP.

Tomato Research Grant

The American Cyanamid Company, of Princeton, N.J., has donated \$200 to support research in the Department of Horticulture. The money will aid nitrogen fertilization studies on leading tomato varieties. This research is under the direction of E. L. Bergman, assistant professor of plant nutrition.

Counseling Service Aids New Students

The pre-registration counseling interests of the students plus the service whose display faces the entrance to the Hetzel Union for college Building was established approximately 16 years ago to aid incoming students.

This year's program, under the direction of Donald H. Ford, head of the Division of Counseling, started May 28 and will continue through September 14.

The purposes of the program are to find the areas of studies and

weaknesses in their preparation for college. Students can also get information on their outstanding talents in different fields of education.

Varied personal difficulties are among other topics discussed by the students and his counselor at these pre-registration sessions.

Counselors also meet with parents of the students to discuss what college life will be like for their son or daughter.

Housing Requests Increase

Requests have been increasing in the past few weeks for copies of the town housing list compiled by the State College Chamber of Commerce, Chamber officials said recently.

The increased number of requests was attributed to the fact that the fall term is approaching and people are seeking housing for September.

ABOUT 30 ROOMS, both single and double, and apartments are listed on the present mimeographed list which is available on request at the Chamber of Commerce office at 128½ S. Allen Street.

The list is revised about every two weeks to keep it up to date, officials said.

Many of the recent requests for copies of the list have come in by mail and copies have been sent to those persons, officials said.

An additional service will be offered this fall by the Chamber. A list of housing available for weekend guests in the community will be maintained, officials said.

This will be particularly useful to persons coming to State College for football games, they said.

LANDLORDS or other persons having rooms available for such weekends should call the Chamber of Commerce office at AD 7-7644 to have their name, the price of their room for overnight guests, the location and other appropriate information placed on the weekend housing list.

The same number can be called and similar information given to the secretary in the Chamber's office for persons who have single or double rooms or apartments for rent for the fall term, they said.

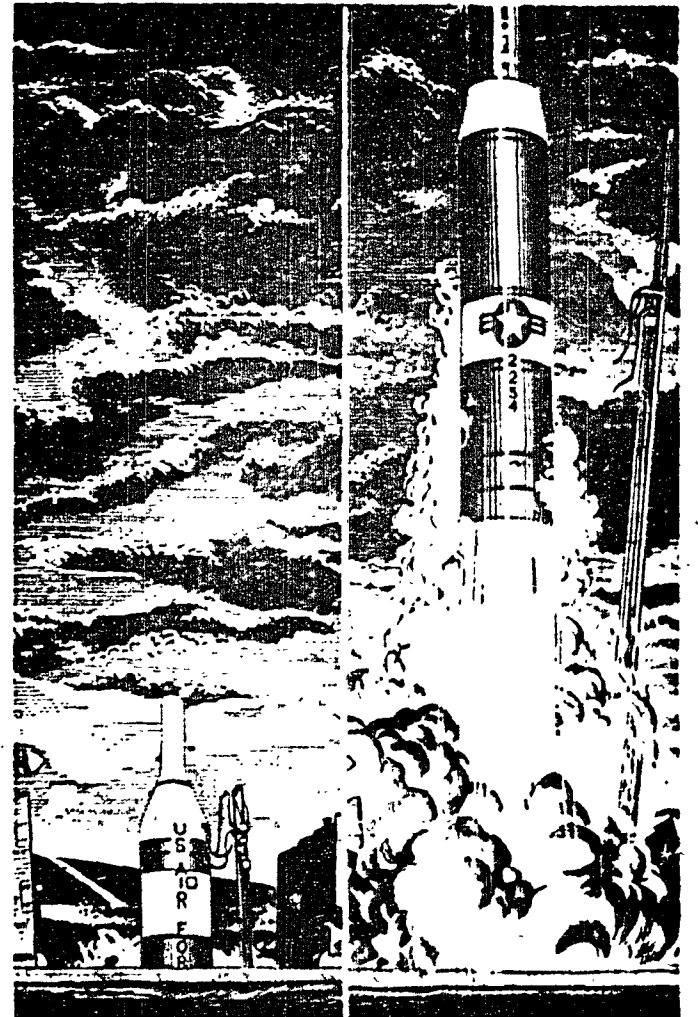
The Chamber of Commerce did not maintain a similar housing list last year but initiated the project at the end of the spring term because numerous requests for housing information had been received, officials said.

Until the beginning of last year, the dean of men's office maintained a similar service which listed local accommodations.

Grass Research Grant

The Pennsylvania Turfgrass Council recently gave \$200 to the Department of Botany and Plant Pathology to support studies of the diseases of bluegrass.

This research is under the direction of James R. Bloom, associate professor of plant pathology.



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