

# U.N. Troops Gain Control of Katanga; Rules Committee Fight Seen Won

LEOPOLDVILLE, the Congo (AP) — The United Nations' military takeover of Katanga rolled on yesterday and the Congo central government set up civil control over the secessionist province. It was the first time Katanga President Moise Tshombe has been superseded politically in the capital of his mineral-rich domain.

Swedish U.N. troops seized the railroad town of Kaniama, 360 miles northwest of Elizabethville, and neutralized its airfields without a fight, the United Nations announced.

**THE ACTION** tightened the U.N. grip on north Katanga and further boxed up Tshombe's battered forces at Kolwezi, his emergency headquarters 150 miles northwest of Elizabethville.

U.S. Air Force Globemasters flew in technical supplies as the United Nations continued its military buildup for a possible strike at Kolwezi and a push southeast-



MOISE TSHOMBE

ward along the border of Northern Rhodesia. Moving in behind the U.N. take-

over, the Leopoldville government named an administrative head of Katanga to secure economic and political victories for the central Congolese government.

There seemed little choice for Tshombe but to accept defeat and console himself with a measure of power as a provincial leader or to fight a guerrilla war that few believe he could win.

**DIPLOMATIC** informants told AP correspondent Dennis Neeld in Elizabethville, the Katanga capital, that the United Nations probably will present Tshombe an ultimatum demanding that he surrender Kolwezi without a fight.

Secretary General U Thant has made clear through a New York spokesman that he now wants action, not words, from Tshombe toward making effective Thant's plans for reunification.

If he agrees, the informants said, Tshombe's chances of remaining provincial president of south Katanga in a reunified Congo are good. If he refuses, U.N. forces will attack Kolwezi, they said, and Tshombe would be dead politically.

U.N. undersecretary Ralph Bunch, who flew to the Congo on a special mission over the weekend, said he had no plans to meet with Tshombe. He said the time for negotiation is over.

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Kennedy's legislative leaders will tell him when he returns from Florida today that they are optimistic about winning a crucial battle over the House Rules Committee.

Kennedy is openly concerned in the outcome of this battle, which will be decided right after Congress convenes tomorrow at noon. But he is staying out of a fight to change the Senate antifilibuster rules. This struggle could plunge the Senate into a filibuster before it even starts on legislative business.

**SENATE DEMOCRATIC** Leader Mike Mansfield of Montana dashed cold water on hopes voiced by some members that Kennedy would jump into the Senate scrap too.

"The President is taking no part in this and should not," Mansfield told a reporter. "This is entirely a Senate matter."

Mansfield spoke after Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey of Minnesota, the assistant Democratic leader, said he and other supporters of a drive to adopt a stronger rule against prolonged debate hoped the President "would be as interested in the rules of the Senate as he is in those of the House."

Mansfield said he hopes to postpone the Senate fight, with its

threat of a filibuster by Southern opponents of a rules change, until after Kennedy has delivered his annual State of the Union message. This is set tentatively for next Monday.

Kennedy has said in effect that "We are through if we lose" the fight to prevent the House Rules Committee from reverting to 12 members. This lineup in the past has enabled a conservative coalition of four Republicans and two Southern Democrats — Chairman Howard W. Smith of Virginia and Rep. William M. Colmer of Mississippi—to dominate the committee.

House Speaker John W. McCormack, D-Mass., told newsmen he is optimistic about prospects for making permanent a temporary increase in the committee's membership to 15, which was approved by a 217-212 vote two years ago.

## Robena Miner Blasts Conditions

CARMICHAELS, Pa. (AP) — A mine worker, in a dramatic outburst yesterday, told investigators of a coal mine explosion which killed 37 men that safety conditions at the stricken Robena No. 3 mine were neglected except when inspectors were due to visit.

Testifying in the fourth day of a public hearing at nearby Garards Fort, Joseph Baron, a shuttle-car operator in the U.S. Steel Corp.'s nearby Robena coal-mine complex, said the only time Shuttle-car roadways are spiked to hold down coal dust is "when the inspectors are coming."

**IN ANSWER** to questions, Baron said that when it is known that inspectors are coming "they rockdust thoroughly, sprinkle the roadways with water, and make sure all the proper seals are on the machinery."

Safety control by supervisory personnel inside the mine was "nothing but a big joke," he said in answer to questions.

Baron also added some support to the testimony of miners who said earlier that methane gas was found in the Robena No. 3 mine the day before the Dec. 6 blast, contradicting testimony by an assistant foreman.

Fred Spoljarich, operator of a continuous mining machine, testifying Saturday and again yesterday, said he had detected gas and reported it.

## Albania, China Hit For Kremlin Attacks

MOSCOW (AP) — In a major propaganda broadside, the Soviet Communist party demanded yesterday that Red China and Albania stop attacking the Kremlin's policy of so-called peaceful co-existence.

An editorial covering nearly 2½ pages of Pravda ended, however, with what sounded like a plea for an ideological peace conference.

"The Communist parties," said the party newspaper, "have a tested method of settling contentious issues by way of collective discussion. Our party has always advocated this method."

It came only a week before the leaders of the Communist world assemble in East Berlin for the sixth congress of the East German Communist party.

U.S. experts said yesterday they expect the growing Moscow-Peking rift to be a central issue at the Berlin Communist meeting.

They figure Khrushchev may also pave the way for a later shakeup in the high command of the East German Communist regime.

Khrushchev may well pay lip service once more to the long-standing Kremlin program for neutralization of West Berlin and ouster of Western troops. But Washington specialists report no hard evidence pointing to a ser-

ious revival of the Red push on West Berlin just now.

Buttressing the assessment that the Moscow-Peking row will be a principal order of business at the East German party convention opening in East Berlin Jan. 15 is the rising tempo in the bloc-dividing public dispute.

Soviet and Red Chinese propaganda organs accused each other of betraying the Communist cause and playing into the hands of imperialism.

Although neither the Moscow newspaper Pravda nor the Chinese "Red Flag" magazine mentioned the other side by name directly, in their rival editorials, it was clear who they were striking at.

### Strategists Feel Taxes May Be Cut by June

WASHINGTON (AP)—A tax cut on part of 1963 income is possible if the House can vote on the issue by June, highly placed strategists calculated yesterday.

The chances for a reduction involving 1963 income, which President Kennedy is expected to ask, were not rated exceptionally high by congressional sources closest to the problem. But neither was such a possibility being written off.

## Air Defense Penetration Denied

LONDON (AP)—Strong denials in London and Washington of published reports that British bombers pierced North American defenses in mock H-bomb attacks, two months ago raised some questions yesterday.

Did Britain's high-flying, swift Vulcan bombers actually break through in the big North American defense drills of 1961, whose results remain secret?

And were the stories of the Vulcan's reputed successes, splashed in four London newspapers designed to bolster the argument that the Skybolt missile, abandoned by the United States, might still be a weapon in the nuclear arsenal?

The Vulcan was to carry the Skybolt in Britain's nuclear deterrent force before the United States decided to drop development of the air-to-ground missile.

**ALONG WITH** the Defense Department, the British Air Ministry denied the newspaper reports that four of the delta-winged Vulcan bombers slipped through the North American defenses two months ago and flew over New York, Washington, Chicago and Los Angeles.

However, an Air Ministry spokesman did say that the Vulcans took part in Operation Sky-

shield II in October of 1961.

U.S. and Canadian planes also participated in Skyshield II, an exercise designed to test the defensive system of the North American continent, including the radar network.

**ITS RESULTS** never have been made public. Informants pointed out that detailed results of such war games constitute important defense secrets.

If British planes made a major penetration in 1961 their action would tend to bolster two controversial strategic concepts, it was said. These are:

• That there are many years of useful life ahead for the manned jet bombers as a delivery vehicle for the nuclear deterrent.

• And that Skybolt also has a future if its guidance and other problems could be worked out.

U.S. sources rejected the suggestion that rethinking might be necessary on the manned bomber and Skybolt questions.

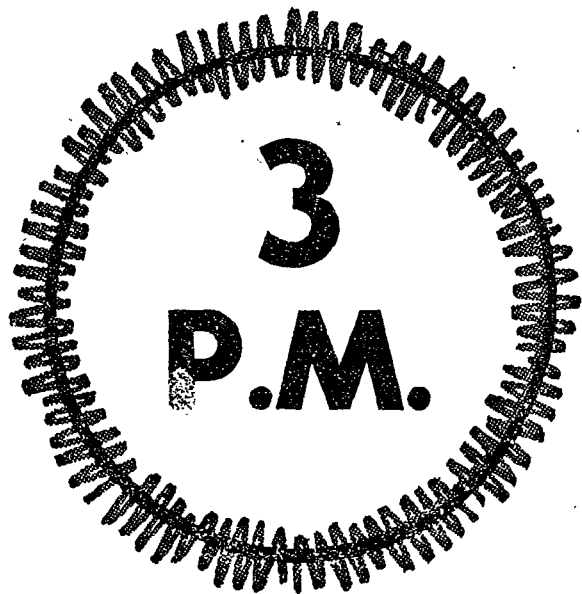
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