

2 U.N. Officials Killed In New Congo Violence

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LEOPOLDVILLE, Aug. 18. Two United Nations officials were reported killed today in the eastern Congo in new outbreaks of violence.

Reports from Albertville, capital of North Katariga Province, described the situation there as "catastrophic." European diplomat in Elisabethville said he received a radio message from Albertville asking for direct intervention to put down the revolt.

"We already know that two Europeans have been killed and that 10 are in jail and that some 18 others are now in a hospital," the diplomat said. "If nothing is done we are afraid the worst can happen to the 150 Europeans still in Albertville."

A U.N. spokesman in New York said the two men were killed by the Watusi, refugees from neighboring Rwanda.

A United Nations military team hoped to recover the bodies of the two men, Jean Pléque, 33, a Frenchman, of the International Labor Organization, and Francois Preziosi, 43, an Italian, of the U.N. High Commission for Refugees, and to learn details of their death.

A U.N. announcement said the two men were investigating reports on planned reprisals against certain refugees in the camp, at Nyakalonge, about 25 miles northwest of Bukavu.

In a Leopoldville press conference today, G. Mennen Williams, Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs, indicated the United States would contribute to the cost of maintaining non-Congolese African troops in the Congo.

Williams said Communist Chinese were aiding anti-government rebels in the eastern Congo. He told newsmen he found considerable evidence of Communist Chinese techniques and arms but no evidence to indicate they had men fighting in the field with the rebels.

Williams said the Congolese

decision to call on five African states for troops to help quell the Communist-backed revolt in the eastern Congo was "a wise and welcome move."

The Congo has decided to ask Nigeria, Liberia, Senegal, Ethiopia and Madagascar for troops.

Meanwhile, the first three of a group of B-26 light bombers the United States is providing for the Congo arrived in Leopoldville today.

The planes arrived from Ascension Island. They have eight machine guns mounted in their nose and carry rocket

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launchers and have bomb bays.

(In Moscow, the Soviet Press today attacked the United States for "intervention" in the Congo. "The transfer of U.S. paratroopers and armaments to the Congo cannot be assessed otherwise than as the start of the U.S. intervention in that country," the Communist Party organ Pravda said. "This affair smells of blood and powder. Actually the United States is on the threshold of another undeclared war of the South Viet-Nam type.")