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Zaire Is Recalling Her Ambassador In Rift With U.S.

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KINSHASA, Zaire, June 20 (Reuters) — Zaire is withdrawing her ambassador to Washington after ordering the United States Ambassador here to leave the country, the national news agency Azap said today.

The agency said Ambassador Mbeka Makoso would be returning to Zaire as soon as possible.

The American Ambassador, Deane R. Hinton, was declared persona non grata Wednesday and ordered to leave the country by noon tomorrow. (18 LUN)

The rift in American relations with Zaire follows allegations that the Central Intelligence Agency was behind an abortive plot to assassinate President Bobutu Sese Seko.

President Bobutu has said that a major foreign power was behind the plot but did not name the country. The United States State Department has denied American involvement.

Azap said that a State Department delegation would visit Kinshasa soon to discuss United States-Zaire relations. The delegation the agency said, would be led by Under Secretary of State Sheldon B. Vance.

The agency said that Mr. Vance, a former Ambassador to Zaire, had made many friends here and his presence at the head of the delegation "signifies the wish of the United States to repair its relations with Zaire."

U. S. Sending 2 Aides

WASHINGTON, June 20 (AP) — The State Department announced today that Under Secretary of State Sheldon B. Vance, United States Ambassador to Zaire from 1969 to 1974, and Walter L. Cutler, director of the office for Central African affairs, were to be sent to Zaire "to clarify the situation."

The State Department spokesman, Robert Anderson, said at a news conference that the dispatch of the two men "underscores the importance we attach to United States-Zaire relations."

Secretary of State Kissinger, in a televised interview tonight, described the allegations in Zaire as "totally unfounded."