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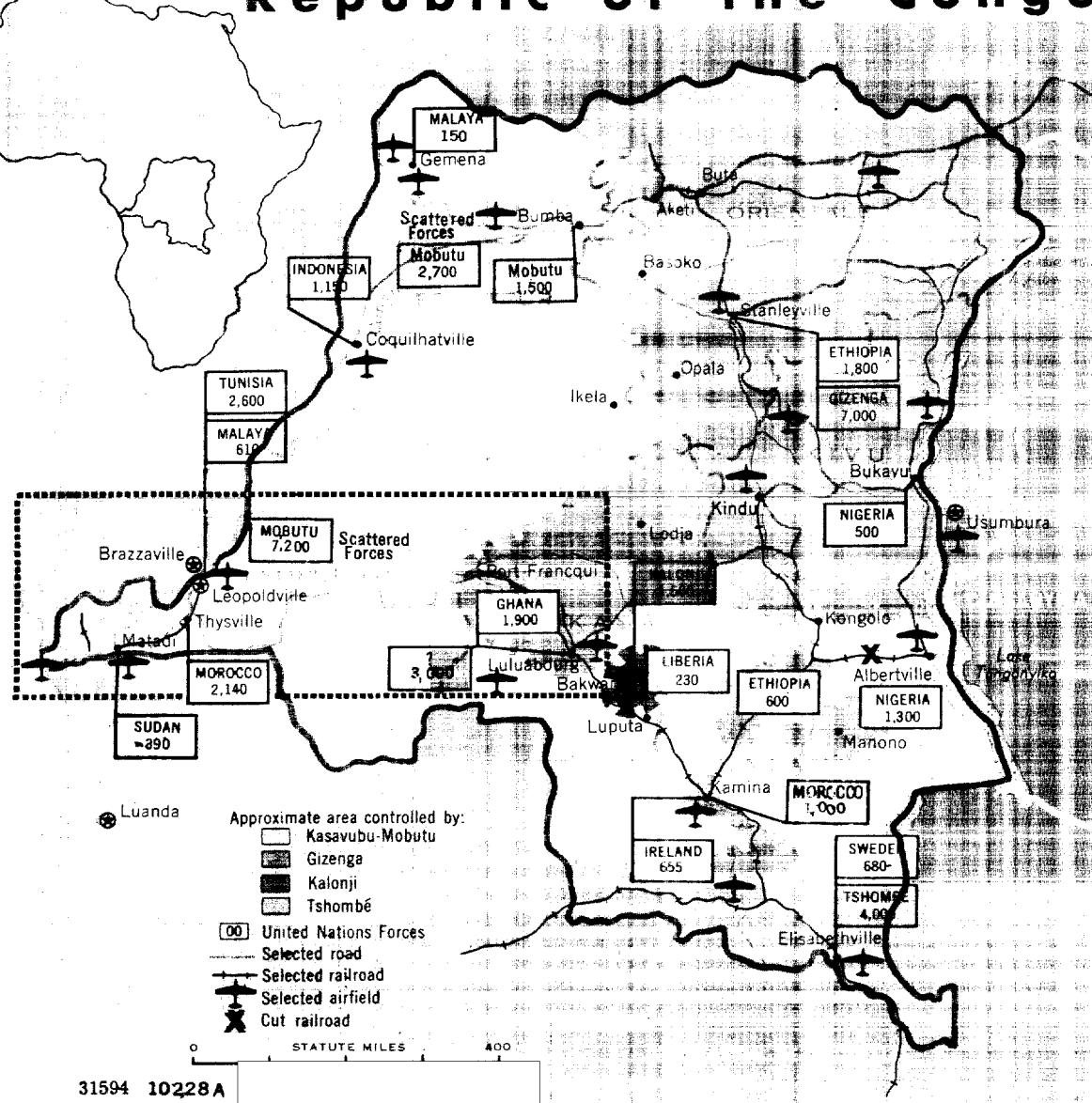
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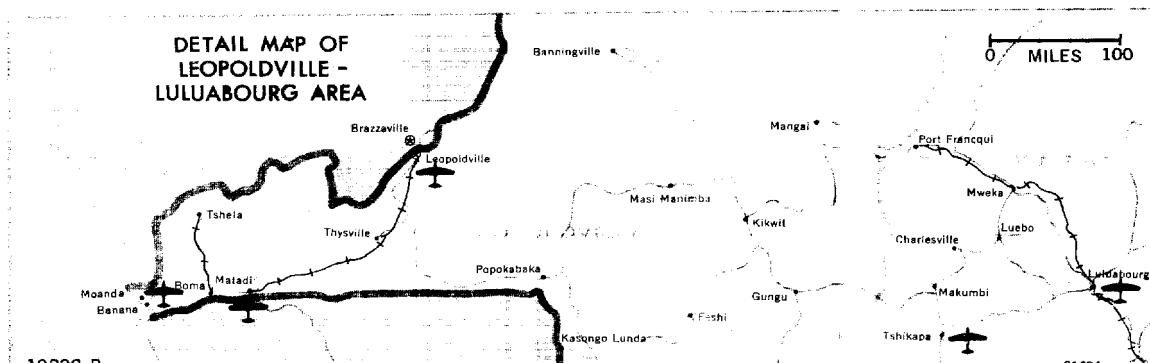
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\*Congo: [A radio address by Kasavubu on 27 February in which he urged resistance to UN "tutelage" may worsen the already tense relations between UN personnel and the Congolese army.]

[The present location of the forward element of Gizenga's column is unknown. In Elisabethville, the situation between UN troops and Katanga forces is explosive]

[President Keita of Mali reportedly confirmed on 23 February that his country is sending a diplomatic representative to Stanleyville.]

Laos: [Contrary to previous disclaimers, Laotian military leaders apparently are proceeding with plans to use the Chinese Nationalist irregulars at present in Laos, at least in a defensive capacity.] The Peiping People's Daily on 27 February raised the implicit threat of intervention "if US imperialism dares to incite the Kuomintang bandits to join the Laotian rebel forces." Such a move, said People's Daily, would "seriously menace the security of China's southwestern border"--a menace that "absolutely cannot be tolerated."

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West Germany: Adenauer, in his talks with Macmillan in London on 22-23 February, gave the British the impression that he was better briefed and more receptive than a year ago to the proposition that West Germany's international payments imbalances should be corrected by increased foreign aid and arms purchases. He reportedly gave no assurance, however, that West Germany would assume continuing foreign commitments. The chancellor spoke of the need for a more flexible attitude on Berlin; in general, he was described as "relaxed and cautious" on Berlin. He had much to say about "revivifying" NATO, and expressed confident that De Gaulle would be cooperative while hinting that West Germany had no intention of being frozen out of a major role in NATO by any kind of tripartite directing body in the alliance.

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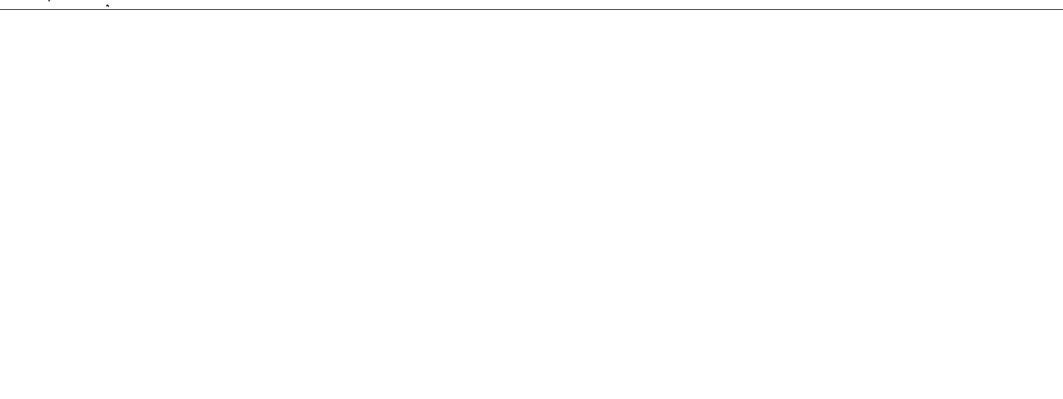
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Situation in the Congo

Gizenga apparently remains the dominant figure in the Stanleyville regime, and the city is reported calm. Bernard Salumu, formerly Gizenga's representative in Cairo and more recently a leading figure in the Stanleyville regime, is reported to have fled, presumably as a result of a struggle for power.

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The British chargé in Bamako, who met with President Keita on 23 February, feels that the government of Mali is in agreement with the Soviet position on the UN, including the removal of Hammarskjold and his replacement by a triumvirate. The chargé felt that his vigorous defense of Hammarskjold and the UN made little impression on Keita.

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Within the past two weeks, Tshombe has reportedly issued Mauser rifles and ammunition to many members of his Conakat party in Elisabethville and the surrounding villages. However, he appears to be trying to raise morale and to guard against an anti-Conakat uprising, rather than to increase the fighting strength of the Katanga army.

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Premier Ileo has protested to the UN against what he alleges to be UN assistance to the Gizenga forces in taking over

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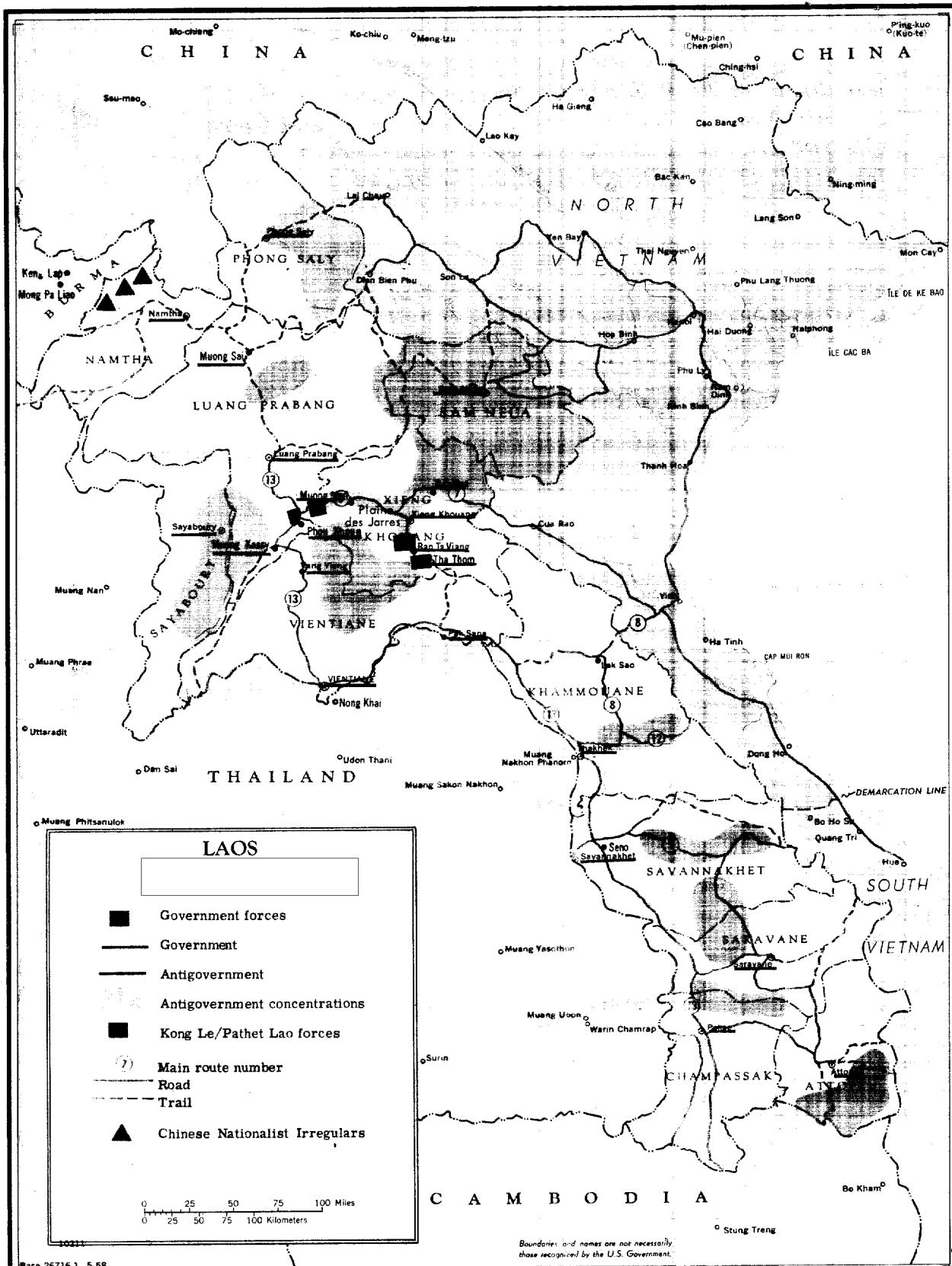
Luluabourg on 24 February. Details of what is taking place are still obscure, but Hammarskjold has said that there is little the UN can do in view of the absence of any armed clash and the apparent willingness of the Luluabourg garrison to welcome the Stanleyville units.

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Chinese Nationalist Forces in Laos

General Ouane, chief of the general staff, has told an American observer that the Laotian armed forces plan to use the Chinese Nationalist irregulars only for the protection of Namtha Province, where most of them are located. Ouane, who recently returned to Vientiane from consultations with the irregulars, puts their number at 4,000 effectives plus an equal number of dependents. Although Nationalist China has now indicated willingness to withdraw those irregulars "subject to its control" from Burma and Laos, a substantial number may not be in this category.

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The People's Daily commentary of 27 February drew attention to a joint statement issued in Xieng Khouang on 23 February by Souvanna Phouma and Neo Lao Hak Sat leader Prince Souphanouvong, protesting against "the use of Kuomintang remnant bandits by the United States." The commentary also cited a recent statement by Kong Le warning that if the Nationalists are not withdrawn, "measures similar to those adopted by the Burmese Government" will be taken to get rid of them.

Peiping is using the presence of Nationalist irregulars in Laos to link Communist China's national interests more closely to the Laotian crisis. This issue could be used by Peiping to justify a more active military role in Laos, and the presence of an old enemy on China's southwestern border would become a useful issue for Peiping in any international conference in which it might take part.

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Adenauer and Macmillan Talks

[Although Adenauer's talks with Macmillan produced no important decisions, they were conducted in a constructive and cordial atmosphere and can be viewed as furthering the good relations established by Macmillan's visit to Bonn last August. Adenauer's proposal that the Western European Union be utilized as a means for political consultation between Britain and the six continental Common Market nations is probably viewed by the British as a friendly gesture.]

[Adenauer's failure to give assurances of future foreign aid contributions appears to conflict with the general commitment Foreign Minister von Brentano made in Washington on 17 February for a continuing foreign aid program for under-developed countries.]

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[Over the week end, Erhard continued to stress in speeches in Cologne and Nuremberg that it is only a matter of "luck" that Bonn has nearly a billion-dollar surplus available for a special 1961 aid program and that this cannot be expected every year.]

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