

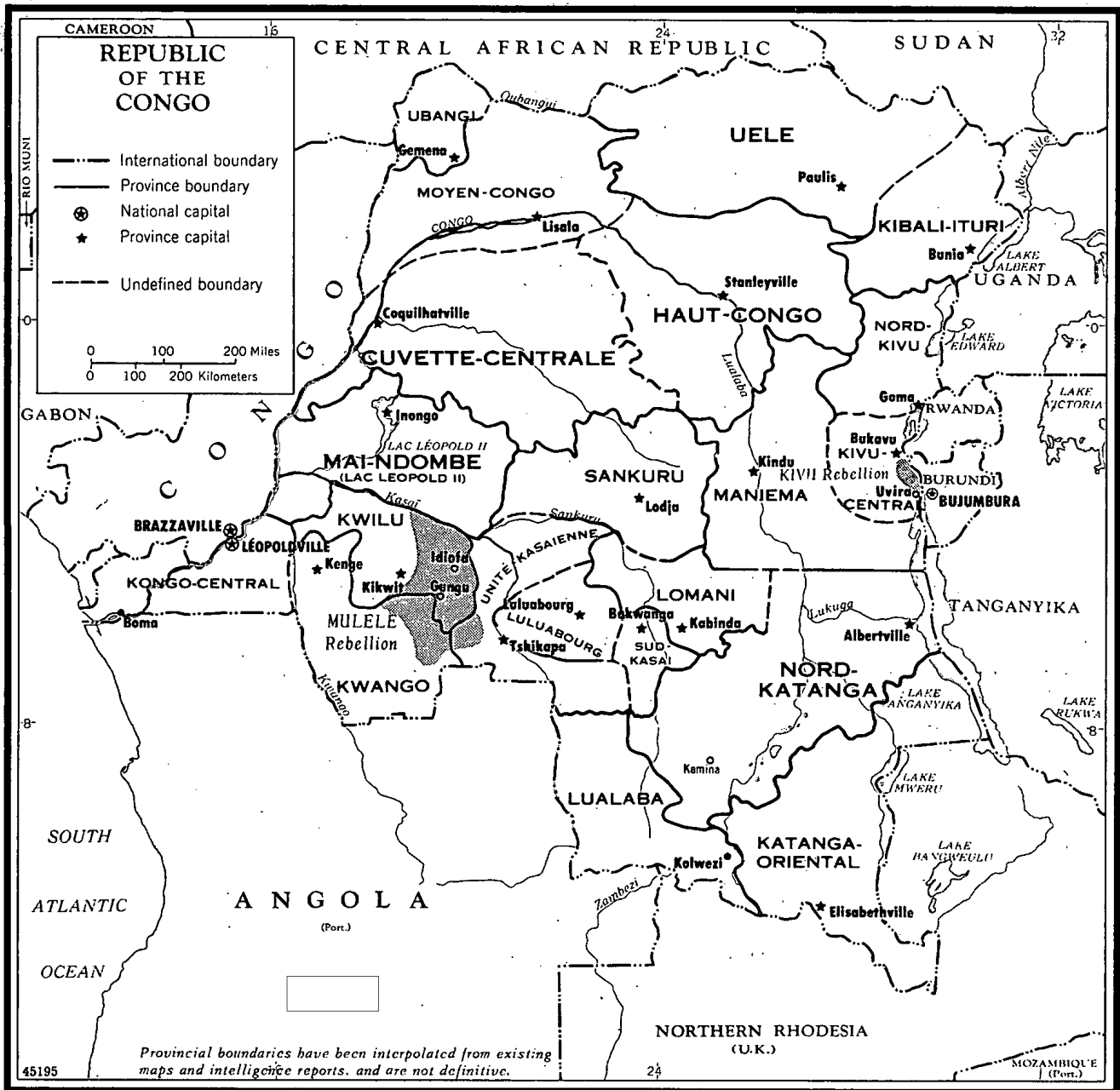
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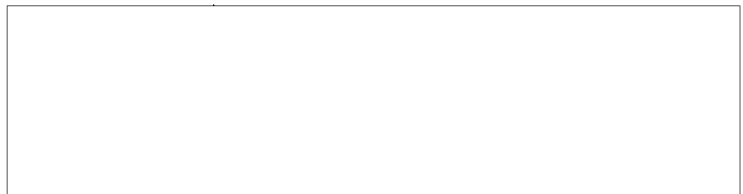


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1. Congo

a. Tshombé apparently intends to cut the Congo's ties with Holden Roberto's Angolan rebels.

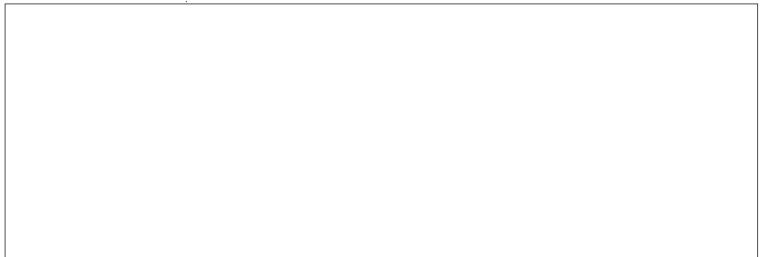
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c. Undercutting Roberto-- which would just about end his military effectiveness--will probably bring a wave of protest from other Africans. Even some of the moderate ones have supported the Angolan rebels.

d. The fireworks could come at the OAU meeting in Cairo. Both Tshombé and Roberto will be there later this week.



f. There are now reports that the rebellion in Kivu Province to the north is spreading and that Kindu, the capital of neighboring Maniema Province, is in danger.

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2. Italy

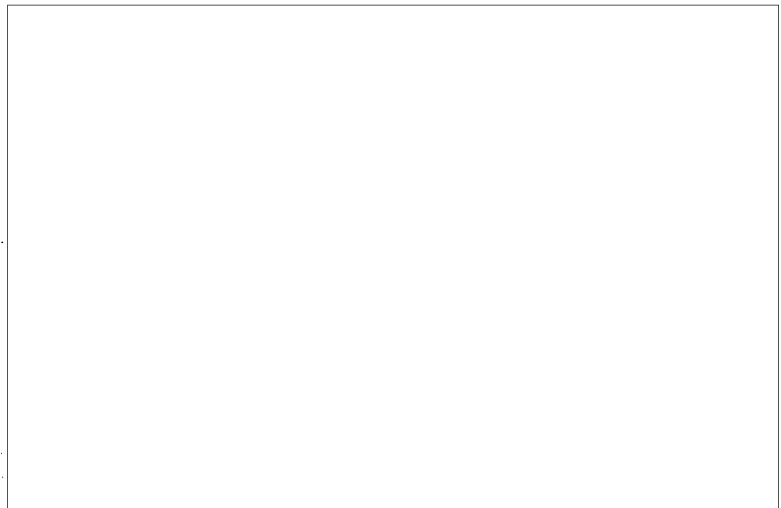
a. Moro may be about to throw in the towel.

b. The negotiations for a new center-left coalition, dragging on since 7 July, are said to have reached an impasse.

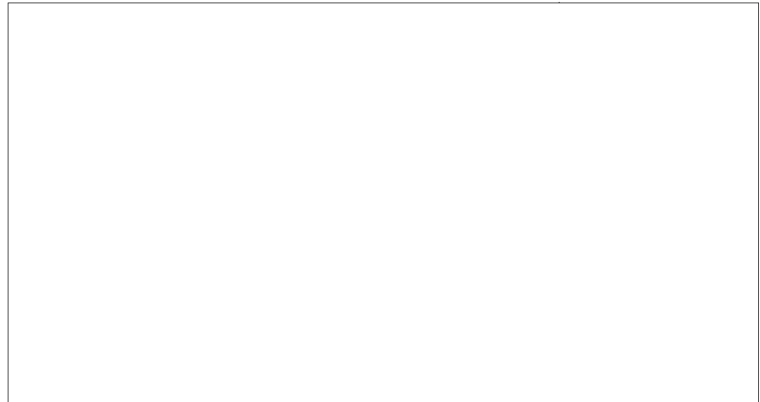
c. Moro's Christian Democrats and the Nenni socialists are at loggerheads over economic planning, city planning, and state aid to private schools.

d. Another negotiating session is scheduled for today, but Moro apparently expects no solution and is reported "almost certain" to give up.

3. Cyprus



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4. South Vietnam

a. The official statistics on Saturday's two-battalion ambush attack in Chuong Thien Province list 30 government troops killed, 91 wounded, and 19 missing. The Viet Cong lost ten killed.

b. The figures are considerably smaller than carried in press reports.

c. Another convoy was ambushed yesterday in Binh Long Province north of Saigon.

d. Three US officers were killed, along with 19 South Vietnamese, according to the preliminary report.

5. Iraq

a. In a surprise move this morning the Iraqi Government announced large-scale nationalization of private interests.

b. Prime Minister Tahir Yahya said the decree would hit all banks, insurance companies, and an assortment of factories and commercial establishments. No mention was made of Western oil interests.

c. The Iraqi business community is reported stunned, as well it might be, since President Arif had been promising to protect private capital and business.

d. With little to go on, our first thought is that the move may be intended to bring Iraq's economic policies into line with those of its union partner, Egypt. The pro-Egyptian bloc may have forced the issue over the protests of other elements in the Iraqi Government.

NOTES

- A. Cuba Cuban trade negotiators abroad have apparently been wheeling and dealing without checking with Havana. [redacted]

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- B. Cuba-Communists [redacted]
[redacted] Che Guevara [redacted]
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[redacted] is arguing the Chinese Communist line. He believes Cuba's only salvation lies in pushing revolution throughout Latin America as soon as possible. His switch has brought him into conflict with Raul Castro, who continues to be the Cuban Government's most ardently pro-Soviet leader.

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- C. Cambodia Bangkok and Saigon have started talks on renewing joint support for the Khmer Serei (Free Cambodia) rebels. The Diem regime allowed the Khmer Serei to operate from South Vietnamese territory, and a rebel radio has been broadcasting propaganda from a station in Thailand since last year.

- D. France - Communist China The French are apparently concluding some wheat deals with Communist China and are ready to supply as much as 1,000,000 tons. The Chinese have already arranged to import 5,000,000 tons of Western wheat this year and bought 5,700,000 last year. The French sold them 1,500,000 tons in 1961-62, but none last year because of a bad harvest.

- E. USSR-Canada We understand that the Soviet minister of agriculture will visit Canada within a month. He may wish to take soundings on further wheat purchases.

- F. Rumania-USSR Premier Maurer's delegation got a good hand when it appeared at the opening session of the Supreme Soviet in Moscow on 13 July. This is slim evidence, but it does suggest Rumanian-Soviet talks may be going reasonably well. We have had no other indications since the Rumanian delegation's first days in Moscow early last week.