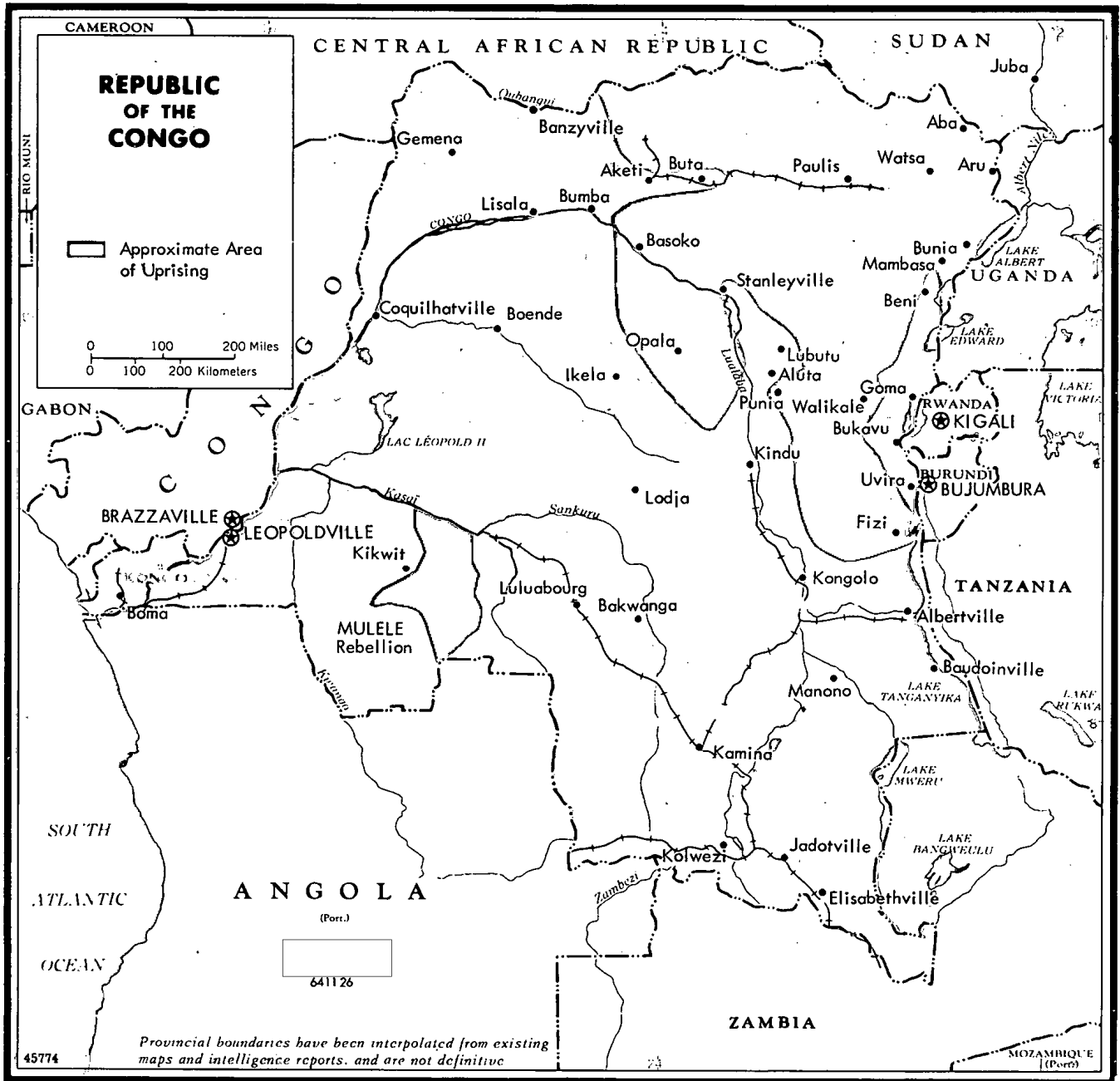


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1. Congo: Rebel resistance is stiffer than expected, with substantial numbers still fighting in and near Stanleyville. Van Der Walle does not think he can mount a major operation outside the city for several days.

The situation in Paulis is similar. The rebels are reported to have trickled back into Punia after Van Der Walle's move through. In the Uvira-Kindu-Albertville triangle, rebels may have recovered some strength.

Thus far no rebel leaders have been reported captured. They could regroup and obtain assistance from the outside.

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[redacted] an Algerian plane has made two more deliveries of arms to the rebels through Uganda and that ammunition of Chinese Communist origin is being sent through Tanganyika and Burundi.

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In various African capitals anti-US and anti-Belgian demonstrations are continuing. Moscow sent a protest note to the UN for circulation to the members but did not call for a Security Council session. [redacted]

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2. South Vietnam: Martial law has been declared in Saigon for 30 days beginning today, and the police have been put under military command.

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Johnson intends to urge Khanh to issue a statement of support.

Members of the High National Council told Johnson they still think Huong should make some changes in his government but not under "mob pressure." Tam Chau, who has recommended that the council dismiss Huong, is slated to talk with Chief of State Suu today. This may result in a decision whether to continue Buddhist demonstrations.

As Ambassador Taylor departed for Washington, both Moscow and Peiping warned the US against extending the war northward. The USSR said it could not "remain indifferent" and would give Hanoi "necessary assistance." The Chinese said they have indicated "more than once that an attack on North Vietnam is an attack on China," but they did not define what constitutes an attack.

3. UN: Secretary General U Thant is sponsoring a plan which could postpone a showdown on Article 19.

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Under the plan, the General Assembly, when it convenes on 1 December, would deal only with issues which could be approved by acclamation and would require no voting. In the meantime, a special committee would study the financing question. Response to the idea has been good but the Soviet delegate has been noncommittal.

For their part, the Soviets have proposed that a small informal committee including U Thant, Stevenson, and Federenko be set up to look into the financial problem and report before the end of this assembly or the beginning of the next.

Moscow's final response to U Thant's plan probably will not be forthcoming until Gromyko arrives in New York, but UN officials believe that some arrangement for postponing the Article 19 confrontation will be worked out.

4. USSR-MLF: Moscow is stepping up its campaign to fan Western opposition to MLF.



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5. USSR: The Soviets seem to be readying a new space venture, probably a Mars probe.

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6. Brazil: No disturbances have occurred thus far following the federal takeover of Goias state yesterday, but armed forces there and elsewhere in Brazil are alerted.

Borges, removed from the governorship, remains free. Several other "subversive" Goias officials have been arrested.

Under the constitution, the federal legislature must approve the intervention decree and will probably consider the matter this weekend. If it is rejected, the government would have to reinstate Borges, but the Branco regime believes it can win the vote.

7. Cuba: Rumors about trouble in Havana are circulating in Cuba in the wake of Castro's suspension last week of "old-line" Communist Joaquin Ordoqui.

According to the rumors, which we cannot confirm, Ordoqui's comrades are trying to take over from Castro and his neo-Communist adherents.

8. India: Kerala state could well go Communist again next February when state elections are held.

The two Communist parties there appear to be working toward an electoral alliance. The local Congress Party's ineptness and the national government's bungling of the food crisis have played into the Communists' hands. A Communist victory would be a considerable blow to Shastri.

9. Japan - Italy - Communist China:

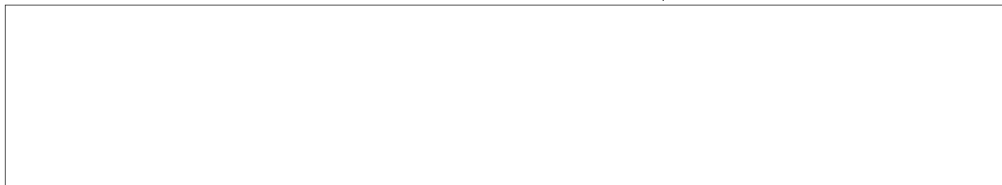
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10. Ghana-US:

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11. Hungary: Party boss Kadar, like Dej in Rumania and Novotny in Czechoslovakia, apparently is determined to continue his more independent course in relations with the bloc.



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Kadar does not appear to have altered his position as a result of his subsequent visit to Moscow.

12. Laos: Neutralist forces are hoping to launch another operation against Phou Kout hill around 2 December.

[Redacted] Our embassy in Vientiane thinks it has a fair chance to succeed this time.

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13. British Guiana: We expect a close vote on 7 December and [Redacted]

[Redacted] Jagan's party is likely to win a plurality but not a majority under the new proportional representation system. The prospective anti-Jagan coalition partners are already squabbling.

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