

3. The Secretary-General has approached other member states for specialist support as follows:

(a) *Norway* - The Norwegian Government has agreed to provide two Otter aircraft and 15 pilots and mechanics for aerial reconnaissance and communications.

(b) *Sweden* - In response to a similar request the Swedish Government will provide 14 light aircraft and 10 pilots and mechanics.

(c) *Yugoslavia* - Similarly the Yugoslav Government has agreed in principle to provide light aircraft, pilots and mechanics.

(d) *United Arab Republic* - It has been requested to provide vehicle maintenance personnel but has not replied partly because no details of the request have been made available.

4. As part of the further build-up of the Force, the Secretary-General has asked for one battalion each from Sweden, Yugoslavia and Ireland to be added to the African contingents already in the Congo. The United Nations has also made a request to Burma and Haiti, probably for contingents smaller than a battalion. Presumably the Secretary-General has moved from the first phase of building up the Force from Africa to a second phase involving non-Africans. It appears, however, that he is not making requests to NATO Powers for combat troops.

5. The Permanent Mission confirmed that the Acting Commander of the Force (Major-General Alexander) had received a note from Prime Minister Lumumba to the effect that, if the Belgian troops in the Congo were not withdrawn in three days, Lumumba would appeal to the Soviet Union for troops. This ultimatum has been sharply rejected by Dr. Bunche, who informed Lumumba that the United Nations did not receive ultimatums from member states. Apparently the Congolese Senate has criticized the Prime Minister for his action which was considered an irresponsible flirtation with the Soviet Union.

6. The situation in the Congo is by no means under control yet. On July 18 there were press reports about a clash with casualties between Moroccan troops and Congolese mutineers. However, the United Nations Force has had some success in quelling disturbances.

Airlift from Pisa to Leopoldville

7. The United Nations is having difficulty in finding aircraft for transporting supplies for the Force and other U.N. agencies operating in the Congo. A staging area has been established at Pisa, Italy. The problem is to shuttle supplies from Pisa to Leopoldville. The Secretary-General has been unable as yet to decide on the needed frequency of supply flights and he has asked the Commander for an appreciation. As an initial step, however, and before alternative arrangements are made, the United Nations will try to airlift 50,000 lbs. of freight per day. The Secretary-General has formally asked whether he could have an indication as to whether and to what extent the Government of Canada might find it possible to provide any assistance in this field.

8. I would welcome the views of Cabinet on the response which might be given to the Secretary-General as regards the matters raised in this memorandum.

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