

for UNAMIR, but made no definite commitment.

### **3 May**

Heavy fighting in Kigali as RPF steadily advances. Large refugee exodus to Tanzania under way. SG wrote to the OAU and several African troop contributors seeking suggestions for resolving the situation, and to seek troop commitments for an expanded regional presence possibly under OAU control with UN help.

The SC met and elected to take no action until the SG reports on responses to his letter and makes some specific proposals that the SC could consider. The US supported by NZ suggested a sensitization mission, but the UK and others blocked what they saw as an excuse for inaction. The SC president committed himself to consult with the Tanzanians, OAU representatives, and the RPF.

### **4 May**

UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Ayala Lasso announced his intention to undertake a mission along with Louis Joinet of the Sub-Commission, to Rwanda and Burundi. He also suggested the calling of a special session of the UNCHR and sending human rights monitors to gather information. Questions were raised as to the usefulness of a belated special session, and about the usefulness of Lasso now going on mission to Rwanda.

### **5 May**

Letter from OAU SG Salim Salim to UNSG categorically stating that the Rwanda operation should remain a UN operation, and the focus should not be on creating a new force, but on building on what was there in order to provide security to displaced persons and those delivering humanitarian assistance.

Informal SC session considered the letter of Salim Salim, and the Nigerian president of the SC Gambari, was asked to draft a letter to the UNSG asking for options directed at the security of the displaced and the delivery of foreign assistance, the draft to be discussed by the SC the next day.

### **6 May**

The SC discussed a draft resolution changing the mandate of UNAMIR and increasing the contingent to 5,500 military along with an arms embargo. Russia and the US had reservations as to the ability of the UN to pay for such an operation, and no decision was taken by the SC. They did however put forward the letter to the SG asking for options.

**9 May** SG non-paper to SC outlining possible mandate and force structure for an expanded UNAMIR

### **10 May**

RPF consolidating control of Kigali, and attempting to take control around airport and large military camp close to the airport. Mortar rounds landed in Amhoro Stadium and killed one Ghanaian soldier. No clearance for flights so Canadian aircraft turned back

Around Ngara in Tanzania there are 4 main refugee camps with a total of 262,000. Coordination being done by UNHCR, who are complaining of some NGOs arriving on the ground unannounced. Problems of water, sanitation, and food storage. US announce contribution of \$38 million to UNHCR, IFRC, and the ICRC. NGOs in Ngara include ICRC, MSF, CARE, World Vision, ZOA, GOAL, Oxfam, African Education Fund, 7th Day Adventists.

### **11 May**

The SC begins discussion of SG's response dated 9 May to the SC letter of 6 May. This non-paper set out the details of a revamped UNAMIR-A of 5,500 military with a mandate to support displaced persons and provide assistance in the provision of aid by humanitarian agencies. It would be a strong, highly mobile force, capable of self-defence, but would remain a Chapter 6 operation thus requiring the consent of the parties.