

The Congo Crisis

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. —Last week six hundred Belgian paratroopers, flown from Kamina air base in the Congo, flew into Stanleyville in American planes, piloted by American pilots and started what was called the "liberation of hostages."

The city was being marched on from two sides by Congolese soldiers spearheaded by "white mercenaries." At the same time, in Nairobi, in a neighboring state, representatives of both sides were in negotiations, along with representatives of the Organization of African Unity (OAU), in an effort to effect the release of the "hostages." Negotiations for the release had been going on for less than an hour and forty-five minutes.

As a result of this landing, hostages, estimated from 15 to 50, were killed by the defenders of the city. Nobody seems to have cared to count

the number of defenders of the city who were killed, but it is known that leading up to the fateful day, thousands of Congolese have been killed by mercenaries and Congolese soldiers.

The United States has long made loud noises about freedom and independence in Algeria and Hungary, etc., but that doesn't go for the Congo. Just for the record it should be noted that the Americans and the Belgians installed in the Congo, a few months before, their "puppet" Moise Tshombe as Prime Minister.

It is undisputed, that not one hostage was killed before the paratroopers landed. Certainly the loss of the life of even one hostage is heart-breaking, to say nothing of the loss of the life of 15 to 50. The well known Paris publication "Jeune Afrique" (Nov. 22, 1964) reports that "for every white who suc-

cumbs in the struggle, in the Congo, a hundred blacks have their throats cut."

This is as good a time as any to have an understanding about one matter. It is a good American claim that in the sight of God, all men are equal. This means that the loss of a black life in the Congo is equally as important as the loss of a white life in the Congo.

Likewise, Tshombe's murdering of Lumumba and the killing of thousands of innocent black men, women and children at his direction are just as wrong, as cruel and as vicious as was the killing of hostages by the Congolese patriots in Stanleyville.

Sugar's Bikinis !!

ROME, (UPI) — Boxer Sugar Ray Robinson and Mickey Hargitay staged a mock gladiator fight at the famed Colosseum, here last week, with three starlets to do something more substantial in the performance.

Some 200 Romans gathered in the ruins of the massive arena, enjoyed the "Contest" probably as much as their ancestors did the real thing.

Robinson, former world middleweight champion, in Rome for a fight with Italy's Sandro Bettini, wore white overalls and boxing gloves.

Muscleman Hargitay, the former husband of actress Jayne Mansfield, was dressed as a Roman gladiator and matched his wrestling abilities against Robinson's boxing skill.

Rome police ended the show by telling Robinson and Hargitay to stop it and ordering the Italian starlets to don something more substantial in the way of clothing.

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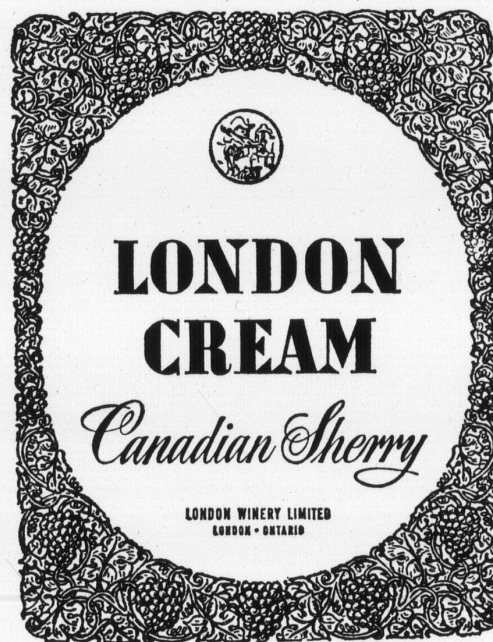
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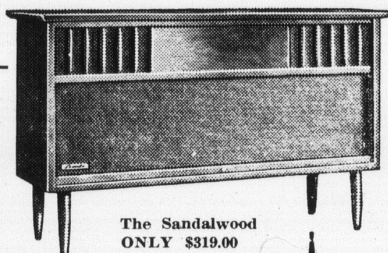
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