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CONGO CONCILIATION COMMISSION ANNOUNCES  
COMPLETION OF ITS STUDY OF SITUATION

The following press communique was issued today in Leopoldville, Republic of the Congo, by the UN Conciliation Commission for the Congo:

"The United Nations Conciliation Commission for the Congo, under the chairmanship of the representative of Nigeria and including members from Ethiopia, the Federation of Malaya, Ghana, India, Liberia, Morocco, Pakistan, Senegal, the Sudan and Tunisia, arrived in Leopoldville on 3 January 1961.

"Its task was to make a thorough study of the situation and to contribute to the conciliation of the various conflicting trends of opinion in the Congo in order to achieve a peaceful solution to the Congolese crisis.

"The Commission has now completed its task with regard to the study of the situation. On a number of occasions it lent its good offices to effect a reconciliation between the various political groups without, however, interfering in the internal affairs of the Republic.

"The numerous contacts which it has had with Congolese political leaders enabled the Commission to reach certain conclusions which it believed could lead to a solution of the crisis. It has submitted its preliminary conclusions to the United Nations Advisory Committee on the Congo. The Commission is about to leave for Geneva to prepare its final report.

"The Commission believes that a peaceful solution could soon be found which would guarantee the independence, unity and territorial integrity of the country. It is nevertheless convinced that such a satisfactory outcome is not possible as long as foreign intervention continues. It appeals to all countries and men of good will to refrain from adopting an attitude which might worsen the situation and compromise the few remaining chances of a solution.

"The Commission earnestly appeals to all Congolese to avoid all feelings of hatred and passion, to put an end to internal dissensions and fratricidal struggles and to seek that spirit of mutual understanding and self-sacrifice without which no peaceful solution can be achieved. The Commission finally appeals to the Congolese leaders and people to observe and respect fundamental human rights in resolving their political problems and differences."

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