

INTERPRETING

Lumumba's Death May Affect Africa's Future

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The immediate future of a large part of Africa depends heavily today on the reaction to the death of Patrice Lumumba.

It appears that efforts of the United States and the United Nations to develop a workable program for the former Belgian Congo have not matured in time.

Katanga Province does not admit that it arranged the killing, but its government accepts the event as an execution for which a reward will be paid.

In the eyes of Africa, this will tend to confirm the feeling that Katanga remains Belgian.

The most radical forces in the Lumumba group, already pulling strings to get the power of the Soviet Union behind their effort to rule all the country, will now benefit from newly dug wells of sympathy in many places.

Even before the killing the rough treatment of Lumumba had stirred remonstrance among numerous African groups, and in India.

Bonds of affinity had been

growing between the Lumumba group and nationalist forces in Northern Rhodesia, where the British are having trouble working out a constitution which will protect all sections of the populace, white and black, under independence later this year.

The Lumumba nationalists also have lines leading into Angola, where Portugal is having troubles.

This whole area of Africa needs little to set off widespread disorder. Unleashed tribal wars in Congo would be likely to do just that.

The Kennedy administration is reported redoubling its efforts to come up with a Congo program—both political and economic—which the United Nations could

sponsor. But before any real help can arrive the tribal forces, Belgian influences and pro-Communists may deprive the country of any sign of unity.

The Communists immediately seized on the killing report to renew their propaganda campaign about colonialism, making their own contribution to the prospect of widespread repercussions throughout Africa. To do so, they even relegated to a back seat their latest sensational success in space.

Lumumba has been a stumbling block in the path of orderly government ever since the Congo crisis developed. But to have him murdered may prove a greater defeat for the West than anything he ever did himself.



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— Sound Off —

Air Force Blues

Editor,
The Battalion:

Recently I have heard rumors of the Air Force changing the uniform to the Air Force blue. I would like to take this opportunity to speak against this proposition. I am against this change for these reasons: 1. it would cause a split in the Corps, 2. the advantages are outweighed by the disadvantages, and 3. there is no need for such a change.

Let me elaborate on these points a little. First of all a change to the Air Force blue would mean a direct split of the Corps of Cadets. The Corps could not be held as a unified body any longer. The reason I say that is because the rivalry would be much greater than what

it is at present; that it would almost be impossible to agree together on any Corps matter.

Also, the physical representation of A&M would not be in unison. This is no good. The Corps of Cadets, a set tradition, makes A&M.

Secondly, the advantages of the change would be outweighed by the disadvantages. For example, one advantage would be that the men who have contracts need not purchase their uniforms; they would be given to them upon graduation.

It's true the freshmen and sophomores would be issued a blue uniform, but what about the junior and senior cadets who do not have contracts? Their only alternative would be to buy their uniform, adding to their college expense. Another disadvantage is in the fact that the Air Force would slowly gain more control

in the Air Force ROTC at A&M. And thirdly, there is no need for such a change. There is no benefit for the Corps to make the change. As it stands now the Air Force ROTC students at A&M seem to be "holding the bag," in this respect. Texas A&M is set up and known as a military school. Being a member of said military program, the member receives certain privileges, such as contract rights. Yet, non-military, co-ed colleges who have the same program, wear their uniform twice a week, and march once a week, receive the same privileges.

It seems to be that this is an injustice to the ROTC students at A&M by the Air Force. The Air Force seems to have the idea

that all cadets in the program are in it for the pursuit of a career and that is why we need to change the uniform.

I would like to say one thing about that—"They are all wet." These three points which I have made only ask one question, which you alone can answer, "Why change Texas A&M?"

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I know all of you have important things to do in the morning like getting down to breakfast before your roommate eats the marmalade—so you really cannot be blamed for not being up with all the news in the morning papers. In today's edition therefore, I have prepared a run-up of news highlights from campuses the country over.

SOUTHERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY
Dr. Willard Hale Sigafos, head of the department of anthropology at Southern Reserve University, and international known as an authority on primitive peoples, returned yesterday from a four-year scientific expedition to the headwaters of Amazon River. Among the many interesting mementos of journey is his own head, shrunk to the size of a kumquat, refused to reveal how his head shrinking was accomplished. "That's for me to know and you to find out," he said with a tiny, but saucy grin.

NORTHERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY
Dr. Mandrill Gibbon, head of the department of zoology at Northern Reserve University, and known to young and old for his work on primates, announced yesterday that he has received a grant of \$80,000,000 for a twelve-year study to determine precisely how much fun there is in a barrel of monkeys. Whatever the results of Dr. Gibbon's researches, this is already known: What's more fun than a barrel of monkeys?

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The annual meeting of the American Philological Institute held last week at Eastern Reserve University, was called by the reading of two divergent monographs concerning origins of early Gothic "runes," as letters of primitive alphabets are called.

Dr. Tristram Lathrop Spleen, famed far and wide as the discoverer of the High German Consonant Shift, read a paper which he traced the origins of the Old Wendish rune "gr" (pronounced "krahtz") to the middle Lettic rune "gr" (pronounced "albert"). On the other hand, Dr. Richard Cumbund Twonkey, who, as the whole world knows, translated "The Pajama Game" into Middle High Bactrian, contended in his paper that the Old Wendish rune "pt" derives from Low Erse rune "mf" (pronounced "gr").

Well, sir the discussion grew so heated that Dr. Twonkey finally asked Dr. Spleen if he would like to step into the gymnasium and put on the gloves. Dr. Spleen accepted the challenge promptly, but the contest was never held because there were no gloves in the gymnasium that would fit Dr. Twonkey. (The reader is doubtless finding this hard to believe. Eastern Reserve University is celebrated the length and breadth of the land for the size of its glove collection. However, the reader is asked to remember that Dr. Twonkey has extraordinarily small hands and arms. In fact, he spent the war working in a small-arms plant, where he received the Navy "E" Awards and was widely hailed as a "manly chap.")

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