

outh Side Rebels Are Killers

LEOPOLDVILLE (AP) — The Jeunesse, the youth wing of the Congolese rebels, has taken a sadistic part in wanton killings in the strife-torn Congo.

Originally associated with various political parties, the murderous juvenile delinquents have been a problem in the Congo since it got its independence from Belgium in 1960.

Adorned with magic relics and fetish symbols, the Jeunesse (young ones) have provided the crumbling rebel military command severe disciplinary problems.

Advancing white mercenaries have found them drunk or drugged on hero. The mercenaries also granted the young ones a grudging respect.

"They believed implicitly that magic stuff about the bullets turning to water," said a South African sergeant.

"They ran straight into our guns on many occasions, shouting 'mayi, mayi, mayi' (Water, water, water!)"

Many of the Jeunesse are only eight or 10 years old. But they have proved to be among the most ruthless and sadistic killers in a ruthless and sadistic civil war.

At Kindu, they amused themselves by inventing ways of killing white hostages. "Slit that one's stomach open... cut that one's nose off and make him eat it..." shouted the youths, survivors reported.

A diplomatic report by a Western embassy in Leopoldville detailed some atrocities by the rebels in general and the Jeunesse in particular.

"Many atrocity stories are reported from Stanleyville including the barbaric public execution of the former mayor, Matabu, during which his abdomen was cut open, liver and kidneys pulled out and eaten by a rebel officer before the victim was dead."

"Several former Congolese administrators and government soldiers had gasoline poured down their throats, abdomens and stomachs slit open and then set afire," the report said.

The organized killings were arranged by local rebel authorities, usually military, and were directed against employees of the national and local administration including minor clerks, male nurses and teachers. The Jeunesse kill largely from a misguided vengeance.

"The wanton murder at Kindu of the family of Congolese army Col. Benessotti and the cold-blooded killing of the five European hostages at Boende, beside the calculated brutality performed on the former mayor of Stanleyville," were given as examples of such murders in diplomatic reports.

Congolese officials fear the Jeunesse will continue to be a problem even when the rebellion is largely crushed.

"The problem of the insurrection is political and military; the Jeunesse are a problem for anyone who is in power," said one official.

Tignish Arena Nears Completion

TIGNISH — Centennial celebrations opened early in the Western part of the province for the youth, by the Tignish Sports Recreation Association and continuing throughout the year with many celebrations are working hard to have the Centennial project of an indoor rink completed and ready for action before the year ends.

The first steps of construction of the building commenced Nov. 1 under the Winter Works program with Henry Arsenault rink building foreman. Early snow and cold weather slowed down the project for a short time, but great progress was reported by the foreman early in the week. The building housing the two main dressing rooms and canteen is nearing completion on the outside, and Tuesday saw the first steel truss erected and bolted into place.

The entire steel structure is expected to be completed by the end of the week by a large turn out of workers. The spacious building is 220 1/2 feet long by 110 1/2 feet wide, with the ice surface is 180 feet by 75 with a large spaced promenade all around. At the rear of the building there will be two large dressing rooms for visiting players and a storage room. The upper part of the front of the building will have two offices and a Trophy room. It is expected the building will be used for other purposes all year around. The construction of the north-hall and much needed building is being closely watched and much talked about by the youth of the area, who are impatient with every snow flurry.

The need for an Indoor Rink for the Tignish area has been promoted by the Sports Recreation Association for over three years, with the assistance of the Winter Works program the backing of the Village commissioners, firms and individuals and the need for a last-mile of the area can be justly proud of their achievement.

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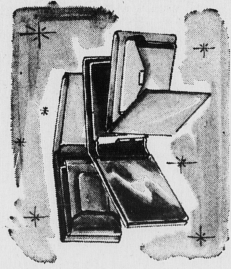
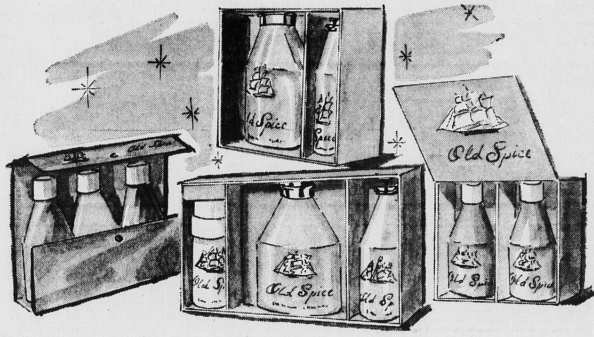
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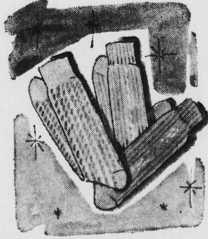
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