

History Sees Rescue Mission As Aggressive Imperialist Plot

The Associated Press world spotlight focuses this week on African nationalism's quarrel with Premier Thombé of the Congo, Willy Brandt's plans for leading Ludwig Erhard in the 1965 West German federal election and dissatisfaction in Panama over the Canal treaty with the United States.

LONDON (AP)—In most African history books, the Belgian-American rescue mission to the Congo probably will be called an aggressive imperialist plot and an act of treachery by Moise Tshombe against the African people.

The lexicon of African nationalism makes Patrice Lumumba martyred hero and Thombé an enemy. Belgian and American efforts to put the Congo on

its feet are judged rampant imperialism.

President Charles de Gaulle will make no new friends in Africa by receiving Thombé as he did in Paris last week.

Among such African leaders as Ahmed Ben Bella of Algeria, Kwame Nkrumah of Ghana and Abdel Gamal Nasser of Egypt there can be no redemption for Moise Thombé.

These are the leaders whose voices are heard loudest and clearest in the Organization of African Unity. Not many African leaders dare speak against them in the organization.

Many Africans blame Thombé for Lumumba's death in 1961. He was deposed as the Congo's premier, arrested and sent to Katanga province, where Thombé was leading a secessionist movement. The facts about Lumumba's death have never been satisfactorily explained.

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African Negro nationalists also hold it against Thombé that he has always maintained close relations with the so-called imperialist bloc — with the Belgians, with Roy Welensky of Rhodesia and, in recent months, with the United States.

The leading nationalists of Africa do not accept Thombé as the legal head of the Congolese government although he has installed formally under the President's new constitution by President Joseph Kasavubu, they accept Kasavubu, not Thombé.

The Congo is the most strategically placed country in the campaign against white rule in southern Africa. The leaders of this campaign do not see in

will stand with them to the bitter end in such a campaign.

KARLSRUHE, West Germany — The opposition Social Democrats under West Berlin Mayor, Willy Brandt, are set to win next September's general election by offering the West German voters more an echo than clear-cut choice.

This was made clear at the party's five-day congress in this upper Rhineland city.

The Social Democrats are convinced that the way to win power in Bonn is to offer more close relations with the so-called imperialist bloc — with the Belgians, with Roy Welensky of Rhodesia and, in recent months, with the United States.

It is a far cry from previous election tactics of this party, which for years offered an un-mistakable choice — and got set it. In the coalition he has shipped industry, rejection of West Germany's role in NATO and other policies that set it off from the Christian Democrats under Konrad Adenauer.

After being held to about one-third of the total vote in 1949, 1953 and 1957, the Social Democrats did a complete about-face for the 1961 election, when alone deserve to govern. They

seek to discredit the Free Democrats with the aim of capturing their supporters in 1965.

Erhard also has to contend with opposition in his own party led by Adenauer, still a powerful figure. Adenauer is strongly pro-French and repeatedly attacks his successor, who is pro-American, on foreign policy.

The result is that Erhard often looks as if he is unable to rule his own party, let alone the country. This makes Brandt and the Social Democrats optimistic.

PANAMA (AP)—The future of peace in Panama hangs heavily on how far the United States will go in revising the Panama Canal treaty—and in how much the traditional ruling forces want to do for their country.

Developments in the troubled little country since last January's violence in the Canal Zone support this conclusion.

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