

CONGO REFUGEES IN RHODESIA
+ ELIZABETHVILLE COVERAGE =

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Reel ONE. Arrival of panic stricken EUROPEAN refugees from KATANGA province of the Belgian Congo into reception Centre at KITWE Northern Rhodesian border town. Families arrived carrying the barest necessities.

All voluntary workers including RED CROSS did yeoman service tending to all needs.

Introductory visit of KITWE town + names board to Congo + South

Many vehicles arrived with shattered windcreens broken by stone throwing + rifle fire during exodus from Elizabethville

Reel 2 Great household necessities carried in vehicles. Further shattered windcreens - Further north at the border post of KASUMBALESA Rhodesian customs officials accept Congo refugees + rifles + ammunition for safekeeping until their possible return to the Congo. Members of the order of the WHITE SISTERS mission attend to needs of hungry refugees.

Women + children wandering around at border post still dazed at ~~the~~ turn of events in Congo + undecided as to their next move.

Reel 3 Rhodesian POLICE units (EUROPEAN + AFRICAN) on border patrol at ports.

Scene of BELGIAN paratroopers with armoured vehicle who have just escorted refugees from Elizabethville to the N. Rhodesian border post

Police posts and police on duty
refugee car convoys on way south

CAMERA TAKE-UP - TROUBLE - THIS REEL IS FORGOTTEN TO SOME EXTENT

Reel 4

The road from the border (N. Rhodesia) to ELIZABETHVILLE - cars being escorted on way south. Highway patrol

Entrance to Elizabethville
rifle + burst of our shops (EUROPEAN owned) in the African trading area.

Burst out vehicles
Elizabethville newspaper headlines mentioning the secession of KATANGA province as a separate state.

PALACE of JUSTICE buildings grimly deserted

Leaf 4

Streets of Elizabethville gravely deserted
due to exodus of most EUROPEANS
to N. Rhodesia. Men walks by from
the mission.

African (CONGOLESE) RED CROSS TROOPS
in truck.

Refugees from points in North of PROVINCE
gathered at the Elizabethville ^{BOYS} COLLEGE
assembly point under the protection
of Belgian PARATROOPERS

Scenes of refugees in cars/trucks etc
& awaiting further news.

Further scenes at assembly point.

PARATROOPERS in control of situation
most of these refugees had arrived
from JADOVILLE in the north where
the entire town was razed to
ground and all possessions completely
lost.

WHITE FATHER PRIEST talking to
Congolese Africans.

POLICE STATION scene of armed loyal
Congolese police

Scene of LEO DEUX hotel in centre of Leopoldville.

6/ Leo Deux (Leopold II) hotel scene.
Centre of town comparatively deserted.
Post office scene. Cafe boarded up.
Check point (Belgian paratroopers)
in street. Paratroopers interrogating
Africans in centre of Leopoldville.

Local shop scenes — closed & boarded
up. Burnt out car near African
shopping area. Italian consul killed
when car set alight.

Catholic Priests cycling in area
quite undisturbed.

Burnt & looted European owned
African shopping area.

7/ looted shop scenes in African ^{~1/29}
trading area — odd picnics venturing
out in street

