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TROOPS TO AFRICA.

The Irish Republic's 32nd Battalion was going overseas. Premier Lemass and other V.I.P.s watched as the 650 officers and men marched past the General Post Office. The Battalion was on its way to join the United Nations force now being assembled in the Congo.

From Baldonnel military airfield they were flown to their destination, by way of France and Libya. The United States supplied the aircraft. That the Irish Republic is contributing to the International army has given tremendous satisfaction throughout Eire.

Meanwhile, from the Wiltshire airfield, airlifts were in full swing to another trouble spot in Africa, Kenya. There, the Mau Mau is threatening again, and if that deadly nettle isn't quickly grasped another rebellion may break out.

The business of the Duke of Wellington's Regiment, and other British forces assembling in Kenya will be to make it clear, by their presence, that this time the legal authorities can't be flouted with any hope of success.

Major General Harrington and Brigadier Jackson watched the embarkation.

Now even Southern Rhodesia, hitherto free from racial disturbance, is feeling the blast of change. Incensed by unemployment and the arrest of some coloured leaders, natives in Bulawayo went on the rampage even destroying shops and houses belonging to people of their own race.

Sullen watchers saw the firm steps taken to restore order and maintain it. Local opinion is that the rioting in the Congo has sparked off the attempt to use the same methods in Bulawayo. Fortunately in Southern Rhodesia the authorities are in control. Still, if the present unrest is allowed to grow, there's no knowing what could happen.

It is in the interests of all, coloured people no less than white, that a general flare-up in Africa be avoided at all costs. All people genuinely peace minded strive for a quick return to order in all the countries where security is threatened.