
A Inventory of the Etat major général records

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Conseil national de libération (Congo) Commandement des forces armées populaires. Etat major général records, 1959-1988

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Abstract: Includes materials such as government records, correspondence, reports, orders, battle plans, and lists; all relating to military and political aspects of a rebellion in the Kwilu region of the Congo in 1964. Materials were collected and organized by Herbert F. Weiss, a scholar and professor of the City University of New York. Also includes indexes and summaries created by Weiss. The collection is also available on microfilm (21 reels).

Physical location: Hoover Institution Archives

Languages: Languages represented in the collection: FreLik

Access

The collection is open for research

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Acquisition Information

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Alternative Forms of Material Available

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Biography / Administrative History

The Kwilu Rebellion

The recently independent Belgian Congo (now Democratic Republic of Congo) experienced a wave of unrest in 1964, sparked by a rebellion in its Kwilu province under the leadership of Pierre Mulele. In the Kwilu province, a solid group of Mulele followers formed among members of his own ethnic group, the Mbunda, as well as among Antoine Gizenga's kinsmen, the Pende, both of whom had long been the target of government repression.

The Kwilu rebellion began in January 1964, when Mulelist insurgents attacked government outposts, mission stations, and company installations. Troops were immediately sent to the area, and by April a measure of stability had been restored to the area. However, the rebels did establish control over an entire region for a period of nearly two years, ending in December 1965. The initial success of Mulelism

encouraged a series of further uprisings, which brought the central government to the brink of collapse.

Although the Kwilu rebellion was ultimately reduced by a combination of military force and regional economic stagnation and thus failed in its objective, it has attracted considerable scholarly attention because it illustrates the origination and evolution process of social movements in the postwar third world.

Additional Sources:

Hermann Kinder and Werner Hilgemann, *The Anchor Atlas of World History*, 2, Garden City, New York, 1978, p. 268.

Mark Traugott, "The Economic Origins of the Kwilu Rebellion," *Comparative Studies in Society and History*, Vol. 21, No. 3. (Jul., 1979), pp. 459-479.

Renee C. Fox, Willy de Craemer, and Jean-Marie Ribucaucourt "The Second Independence: A Case Study of the Kwilu Rebellion in the Congo (in Millennial Overtones in Rebellion)," *Comparative Studies in Society and History*, Vol. 8, No. 1. (Oct., 1965), pp. 78-109.

Scope and Content of Collection

Includes materials such as government records, correspondence, reports, orders, battle plans, and lists; all relating to military and political aspects of a rebellion in the Kwilu region of the Congo in 1964. Materials were collected and organized by Herbert F. Weiss, a scholar and professor of the City University of New York.

The Kwilu Rebellion documents were collected by Weiss after the materials were abandoned by a section of the Conseil national de libération (CNL) general headquarters unit near Gungu towards the end of 1964 or early 1965. A majority of the documents are dated in the spring and summer of 1964, the period of the highest amount of rebel activity. Documents created by the rebellion were individually numbered when filed and originally kept bound into rolls with bits of flexible root. Some papers were held together with handmade wood needles. The documents were created in the local language, Likeleve, and French. Included are Weiss' translations into French of these documents.

The records contain additional Kwilu administration documents, generally government documents, correspondence, and reports, arranged chronologically in two groups, general documents and specific subject related documents.

Additional translations into French, summaries, and indexes of the original Kwilu Rebellion documents and some Kwilu Administration documents, created by Weiss are also available. Additional materials included were given to Weiss by Professor Benoit Verhaegen, another noted academic working on aspects of the Kwilu Rebellion.

Bundundu Government documents were collected by Weiss in 1972 with the backing of the State/Party, the MPR, for use in a more general analysis of the Province than the focused Kwilu Documents. The documents from various levels of the administration (colonial and post-colonial) focused on the province (Leopoldville Province until shortly after independence and later variously Kwilu Province and Bandundu Province) where the Kwilu Rebellion occurred.

Sound recordings include interviews with individuals involved in the Kwilu Rebellion, Constant N'dom, Felix Mukulubundu, and W. Mwatha. Constant N'dom, a high-school student when the Kwilu Rebellion broke out, was recruited and assigned to the Direction Générale, the highest administrative organ of the rebellion. After the rebellion, he married and moved to Belgium, later returning. In 2006 elections, he joined the opposition to J. Kabila and was elected member of Parliament from the Kwilu region. The late Felix Mukulubundu came from the Kwilu, where he actively participated in the CNL. He was assigned to head a training camp for Congo partisans located not far from Brazzaville, a project that was rapidly abandoned. Thus, Mukulubundu never actively participated in the rebellion in the Congo.

Arrangement

The collection has generally been kept in the original order of the creator.

Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in Stanford University's online catalog.

Subjects

Kwilu region (Congo)--History.

Congo (Democratic Republic)--History.

Weiss, Herbert F.

Kwilu Rebellion documents, in numbered sequence, 1964.

Scope and Content Note

Documents about the Kwilu rebellion, abandoned by a section of the Rebellion's general headquarters unit. Includes translations in French of selected documents. In numbered sequence, although not all numbers are present in the documents

Box/Folder: 1 : 1	"Les partisans au Kwilu: Analyse des origines sociales des membres et cadres des équipes de base" and "Kwilu Rebellion Documents", by Herbert Weiss, undated
Box/Folder: 1 : 2-11	1-0688, 0790-1000
Box/Folder: 2 : 1-12	1001-1618, 2000-2645
Box/Folder: 3 : 1-10	3000-4000
Box/Folder: 4 : 1-9	4001-4685, 4700-5000
Box/Folder: 5 : 1-9	5000-5796
Box/Folder: 6 : 1	Kwilu Rebel équipe Lists, circa 1960.
	Scope and Content Note
	Missing numbers from previous files may be found here. File includes various numbers from 0183-5647.
Box/Folder: 6 : 2-7	Translations into French, documents 0001-2296
Box/Folder: 7 : 1-12	Translations into French, documents 2301-5682

Kwilu Administration documents, 1959-1966.

Scope and Content Note

Generally government documents, correspondence, and reports. Arranged chronologically in two groups, general documents and specific subject related documents. Some materials are numbered and correspond to the card files below

Box/Folder: 7 : 13	undated, 1959-1966
Box/Folder: 7 : 14	1960-1963
Box/Folder: 7 : 15	1964
Box/Folder: 8 : 1	1965-1966.
	Scope and Content Note
	Numbered 6001-6085
Box/Folder: 8 : 2-5	1965-1972.
	Scope and Content Note
	Numbered G65-G72
Box/Folder: 8 : 6-10	Photocopied documents, government documents regarding rebellion, 1964.
	Scope and Content Note
	Numbered B97-B256
Box/Folder: 8 : 11-12	Kwilu Idiofa (territory) administrative reports, 1960-1961
Box/Folder: 8 : 13-14	Rebellion, 1960-1964
Box/Folder: 9 : 1-2	Early rebellion, 1963
Box/Folder: 9 : 3	David J. Yongo, 1963-1966.
	Scope and Content Note
	Numbered Q1-Q33
Box/Folder: 9 : 4-5	Rebellion, 1964-1965
Box/Folder: 9 : 6-7	Administration and Church, 1964-1966

Indexes and Card files, undated, 1979.

Scope and Content Note

Summary abstracts on cards of both the Kwilu Rebellion Documents and some Kwilu Administration Documents created by Herbert Weiss. Also includes an unused attempt to categorize the content of the documents by computer program reports. Arranged in numerical sequence, although not all numbers are present in the documents

Box/Folder: 9 : 8-9

Indexes and Computer Reports, undated

Scope and Content Note

Weiss' attempt to categorize the content of the documents by computer program reports, and other miscellany, eventually unused.

Tape_cabinet Tape
cabinet

Data tape, 1979

Card files, undated

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2101-4000
4001-5500
5501-5796
6001-6085
ADM IA 1 - IA 23
ADM B1-B256
ADM Q1-Q32

Professor Benoit Verhaegen Kwilu materials, circa 1962-1966.

Scope and Content Note

Sources, interviews and miscellany collected from Verhaegen, author of *Rébellions au Congo, Vol 1 & 2* (CRISP, Brussels, 1969). Arranged by physical form

Box/Folder: 9 : 10-11

Kwilu Administration sources, circa 1962-1966

Box/Folder: 9 : 12

Interviews and miscellany

Bandundu Province Government Documents, 1956-1959.

Scope and Content Note

Documents from various levels of the Administration (colonial and post-colonial) focused on the province (Leopoldville Province until shortly after independence and later variously Kwilu Province and Bandundu Province) where the Kwilu Rebellion occurred.

Box/Folder: 13 : 1	1956-1959
Box/Folder: 13 : 2-3	1961-1962
Box/Folder: 13 : 4-5	1965-1966
Box/Folder: 14 : 1-2	1965-1966
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Box/Folder: 14 : 5-6	1967-1968
Box/Folder: 14 : 7-8	1969
Box/Folder: 14 : 9-10	1970
Box/Folder: 14 : 11-12	1971
Box/Folder: 14 : 13	1972

Sound Recordings, 1975, 1980-1988.

Scope and Content Note

Interviews of Constant N'dom, assigned to the Direction Générale, the highest administrative organ of the rebellion, and Felix Mukulubundu, who actively participated in the CNL and was assigned to head a training camp for Congo partisans. Arranged alphabetically by interviewee, then chronologically with notations from original labels. Arranged alphabetically by interviewee, then chronologically with notations from original labels

Box/Folder: 15

Interviews of Constant N'dom, 1975, 1988.

Weiss N'Dom, undated

N'Dom, 1975 July 5.

Scope and Content Note

Program on side A seems to be recorded over a recording of a lesson on "The Changing Nature of American Politics". Applicable program on this side lasts about twenty minutes. Side B is dictation for letters on culture. In English.

Comments on "F", Doc Ser. A, 1988 July

Scope and Content Note

(2 cassettes)

N'Dom Weiss Tape 3, 1988 July 26

N'Dom Doc G, 1988 October

N'Dom "Conflicts" 7/18/89, 1989 July 18

N'Dom 7/25/89, DG replies continued

N'Dom 1989 July 20 and 1989 July 24

N'Dom July 28, 89, DG, N'Dom DG docs. 7/31/89

N'Dom/Weiss discussion for September 1989

Box/Folder: 15

Interviews of Felix Mukulubundu, 1984.

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Mukulubundu, 1984 April 5

Mukulubundu 1984 December 17-18

Scope and Content Note

(4 cassettes, recorded on both sides) Taped interview with Felix Mukulubundu in French.

Box/Folder: 15

Interview W. Mwatha BX 6/30/75, Warren Weinstein Human rights 12/80, 1975 June 30, 1980 December.

Scope and Content Note

Side A: Interview with Mwatha; Side B: Warren Weinstein, human rights