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CONGO CRISIS  
BELIGAN EMBASSY STORMED IN CAIRO

The United Arab Republic makes the most of Patric Lumumba's assassination. In Cairo, a demonstration in mourning for the slain former Premier of the Congo turns into a destructive riot. Carrying banners accusing United Nations Secretary General Hammarskjold and the Western Powers of complicity in Lumumba's death, the demonstrators march on the Belgian Embassy. Belgium, former colonial ruler of the Congo, gets the heaviest blame for the Congo's troubles since independence last July. The building is pelted with stones. A car is destroyed..... The rioters also attack the U.S. and British Embassies, as well as U.N. offices in town. The car continues to burn. The United Arab Republic, which hopes to play a key role in Africa, is among the first to recognize a Lumumba supporter, Antoine Gizenga, as new Premier of the Congo. The Soviet bloc does likewise. The U.S. continues its backing of President Joseph Kasavubu, whose government was recognized by a vote of the U.N. General Assembly in November. There is cautious hope that the opposing sides may agree to some compromise.