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The Congo and Kenya.

In his speech at the closing session of the General Congress of the National Union on July 16, President Nasser spoke, inter alia, about Kenya and the Congo.

2. Nasser said that a campaign of lies was being spread by news agencies expressing the views of imperialists and Zionists designed to make the world believe that the newly independent States of Africa could not shoulder their responsibilities, and that aggression was taking place against the white man in the Congo.
3. Such reports were false. The news agencies did not, for example, mention the acts of brutality, murder and torture which were taking place against the people of Kenya. Nor did they mention the emergency regulations, martial law and violation of all political rights in Kenya. The news agencies acted in this way because they wished to leave with a free hand those who were acting with brutality in Kenya and who were imprisoning Kenyan nationalists.
4. Before the recent events in the Congo, colonialist and Zionist misrepresentation of facts had begun. However, free world public opinion saw through this conspiracy and hastened

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to the rescue of the Congolese people.

5. The United Arab Republic understood the value of the maintenance of the cause of freedom and truth. Egypt had been attacked in 1956, but free world opinion in freedom loving countries, in African and Asian countries, in socialist countries and in the Soviet Union, had stood by Egypt and had not been deluded by imperialist and Zionist propaganda.

6. The United Arab Republic supported the Congolese cause of freedom. It was a cause which affected the United Arab Republic. If freedom was stifled in the Congo freedom throughout the world would always be threatened. As a free Afro-Asian country the United Arab Republic was ready to make any effort to help the Congo safeguard and defend its independence. If requested, the United Arab Republic would supply the Congo Government with arms.

Foreign Office please pass Washington and UKM's New York as my telegrams Nos. 40 and 32. respectively.

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