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Summary of information transmitted by the Government of Belgium 1/

In accordance with paragraph 4 (b) of General Assembly resolution 218 (III) the Secretary-General has prepared the following summary showing such changes in statistics and such other appreciable changes as have occurred in the year under consideration, together with relevant statistics for the previous two years. The summary supplements the full summary of information transmitted during 1952, which is contained in $ST/TRI/SER.A/7/Add.1^{2/}$.

The present summary deals with information transmitted in respect of the Belgian Congo.

The following symbols are used in this document:

(...) Information not available.

(-) Nil or negligible quantity.

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^{1/} This summary is also submitted to the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories.

^{2/} United Nations: Non-Self-Governing Territories; summaries and analyses of information transmitted to the Secretary-General during 1952, Vol. II, 1953.

BELGIAN CONGO

Area

2,343,930 square kilometres

Population

		1951	1952	1953
Indigenous		11,595,494	11,788,711	12,02 6,159
Non-indigenous			76,764	
White A si an Black Mixed descent Unknown	66,078) 929) 1,114) 1,076) 7)	69,204		86,688) 1,330) 2,243) 91,209 948)
. Tota	ıl	11,662,698	11,865,475	12,117,368

ECONOMIC CONDITIONS

All sectors of the economy of the Belgian Congo continued to develop in 1953. The increases in mining output and the output of vegetable products are particularly noteworthy. The processing industry has been diversified and is still expanding. The hydro-electric equipment programme has been continued and the extension of the electricity network has made it possible to accelerate the rate of economic development.

The increase in the purchasing power of the population as a whole is resulting in a steady expansion of the sale of consumer goods.

Foreign trade continued at a satisfactory level although the year was one of adjustment to the more normal conditions now prevailing on the international market.

PRINCIPAL AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

		Area cultivated (in hectares)				l producti sands of 1	
1.	Grown by indigenous inhabitants	1950	1951	1952	1950	1951	1952
	Cassava	720,852	723,791	581,424	6,250	6,203	6,721
	Maize	332,573	335 , 144	349,365	333	310	302
	Bananas (plantains)	160,077	163 ,9 28	1 9 4,758	1,488	1,537	1,810
	Groundnuts	250,758	277,337	299,173	165,	160	195
	Cotton	328 , 543	344,952	363,421	138.4	133.4	158.3
	Paddy	152 , 622	157,036	162,578	147	145.4	169.6
	Beans, peas	79 , 718	85,358	119,623	42,	44.7	81
	Sorghum, millet, eleusine	78,294	81,018	80,441	49,-7	38,6	20.2
	Sweet potatoes .	57,916	59,310	58,356	370.8	380.3	356,•5
	Sesame	18,480	19,617	23,049	6.2	5•5	5.4
	Elaeis	53,162	55,442	61,201	(Palm oi	l and kerr	nels)
	Palm oil	-	-	-	28.1	25.1	7-9
	Palm kernels	-	-	-	65.1	64.35	43.2
	Rubber	19,090	17,809	20,230	0,18		0.75
	Urena lobata	21,901	22,672	20,887	21,1	23.9 ^a /	15.5
	Potatoes	2,463	2,763	2,992	17.6	16,6	17.2
	Coffee	5,048	7,094	8,530	1.2	· 1•4	1.3
	Cacao	411	485	545	-	-	-

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a/ Total figure for Urena and Punga.

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	-	Area cultivated (in hectares)			Annual production (in thousands of tons)		
2.	Grown by Europeans	1950	1951	1952	1950	1951	1952
	b/ Elaeis—	108,883	110,911	106,924	-	-3 0 0	. –
	Palm oil	-	-	~	152.5	166,•4	162.5
	Palm kernels		- 1	-	63.3	72.8	66,3
	Rubber	58,512	56 ,9 58	55,843	9.0	12.4	16,2
	Coffee	56,379	61, 582	64,172	19.•5	19.9	19,•4
	Cacao	17,939	18,356	16,786	1.8	2,1	2.1
	Cinchona	6,078	6,230	5,909	1,.8	1.9	1,6
	Bananas (table)	7 , 274	8,338	10,355	12.1	18.6	21,•5
	Sugar	2,941	4,276	3,085	12,9	14.3	15.7
	Pyrethrum	2,938	2,868	3,173	0.69	0.67	1,.0
	Tea	1,147	1,474	1,821	0.18	0,2	0.28

b/ Excluding the following acreages of natural palm groves which have been commercially exploited: (hectares) 1950: 50,450; 1951: 52,217; 1952: 58,165.

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Principal Types of Livestock

	N	lumber	of he	ad	Numb	er slaugh	tered
European farmers	1950	19	951	1952	1950	1951	1952
Cattle	270,673	301	7,159	327, 210	33,779	36,219	45,387
Sheep and goats	33,162	29	9,861	34,514	6,655	8,184	5,058
Swine	30,111	33	3,647	33,911	24,615	24,325	23,741
Indigenous stock fa	rmers						
Cattle	<i>393,074</i>	հոր	7,492	431,792	52,436	48,804	46,567
Sheep and goats				1,813,147	-	128,238	141,978
Swine	145,857	• •	7,630	226,622	•	r	26,429
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		Lives	stock	products			
	Annual	produc	ction	(in kilogra	ammes)		
European stock farm	ers			1950	1951	· 19	52
Cattle (wgt. in kg	- anno a thirdinana	of)			L2,178,950		
Sheep and			-				• • •
goats (" " "			l	64,765	234,735	146	,377
Swine (" " "	1 11 11 S	')	1,6	15,710	1,992,460	1,957	,010
Milk			8,1	07,548	4,046,577	4,817	,552
Butter			4	01,207	481,196	460	,372
Cheese			1	62,797	64,018	67	,669
Hides			1	.59,735	165,400	200	,540
<u>Indigenous stock</u> ra	rmers						
Cattle (wgt. in k	g. on the h	noof)	8,3	88,400	14,186,400	13,374	,120
Sheep and goats ("""	r († 11	11)		6 R R	3,781,808	4,183	.726
Swine ("""	i të të	tt)	7	53,400	1,507,260	1,711	•
Milk				82,200	4,783,611	4,077	•
Butter				46,926	57,006		;,088
Cheese				1,850	4,600	-	,
Hides			6	597,200	576,638	506	,370
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FISH

Annual production of fresh fish by organized and controlled fisheries (in tons)

	1950	1951	1952
Fresh water fish	34,500	37,324	47,899
Salt water fish	-	-	300

Principal forestry products

Annual production

	1950	<u>1951</u>	1952
Lumber			
(a) Total volume felled (in cubic metres)	453,893	537,927	543,382
(b) Exported (in cubic metres)	102,048	127,560	89,773
Firewood (in steres)	5,495,061	4,322,380	5,040,493
Mine timber (in linear metres)	2,212,749	2,043,637	2,200,529

<u>Mines</u> Annual production (in tons)

	1951	<u>1952</u>	<u>1953^{a/}</u>
Copper	191,959	205,749	214,150
Coal	217,900	252,885	315,198
Zinc concentrates	172,216	189,388	242,120
Cassiterite	14,961	14,803	• • •
Manganese	70,945	127,978	216,626
Granulated cobalt and cobalt alloys	5,715	6,831	8,278
Wolfram	119	164	190
Tantalo-columbite	80	. 75.3	234
Silver	118	147	155
Cadmium	24	21	32
Gold (refined) ^{b/}	10,799	11,348	11,361
Industrial diamonds ^{C/}	10,027,015	11,013,904	12,016,198
Diamonds for jewellery ^{c/}	537,740	594,924	584,072
<u>a/</u> Provisional figures. b/ Kilogrammes.			

b/ Kilogram c/ Carats.

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Power

	1950	1951	1952
Installed power (total) (public power stations and			
private power stations)	• • •	• • •	243
Including hydro-electric power	153	156	167

Number of Industrial Undertakings

	1951	1952	<u>1953^a/</u>
Type of industry			
Food processed			
Dairy products (milk, butter and cheese) Breweries and lemonade factories Rice mills	227 36 120	227 43 132	227 45 132
Mechanical and manual oil extraction plants Fish processing Flour mills Miscellaneous (meat, coffee, hotels, refrigeration plants	520 206 77	465 209 124	465 296 105
etc.)	518	602	• • •
Metals			
Smelters and foundries Metal containers	17 11	17 13	•••
Textiles			
Cotton ginneries Clothing factories Textile mills	85 42 4	83 63 5	42 4
Chemicals			
Explosives Chemical products Varnish and paints Soap factories	3 10 4 69	2 14 4 66	2 14 5 66
\underline{a} / Provisional figures.	•		

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Number	r of Industria	al Undertakin	<u>gs</u> (cont'd,)	
		1951	1952	<u>1953^a/</u>
Other industries				
Cement plants Lime kilns Rubber Pyrethrum Shipyards		2 57 80 6 21	2 65 81 4 . 19	3 65 81 . 4 19
<u>a</u> / Provisional figures.				
	Principal Inc	dustrial Prod	ucts	
•	Unit	<u>1951</u>	1952	<u>1953^a/</u>
Cement Lime Fibro-cement Metal Drums Paints and varnishes Textiles Bedding Bags Shoes Sugar Beer Soap	Tons Tons Metric tons Units Tons Metres Units Units Pairs Tons Hectolitres Tons	204,921 66,501 2,622,000 940,458 807 40,000,000 1,117,000 3,884,000 824,183 14,165 478,501 14,706	239,922 83,137 2,846,946 1,085,000 606 45,000,000 1,250,000 1,250,000 1,027,060 15,413 646,203 14,976	260,000 85,000 2,800,000 1,000,000 900 50,000,000 1,250,000 1,020,000 1,020,000 15,000 15,000

a/ Provisional figures.

Transport and Communications

						Tra	affic		,	ian
		gth of ne kilometre		-	senger Tra ssenger-k	affic ilometres)		onnage carr ton-kilomet		Congo
	1950	<u>1951</u>	1952	<u>1950</u>	1951	1952	1950	1951	1952	õ
Roads	114,355	117,436	.119,891	• • •		17,235	19,080	23,110	25,880	
Railways	4,634	4,634	4,634	177,933	209,223	210,000	1,756,770	2,091,406	2,060,000	
Inland waterways	11,877	11,877	11,877	126,069	Passenge: 144,120	<u>•••</u>	1,016	$\frac{\text{Tons}}{1,735}$		
Air	25,000	0 * •	43,966	37,198	47,010	56,912	2,051,175	3,717,088	lometres 5,704,059	
Sea		-					2,198,052	<u>Tons</u> 2,571,445	2,607,196	

(Import-Export)

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Tonnage	handled
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Ports	1950	1951	1952	
Matadi	885,361	1,054,761	1,349,822	
Boma	120,787	156,940	143,566	
Communications	1950	1951	1952	1953
Postal services (offices)	168	179	183	190
Telephone (areas se	rved) 25	. 27	28	31
Telegraph (offices)	•,•,•	• • •	181	181
Radio (stations)	•••	136	143	• • •

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Public Finance

(in millions of Belgian Congo francs) $\frac{1}{}$

Regular budget	1951	1952	1953
Revenue	8,012.7	6,862,•7	7,889.4
Expenditures	6,355.5	5,860.3	7,667.8
Surplus:	1,657.2	1,002.4	221.6
Extraordinary Budget			
(estimates)	<u>1951</u>	1952	<u>1953</u>
I, Extraordinary expenditures	3		
(a) Expenditure not provided for under the Ten-Year Plan	1,185.4	1,606.7	818.2
(b) Expenditure under the Ten-Year Plan	<u>3,505.2</u>	3,277.6	5,677.7
TOTAL extraordinary expenditures	4,690.6	4,884.3	6,495.9
II. Extraordinary revenue	61,1	504,5	300.6
III. Deficit	4,629.5	4,379.8	6,195.3

1/ The monetary unit used in the statistics, the Belgian Congo franc, is at par with the Belgian franc.

Expenditures	under	the	Ten-Year	Plan
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(estimates)	(in	thousands of Belgian	Congo francs)
		1951	1952	1953
1.	Transport			
	Rail	260	70,000	.• • •
	Road	272,616	273,243	• • •
	Water	102,054	561 , 279	0 <u>0</u> 0
	Air	222,496	80.,097	
	Otraco Works Programme	1,776,735	<u> </u>	
	Transport TOTAL:	2,174,161	984,619	1,668,730
2.	Scientific equipment and public services	836,680	- 1,601,412	1,395,710
3.	Electricity			508,351
	Water supply (Régideso)	180,447	326,005	
4.	Education of the indigenou inhabitants	s 34,768	700	566,281
5.	Hygiene and medical installations	42,129	110,542	364,635
6.	Immigration and settlement	•••		7 6 4
7,	Agricultural development	237,001	254,285	423,986
	TOTAL	3,505,186	3,277,563	5,677,693

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Expenditures not provided for under the Ten-Year Plan

	(allocated)	(in thou	(in thousands of Belgian Congo francs)					
		1951	1952	1953				
1.	Investments and securities	135 , 778	759,549	251,378				
2.	Acquisition of land and reat property	1. 8,533	5,900	12,070				
3.	Defence of the Colony and Police	546,762	455,684	391,681				
4.	Other extraordinary expenditures		、					
	Construction subsidies	67,569	121,503					
	Veterinary service	1,450	•••					
	Immigration	12,884	23,157					
	Miscellaneous	412,376	240,932	163,080				
	TOTAL	1,185,352	1,606,725	818,209				

Banking and credit

In 1953 the Belgian Congo was served by nine banks as against eight in 1952, a French bank having established an information office in Leopoldville during 1953.

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International Trade

		•Quantity ousand to		(million	Value Belgian Com	ngo francs)
Imports	<u>1951</u> 1,122.8	<u>1952</u> 1,508.1	<u>1953</u> <u>1</u> / 1,425.5	<u>1951</u> 15,419	<u>1952</u> 20,304	<u>1953</u> <u>1</u> / 18,000
Exports	1,075.8	1,064.6	1,179.1	19,833	20,085	20,438

1/ "In 1953 imports into the Belgian Congo totalled 1,425,521 tons (approximately) valued at 18,000 million francs, a decrease of approximately 5 per cent in volume and 10 per cent in value. A new customs nomenclature has been in use in the Congo since 1 July 1952. The statistics for 1952 and 1953 are not therefore fully comparable."

(Belgium: Information transmitted to the Secretary-General under article 73e of the Charter, 1953, page 32.)

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Principal Imports										
	'l'One	l Value in millions of Belgian Congo francs	Tons	1952 Value in millions of Belgian Congo franc	Tons	53 ¹ / Value in millions of Belgian Congo francs				
Metals and special products Machinery and tools Vehicles and spare	168,651 56,510		222,773 78,253		•••	• • •				
parts Foodstuffs Ships and parts Textiles	46,470 126,820 11,925 20,742	1,309 339	72,485 132,437 13,261 20,321	1,630 323	• • • • • • • • •	• • • • • • • • •				
Principal Exports										
Vegetable products Mineral products	604,385 452,477		545,646 504,290		606,159 564,880	7, 100 13,109				
		Direction of	Trade							
Origin of imports										
Belgo-Luxembourg Economic Union United States of	421,907	6,181	528,248	7,907	557,433	7,202				
America United Kingdom Rhodesia France Germany	135,711 37,065 129,699 19,970 14,387	5 1,355 9 163 9 437	242,702 39,847 121,659 70,723 21,805	1,646 215 605	173,561 27,867 98,821 91,745 27,969	4,177 1,262 206 613 806				
Destination of exports										
Belgo-Luxembourg Economic Union United States of	425,82	L 9,054	426,766	8,520	•••	•••				
America United Kingdom France Germany	71,082 53,76 38,470 56,54	7 1,917 5 947	48,994 50,171 46,126 76,831	1,600 1,352	• • • • • • • • •	• • • • • • • • •				

 $\underline{1}/$ Provisional figures.

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SOCIAL CONDITIONS

Labour and Employment

Active indigenous populatio Public sector and private			<u>50</u> indigeno [.] inhabitan	us nts	ge earners <u>1951</u> 1,030,925	1952
		11,365	European	S	• • •	• • •
	Ave	rage Wa	ges			
		éopoldv: an Congo	ille) o francs)			
Categories of Wage Earners		1951		1	952	<u>1953¹/</u>
Labourers	550 to 6 rations			27.2	O a day	29.73 a day
Skilled workers	· •		month) + owances	-		40.57 a day
Employees of the Administration	15,000 t (a year) and lodg	+ allo	0 wances	80,0 + al	00 to 00 a year lowances lodging	46.71 a day
	Tra	de Unio	ns			
		19	50		1951	1952
Number			49		50	59
Membership		5,1'	75		6,092	7,067
	<u>Co-opera</u> (vari	tive So ous type				
		19	51		1952	
Number			43		48	
Membership		65,5	33		74,939	

<u>1</u>/ Average monthly wage = average daily wage x 25. Average annual wage = average daily wage x 300.

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Standard of Living										
Retail prices of some indigenous foodstuffs at Léopoldville (in										
Belgian Congo francs)	1951	1952	1953							
Palm oil (75 cl)	11.5	8.5	9 							
Beans (per kg)	11	10-11	10-11							
Groundnuts (per kg)	12	8	9							
Cassava flour (per kg)	4.5	6	6							
Cost of Living Index										
for the Congolese (1948 = 100)	l November <u>1951</u>	1 November <u>1952</u>	1 November <u>1953</u>							
	128.6	133.8	128.6							
National income (in millions of Belgian Congo francs	<u>1951</u>	1952								
(estimated)	33,000	44,300	41,676							
Social wel	fare and security									
	1951	1952	1953							
Social welfare budget										
(Appropriations in millions of Belgian Congo francs)										
(a) Operating costs(b) Construction of centres	20 15	25 25	27.3 29.8							
Staff	ť		•							
Registered social workers Auxiliary social workers	66 32	96 42	106 64							

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Prevention of crime and treatment of delinquents

Crime Statistics

Number of convictions Non-Indigenous Indigenous Principal categories of offences 1951 1952 1953 1951 1953 1952 Murder, with or without premeditation 3 1 322 290 483 1 6,748 183 147 6,549 6,805 Malicious striking or wounding 156 1,029 Manslaughter or wounding 113 136 152 811 925 Violations of personal freedom (violation of domicile, arbitrary arrest) 13 23 454 486 466 11 62 Theft and extortion 13 40 14,126 14,726 14,411 180 Other offences 214 242 13,644 15,652 15,530 Public Health Public Health Expenditure (in millions of Belgian Congo francs) 1951 1952 1953 561.4 668 860.6, Ordinary expenditure 896.3ª/ 852.6^b Extraordinary expenditure Expenditure on public hygiene incurred by the towns of Léopoldville, Elisabethville and Jadotville 50.4 49.3 Subsidies from the Native Welfare Fund 149.5 115.1

a/ For the period 1950-1951-1952.

 \overline{b} / For the period 1953-1954-1955.

Medical and Health Staff									
	-	1952		· 2	1 <u>953</u>				
	Government	Mission	Private	Government	Mission	Private			
Registered physicians	286	55	199	317	55	222			
Licensed physicians	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Special categories Medical assistants Fully trained nurses	478	108	103	- 501	- 50	- 86			
and midwives Partially trained	79	5 57	78	87	694	62			
nurses	3,302	-	-	3,514	, 				
Pharmacists	11	1	48	12	-	45			
Dentists	8	. 3	23	8	3	23			
Biologists	8	-	-	8	-	-			
Health wardens Partially trained	70	-	***	73	-	-			
midwives	229	-	-	213	-	-			

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Health Institutions											
		Number	of :	insti	tution	5	Nu	mber c	of t	eds	
Hospitals		<u>1951</u>	10	952	<u> 1953</u>		1951	<u>195</u>	<u>;2</u>	<u>195</u>	3
General hospitals		306	:	341	397	24	,934	27,73	51	31,01	0.
Dispensaries											
Dispensaries exclusively for out-patients Dispensaries having beds for cases not sufficient serious for removal to a		520	ļ	420	502			-		-	
general hospital	l.	869	1,0	005	1,109	14	,429	14,93	57	15,32	3
	1 ge 951	neral 1 <u>195</u> 2		itals 1953		ispens 1 <u>1952</u>				parate <u>1952</u>	units 1953
Maternity hospitals and child welfare centres	306	343	ł.	397	60	5 72	78		-	-	_
Tuberculosis treatment centres	9	c í		11	-	, L	-		-	l	2
Dermatological centres Leprosaria Psychiatric centres	2 - 1	2 		4 - 2	-				- 85 2	- 163 2	- 183 2
Other establishments: Laboratories Public health offices	-	-			-	-	-		8 8	8 8	8 11
Mobile units		Numbe 1951		f uni [.] 52 <u>1</u> 9	ts 953		<u>19</u>		952	<u>1953</u>	
X-ray units		2	:	2	1			4	6	3	
Principal Diseases											
	(n	umber (of ca							1050	
				195	0		1951			<u>1952</u>	
Malaria Syphilis Leprosy Tuberculosis Bilharziasis			-	 97,77 70,00 7,80 9,00	0 0 0	8 10	2,871 7,134 2,510 9,065 6,684		13	5,639 3,332 9,481	
Amoebic dysentery Vitamin deficiencies				8,55 9,72	4		9,763 4,606		·	+,383	

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EDUCATIONAL CONDITIONS '

Members of the indigenous population may have obtained sufficient education outside regular courses of study at officially recognized schools, to enable them to qualify for the official school leaving certificate. To give such persons an opportunity to prove their educational attainments and gain the coveted certificate, central examining bodies have been instituted in each province of the Belgian Congo to hold special examinations in addition to the normal school examinations.

The central examining bodies held examinations for the first time in 1953. Of 129 candidates only 16 passed the examinations.

Expenditure for education

(in millions of Belgian Congo francs)

	1951	1952	1953
Ordinary expenditure Extracrdinary expenditure	201.9	367.2	451.5
(construction) Credits for the Native Welfare Fund		608.9 ^{<u>a</u>/}	929.9 ^{b/}
for school buildings	42.1	23	30

Percentage of illiterates (approximate figure on 31 December 1952): 63 per cent.

 \underline{a} / For the three-year period 1950-1951-1952. \underline{b} / For the three-year period 1953-1954-1955.

	1950	1951	1952
Number of indigenous children(boys under 19 years of age(girls	•••	• • •	2,524,463. 2, 363, 271
Total:			4,887,734
Number of children of school age: Indigenous (6 to 14 years)	2,100,000	2,150,000	2,062,400
Non-indigenous	8,500	• • •	•••
Number attending school		• • •	972 , 979
Schools for adults (numbers attending)	• • •	• • •	11,101
Number of schools	• • •	• • •	26,540
Teaching staff	• • •		38,665
including non-indigenous teachers	• • •	• • •	2,513

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MASS COMMUNICATIONS

On 31 December 1952 there were sixty-three publications in the Belgian Congo intended specially for the Congolese reader. Nineteen of these publications are in French and forty-four in indigenous dialects.

Of these publications five are supported by the Government and forty-seven by Belgian or foreign religious missions. Eleven are published by companies or individuals.

The primary objective of all these publications is the education and entertainment of the Congolese public.
