

Mr. PALMER. Yes; but I was very encouraged. I think President Micombero now has control of things, is giving direction to the new Government. I was very impressed by the fact that so many Hutus and Tutsis are working together in the Government. Some of the younger ministers that I met there are very impressive young men.

Mrs. BOLTON. I am glad to hear that. It was some 2 years ago when it was very bad.

Mr. PALMER. That is right.

Mrs. BOLTON. All the supplies sent in were taken over by Government people and sold, and the poor little hospitals didn't even have a bandage. They had nothing.

Our consul general's wife and I are great pals, and we arranged with the Red Cross to get some things there to the hospital. The nuns have been absolutely marvelous.

The mother superior went back to Belgium after some of this was over to get a rest, but she just cannot wait to get back.

The nuns who have gone back are indescribable. It is good for the world; is it not?

Mr. PALMER. Things seem to have quieted down. There has been a great deal of dissidence on the border between Burundi and the Congo. That has practically disappeared now.

There is one small pocket left in the area and both the Burundi and Congolese authorities are cooperating to clear that up.

Mrs. BOLTON. How about the Chinese in there?

Mr. PALMER. The Chinese are not officially represented there, and there is not too much evidence of Chinese activity in there. It has been more a case of the Cubans from time to time.

I think that is now under control.

Mrs. BOLTON. There has been a very fine hospital up in Kampala. Did you hear anything of that?

Mr. PALMER. No; I had only a very few hours in Kampala. I flew up from the south.

Mrs. BOLTON. Training nurses as well as doctors there. Hugh Cairns' son was there and one of his daughters was also there for a while doing research.

Mr. PALMER. I am generally familiar with the institution but I did not visit it this time. I saw it from the outside. It is a beautiful building.

Mrs. BOLTON. I saw it from the inside and it was wonderful even way back there.

Mr. PALMER. I will get to it next time.

Mrs. BOLTON. The Biafra situation is very much on my mind. I know many Biafrans and Nigerians and I find myself rather fond of them.

Why were we so long sending food? Why did we wait until so many died?

Mr. PALMER. I think, Mrs. Bolton, we were among the first to send food there. We have been sending a great deal in all along through the private relief organizations who have been very active in the field.

The really acute period has only arisen during the last couple months and I think we have been reasonably anticipatory on it. The great problem has been how to move it across the lines.

Mrs. BOLTON. And it is perfectly ridiculous for them to say that you can send it in by roads. There are no roads.

Mr. PALMER. There are roads that are available.