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Congo: President Kasavubu has indicated that he intends to retain Adoula as premier to govern until national elections are held.	
Kasavubu has said that other candidates had little to offer and that Adoula is the only "legal contender." He said Adoula's government would be essentially unchanged. The President also said he was thinking of holding a round-table conference of all Congolese leaders, including Tshombe and Gizenga, sometime before the elections, which are tentatively scheduled for early next year.	
Kasavubu, if he has in fact made up his mind, seems to be discounting the pressures for a change of government which have mounted as a result of the deteriorating security situation. Even were this situation to improve, Adoula would probably continue to face strong opposition unless he brings at least some of his opponents into the cabinet.	
Tshombé, who is capable of posing a serious threat to the central government's authority in Katanga, is reported to have flown to Burundi to meet anti-Adoula elements, The former Katangan leader is apparently trying to bring together all major Congolese elements opposing the government.	

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