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## David Rawson's Notes on Belgium

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Notes 8/16/04

Belgium

27 Apr 92 Brussels 5768 603 Views on Possible

Belgian Initiative in Rwanda and Burundi

603 will demand ~~and~~ and Burundi on <sup>current</sup> ~~French~~ <sup>French</sup> ~~but~~ <sup>follow up but</sup> ~~French~~ <sup>because</sup> ~~of~~ <sup>of</sup> troop support of Rwandan regime lacks diplomatic manoeuvring room

FOMIN  
Class  
in  
Parliament  
Debate

Tanem

Belg. will support French initiative in Uganda to convince Museveni not to assist RPF's action against Rwanda

16 June 92 ~~Paris~~ Sec State 204026

Belgian Foreign Minister

Class' meeting with A/S Cohen

Cohen briefs <sup>class</sup> on his initiative with Museveni

US not opposed to UN PK role but urges troops to Africa  
UN. ~~TIA~~ TIA a good idea

13 November 92 Brussels 14291

A/S Cohen Meeting with

FOMIN Class

Arusha peace talks are progressing nicely but process can be derailed if hard liners get upper hand.

Notes 12/17/04

15 Sep 92 Paris Discussions with the Queen on Rwanda  
Arusha III and the Visit of PM Ntanzigiremye to Paris

3. Bowin can stressed that the Queen very concerned that RPF demand for an extra governmental body with legislative and executive power will not be acceptable to ~~the~~ the GOR. The Queen is very concerned that much of the RPF position was untenable.

The GOR gave a high profile visit in honor of sending a signal to President Habyarimana <sup>about the</sup> ~~importance~~ importance ~~France~~ attaches to ~~the~~ Rwandan reform process.

10. Kanyarugwe new national committee modeled on 1973 Committee for Peace and National Unity. GOR propose to include RPF in all aspect of on going reform program & agree to extra governmental committee but it will not alter the constitution. Expanded JPMC seen by GOR delegation as too close to RPF proposals.

12. GOR would support any agreement the two sides found acceptable. Paris is concerned that a settlement that ~~is~~ disrupts the on going reform process could result in ~~the~~ renewed confrontation down the road.

10/8/17/24

19 Oct 92 Kigali 4298 Habyarimana on Arusha.

(A)

2. PM + negotiator not keeping informed; complaints about: unselected PM authority over bourgeoisie; appointed National Assembly, ~~the~~ integration of RPF should not give opp. + RPF 2/3 control of cabinet. process must conclude before his mandate runs out Dec 93. CDR held anti govt anti Arusha rally Oct 18. If negotiations conclude agreement unacceptable to people they substitute civil war for war ~~going on~~ on border.

p.16 Given the credible indications of the closeness of the President's wife to certain CDR leaders, it seems clear to us where the pressure is coming from.

p.17. early elections are the only way out. protection from the right while meeting donor requirements for democratic progress

11 December 92 Kigali 5115, VIST OF FOREIGN MINISTER DIRIA

(B)

2. According to Amb Mbezi, FOMIN Diria made significant progress - Haby accepted flexible time frame, commercial elections under new transitional govt, appointment of national assembly but want 35 percent of portfolio for MRND.

Diria said that not acceptable - encourage Haby to sit down with PM and work out instructions. 3. Threatened not to reopen talks until then. 4. Use JPMC to handle controversial transition issues where there is blockage within the cabinet.

March 11, 04

14 Sep 92 Kigali 3782 Political Parties in Rwanda

p. 1 MRND will not negotiate itself out of business but may accept a minor role after election. An MRD, RPF coalition could capture power in Rwanda through free and fair elections. The CDR has the potential to create violence but neither it nor any of the other small parties now have the attractiveness to make a <sup>major</sup> difference in the political balance in the near future

p. 5 (MRND) organizes rallies well and continues to control the administrative apparatus in most parts of the country. People are accustomed to voting for <sup>the</sup> MRND and, unless they can be shown solid reasons to change, probably will continue to do so in order to stay in the good favor of the powers that be.

p. 18 It is widely believed that the president wife is one of the staunchest supporters of CDR (an affair with Clinton

Bucanga  
p. 6 The MRND Youth Movement is the strongest youth movement in the country, often violent and intolerant of other youth movements but apparently  
26 Apr. 92 Kigali 1410 Two New Political Parties Legalized

well described reasonably

p. CDR formed because of war which threatens Hutu majority; <sup>democracy</sup> ~~advocates~~ and republic of the 1959 model. CDR advocates unity and protection of the Hutu majority and peaceful coexistence <sup>with</sup> ~~with~~ Tutsi minority

(Bucanga power will come to them <sup>through</sup> democratically. They must exercise it with justice and without fear. Problem is the Tutsi which attack us to bring back feudalism

March 12, 04

02 March 92 Kigali 00853 Rwandan Church Leaders Meeting Nairobi

4 Pastors Bizimungu expressed serious concern that the parties especially MDR & PL are pulling back from their cooperation with RPF as they move into <sup>an MRND</sup> government

2. RPF assured prelates RPF would negotiate with coalition transition govt.  
fax copies of summaries of govt. party talks

28 Aug 92 Kigali 03616 Majors Opposition Party to Choose Leader

will elect President at Party Congress Aug. 29-30

Committee composed of six chairmen has managed policy  
four candidates

Faustin Twagiramungu

Disons Nshyiracomeye

Emmanuel Gupijiri

Donat Murego

we see betting on progressive candidate Faustin Twagiramungu

14 Sep. 92 Kigali 03782 Political Parties in Rwanda

2. CDR has the potential to create violence but neither it nor the other small parties have the attractiveness to make a major difference in the political balance

3. There have been no real elections in Rwanda since independence.

4. Guestimates based on participation in rallies, observance of party flags that's, <sup>some</sup> generally accepted ~~difference~~ perception of regional differences supported by local protest, a keen ear for rumor.

23- without PR only MRND or MDR would be in parliament PDS

5% PR would bring PL, RPF, CDR and committee de concertation candidates,  
1% Islamic + Eco.

24. In coalition with other opposition parties, The RPF has a good chance of joining a majority govt in Rwanda after the next elections, a govt which could replace Haby MRND and have legitimate authority to change the constitution. This is the best we could have