



THIS IMAGE: Child Soldiers of the Mai Mai wait in Kanyabyongo as the CNDP advance. This child was a voluntary recruit who heard the CNDP were abducting children to fight and he wanted to protect his village and his people. The garlands on his head protect him from evil spirits and as a Mai Mai he believes that bullets will pass off him like water. Many Mai Mai will not touch the "unclean" and things are passed between each other by placing things on the floor and chanting, throwing dirt on the article to clean it.

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