

Rwanda Army Takes Control

NAIROBI, Kenya (P) — The army in the little Central African Nation of Rwanda took over the government today after months of tribal unrest between the Hutu majority and the Tutsi minority.

The army broadcast it had formed a National Committee for Peace and Unity to run the government. It said President Gregoire Kayibanda was under the National Guard's protection.

Diplomatic sources reported that the coup took place before dawn and was bloodless. The broadcast announcement said the second-ranking official in each government ministry would carry on current business, and regional administration was turned over to military officers.

All activities of Parmehutu, Rwanda's only legal political party, were suspended, the broadcast said. Kayibanda is the only president Rwanda has ever had. His Parmehutu government was formed after elections supervised by the United Nations in 1961, and the next year the territory got independence from Belgium.