

Dag Hammarskjöld and Katanga

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Congo Crisis 1960-1965

Amid violence in the Congo after independence, Katanga seceded with Belgian mining industry support. The U.N. Operation in the Congo forces were sent to assist with a cease-fire but refused to participate in the armed conflict to subdue rebel forces per orders from the Secretary-General.

Swedish economist and diplomat Dag Hammarskjöld (1905-1961) served as second Secretary-General of the United Nations from April 1953 until his death in a mysterious plane crash in September 1961. The plane was en-route to cease-fire negotiations during the Congo Crisis.



Dag Hammarskjöld and U.N. flag
Secretary-General of the United Nations



Elisabethville, Congo to Nyköping, Sweden, 29 October 1960
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