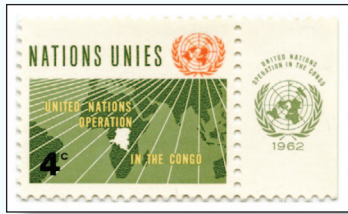


# Dag Hammarskjöld and Katanga



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 ceasefire 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 1961. He was en-route to a cease-fire negotiation when his plane mysteriously crashed during the Congo Crisis.



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



Elisabethville, Congo to Nyköping, Sweden, 29 October 1960, registration and postage paid with overprint 'Katanga'