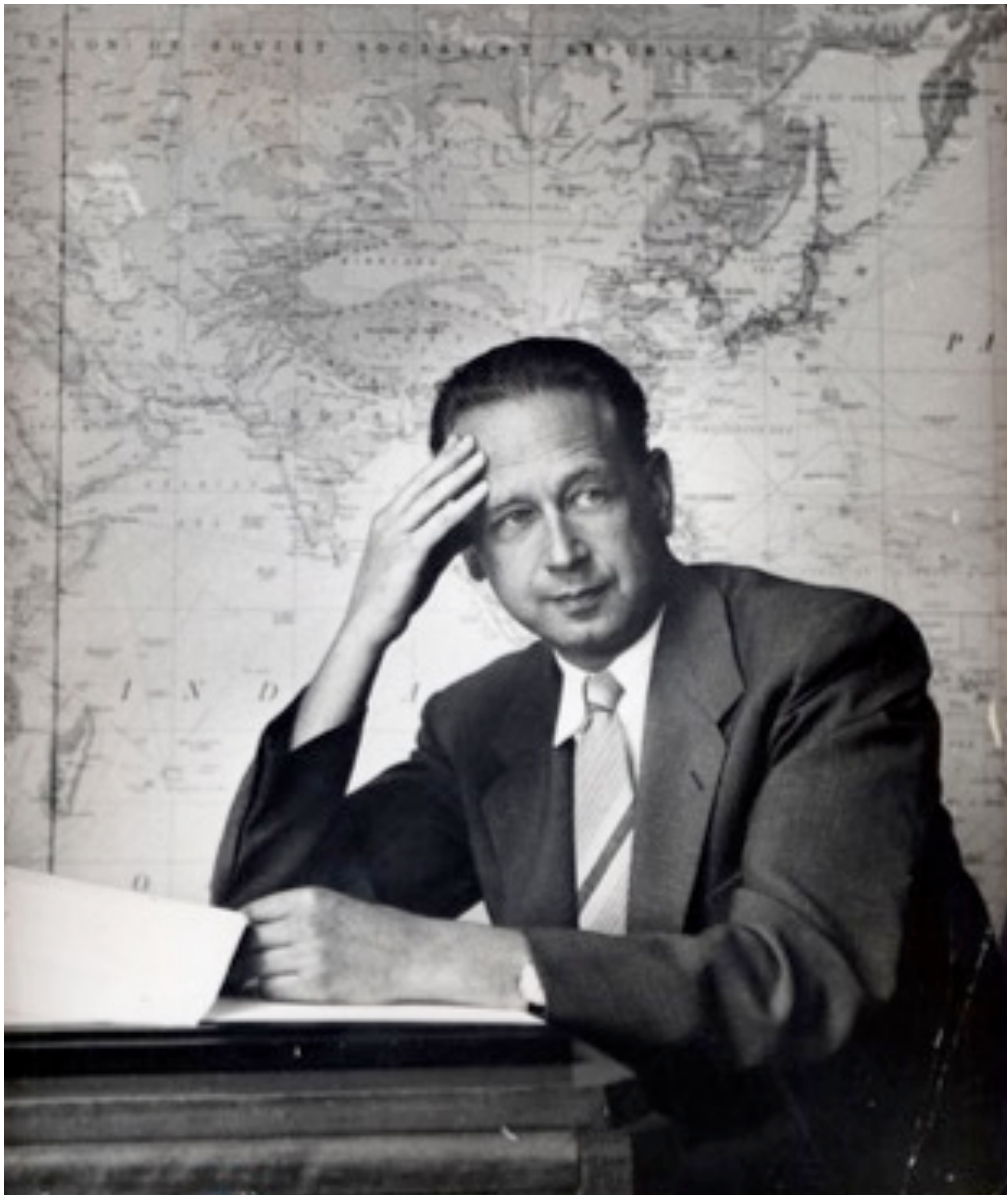


UN SECRETARY-GENERAL HAMMARSKJÖLD'S DECOLONISATION PLAN FOR WEST PAPUA



“HAMMARSKJÖLD'S FORMULA WOULD HAVE CHANGED HISTORY, PRINCIPALLY BECAUSE IT RECOGNIZED PAPUAN SOVEREIGNTY OVER PAPUAN LAND”

GREG POULGRAIN *The Incubus of Intervention: Conflicting Indonesian Strategies of John F Kennedy and Allan Dulles*



Hammar-skjold plane crash 'no accident'

YET again United Nations personnel are being killed in peace-keeping and humanitarian missions. Year after year it happens on the many scraps of earth on which they have been obliged to serve.

Now the Italian crew on a mercy mission to Bosnia have been shot down we feel it is time that we should say that we are convinced that UN Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld was killed in the same way in 1961 when his aircraft crashed over Ndola, Northern Rhodesia. He was trying to settle the Congo crisis, in many ways as complex as that in the skeleton Yugoslavia.

We were the representatives of UN at Katanga, centre of that storm, immediately before

(O'Brien) and after (Ivan Smith) Hammarskjöld was killed.

Vividly we were made aware of the brutal work of mercenaries, hired guns employed by European industrialists to prevent the UN from resolving a crisis at the heart of Africa which, at that time threatened to spark a cold war into a hot one, but from their selfish interests threatened their profits. We saw and felt the bare fangs of commercial interests cornered on a patch of gold.

Ivan Smith was beaten by their agents in a failed attempt to kidnap him in 1961. The masters sought to prevent a settlement in Bosnia now. They tried to prevent Hammarskjöld from meeting Tshombe, their black stooge, before they could

tell the UN Secretary-General in person that European interests were paramount and he must not "sell out to the blacks".

Soon after the crash Ivan Smith interrogated the man who had been on duty in the control tower at Ndola airport at the time of the crash. It took an hour. When he understood it was an inquest by a personal friend of Hammarskjöld and not part of an official enquiry he revealed: "You are right to enquire. It was not a normal flying accident".

Our subsequent enquiries over many years prove that. The European industrialists who controlled Katanga had sent two aircraft to intercept Hammarskjöld before he met Tshombe so that they could per-

suade him to co-operate. They never meant to kill him. O'Brien believes that also they smuggled an agent into Hammarskjöld's plane as added persuasion and thinks the body count after the crash is in doubt. Both of us met Sir Roy Welensky on different occasions after the event and he was honest enough to be enigmatic about the whole affair in which his country was deeply involved.

Ivan Smith has gathered startling evidence that the industrialists gave their two rogue pilots permission to send a warning shot across the UN plane if it refused to divert to Katanga for consultations. The warning shot must have hit a wire and caused the plane to veer out of control so that it

could not complete landing. On record is the second man in the rogue plane shouting: "Christ, you have hit it". It looked like a flying accident. Two official inquiries were complete and found no evidence to the contrary. Why should they if only a wire was hit?

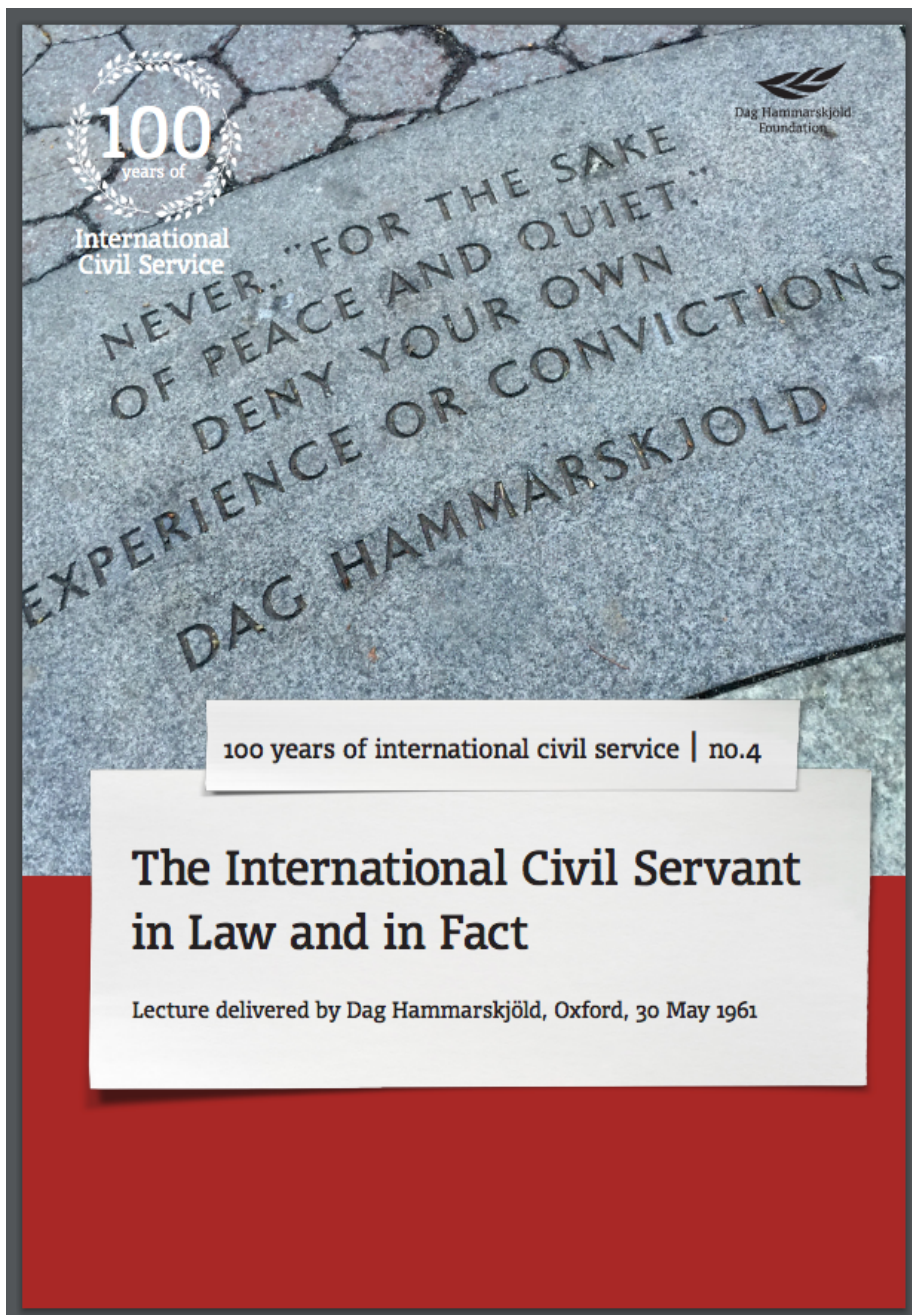
Reluctantly we open this case in the interests of peace and peoples who work for it. Bosnia is subject to raw race and religious prejudice causing brigands to commit the same type of insane acts from which we suffered in the Congo.

In the name of peace should not its agents of the UN be

persecuted.
George Ivan Smith,
Stroud, Glos.
Conor Cruise O'Brien,
Dublin.

George Ivan Smith (Australian) was the UN Representative in Katanga in the Congo in 1961. **Conor Cruise-O'Brien** (Irish) was UN Sec-General Hammarskjöld's Special Representative in Katanga in 1961.





Today we are looking at Dag Hammarskjölds program for West Papua in 1961. The United Nation's Swedish Secretary-General had developed a formula that solved the long-standing legal issue of who owned West Papua. Was it Indonesia, as Indonesia had tried to claim since 1950? Was it the Dutch as the Administering Power of a Non-Self-Governing Territory since 1950?

No. The Swedish visionary was removing all power from foreigners and recognizing Papuan sovereignty over Papuan land. And appointing UN technical officers to assist an independent West Papuan government for five years.

If he had lived to pursue this decolonisation program in the General Assembly, West Papua would not be an Indonesian colony. And we would not need to be here today.

The Secretary-General had discussed the program with the Netherlands Government, which had approved it, and consulted with President Kennedy, who also approved it. He'd talked to the powerful Economic Council of New York; and even to General MacArthur who back in 1944, with Dutch Resident Jan van Eechoud, had set up three important institutions for an independent nation.

However, without Mr Hammarskjölds influential presence, the General Assembly didn't pass the motion. In other words, the UN failed to adopt Self-Determination in the context of West Papua. That opened the way for an American diplomat, appointed by Acting Secretary-General U Thant, to mediate an agreement that facilitated Indonesia's incorporation of West Papua. And we all know the story after that.





North Maluku

Sorong

Manokwari

Biak

Bintuni Bay

Jayapura

South Maluku

Timika

Wamena

WEST PAPUA

Papua New Guinea

Timor Loro S'ae

Merauke

Torres Strait

Darwin
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RECENT WEST PAPUA PETITIONS TO THE UNITED NATIONS



The West Papuan People's Petition handed to the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Michelle Bachelet by Benny Wenda, Chair of the United Liberation Movement for West Papua on 25 January 2019.

The petition, signed by 1.8 million West Papuans, called for the UN to “put West Papua back on the agenda of the Decolonisation Committee and ensure our right to self-determination denied to us in 1969 is respected by holding an Internationally Supervised Vote”.

“... hard hitting evidence of the will of our people for our fundamental right to self-determination ... and a firm rejection of the Indonesian government's claims over our sovereignty” (Benny Wenda).



A smaller petition generated by the FRWP Womens Office in Docklands (Australia) was presented to the Australian Senate on 9 September 2019, and to Herman Waingai (ULMWP Representative at the United Nations) on 12 September 2019 at UN Headquarters in New York. Photos in front of Dag Hammarskjöld's portrait (and his successor U Thant).



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