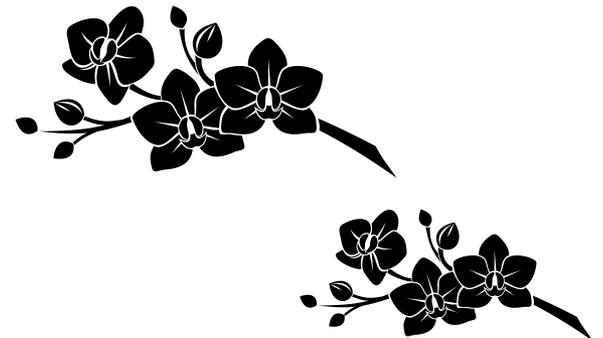


18 SEPTEMBER 1961



REMEMBERING UN SEC-GENERAL
DAG HAMMARSKJÖLD (1953-1961)
and his
DECOLONIZATION PROGRAM
FOR WEST PAPUA





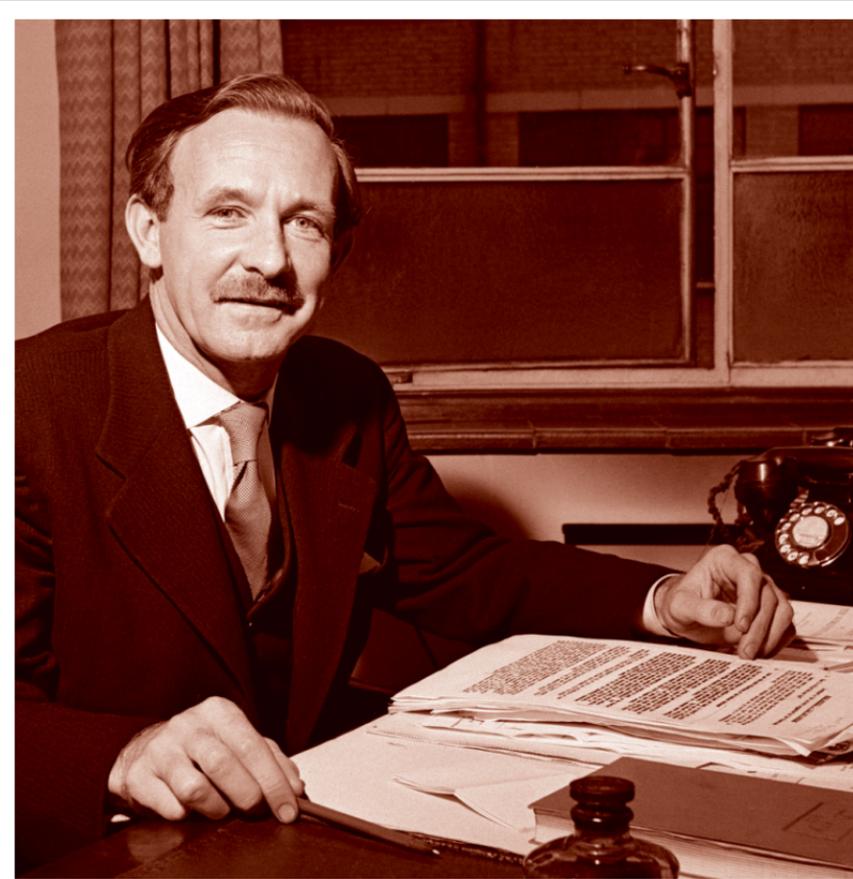
UN Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld was killed on 18 September 1961 under suspicious circumstances near the Congo border during peace talks.

The Secretary-General was a champion of decolonization and self-determination and oversaw seventeen independent states admitted to the United Nations between 1953 and 1960.



1. Dag Hammarskjöld, 1959. (U.N. Photo/J.O.)

2. South Africa on 17 January 1961 (Photo: Bettmann Archive/Getty Images)



An Australian **George Ivan Smith** was a close friend and trusted colleague of Dag Hammarskjöld. In 1982 **Greg Poulgrain** interviewed him at his home in England.

Ivan Smith revealed Hammarskjöld's plan to **return sovereignty to the West Papuan people** during the 1961 UN General Assembly.

Dag Hammarskjöld was killed on 18 September 1961, three days before the opening of the 1961 General Assembly.



1. George Ivan-Smith, U.N. Information Centre, London
2. Alamy Stock Photos



Greg Poulgrain's ground-breaking research exposes the mastermind behind the intricate details and complexities of **the deaths of Dag Hammarskjöld and JF Kennedy, and why their deaths are interwoven** with the demise of the Indonesian state and the over-ride of the West Papuan people's sovereignty.

Sixty years on, people all over the world plant trees to remember the *legacy* of Dag Hammarskjöld, the *truth* revealed by George Ivan-Smith, and the *strength* of the **West Papuan peoples'** claim to **self-determination and independence.**



Tree planting ceremony Vanuatu, 2020

