Dag Hammarskjöld
(Sweden)

April 7, 1953, to September 1961

Born on July 29, 1905, in Jonkoping, Sweden, Dag Hammarskjöld met with a tragic fate when he died in a plane crash in Zambia in September 1961. After receiving a doctorate in law and political science, he taught at the University of Stockholm before becoming Under-Secretary of the Finance Ministry and then Chairman of the Board of the National Bank of Sweden from 1941 to 1948.

Dag Hammarskjöld joined the Foreign Office in 1946 as a financial adviser. In 1950 he was appointed Minister of State. Later, he led his country's delegation to the General Assembly and, on April 7, 1953, was appointed Secretary-General of the United Nations. He was unanimously re-elected for a second term on September 26, 1957. He was posthumously awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1961.

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Trygve Halvdan Lie
(Norway)

February 1, 1946, to April 7, 1953

Trygve Lie was born in Oslo on July 16, 1896. He was elected a member of the Norwegian Parliament in 1935, and served as Minister of Justice, Minister of Trade, and Minister of Supply and Shipping. When his country was invaded by Germany, he fled with his government to London and in 1941 became Foreign Minister for the Norwegian government in exile.

In 1945 he led his country's delegation to the San Francisco Conference, where the UN Charter was signed. There he chaired the commission responsible for

drafting the Security Council provisions of the Charter. The following year, he led the Norwegian delegation to the first session of the General Assembly, held in London. It was there that he was elected the first Secretary-General of the United Nations. On November 1, 1950, his term of office was extended by three years, but in 1952 he submitted his resignation. He died on December 30, 1968, at the age of 72.

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