

SIR BRIAN URQUHART

Former Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs, United Nations

Sir Brian Urquhart was the second person to be recruited in the United Nations Secretariat in 1945, after six years of wartime service in the British army. He was personal assistant to Trygve Lie, the first United Nations Secretary-General, and from 1954 to 1971 worked with Ralph Bunche in various capacities - the organization and direction of peacekeeping operations in the Middle East, Cyprus, Kashmir, Lebanon, the Congo and elsewhere; conflict control negotiations; the organization of the first and second Conferences on the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy, and the setting up of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

In 1972 Sir Brian succeeded Ralph Bunche as Under-Secretary-General for Special Political Affairs. He retired from the United Nations in 1986 and until 1995 was scholar-in residence in the International Affairs Program at the Ford Foundation.

His books include, *Hammarskjöld*; *Ralph Bunche: An American Odyssey*; and *A Life in Peace and War*.