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“Peace in the Democratic Republic of the Congo”

The word ‘Congo’ at the United Nations brings to mind two things: one is a messy UN peacekeeping operation in the early 1960s; the second is a massive, recent conflict – some have called it “World War Three” – in which millions of people lost their lives. The brushfire of war in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) has now been extinguished, but its ashes are still smoldering, especially in the eastern Ituri region.

Can the UN bring peace to Africa’s troubled heartland? Will the DRC’s natural resources prove to be an asset or an obstacle to fostering peace? Will the country be ready for elections before the end of 2005?

These are some of the questions addressed by the guest on this edition of World Chronicle: William Lacy Swing, the head of the UN’s peacekeeping mission in the DR Congo (MONUC).

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