

Dear Miss Ball,

Thank you for your letter of November 26, 1955. I welcome the opportunity and the privilege to send you a message on the occasion of the twentieth anniversary of the founding of Syracuse Peace Council. I had the honour to share in its programme in 1953, and I still have a very vivid recollection of the happy time I spent in Syracuse as the guest of the Peace Council.

In the 'one world' in which we live today as a result of technological development in the field of transport and communications, the problem of peace is one concerning which there can be no neutrality. Organisations such as yours which are concentrating on constructive programs for the promotion of neutral understanding between people belonging to different nations and different racial groups are of far greater significance than the arms race to which, unhappily, so much attention is being given today. The common people everywhere have a deep-seated longing for peace, for freedom from worry about the nightmare of war. Would that the next twenty years of the existence of the Peace Council will not be interrupted by any clash of arms but will be marked by fruitful endeavours in the cause which is so dear to all men everywhere. Speaking as an African living in what is daily becoming more and more of an explosive continent, I want to assure you of our deep appreciation of what is being done by organisations such as yours to teach us to be peacemakers and so qualify to be children of God.

With best wishes for a successful anniversary.

Yours sincerely,