

MESSAGE FOR THE PEACE COUNCIL NEWSLETTER.

Doubtless many people will be irritated when they receive yet another newsletter, and one can feel sympathy with them. There are so many papers to read that at times there is a temptation to neglect more serious reading. Nevertheless, there will be some, and I count myself among them, who will be glad that at last South Africa is to have an opportunity of reading authentic Peace News, with special reference to the affairs of our own country.

We do not all see things in the same way, and we have different convictions as to what are the essentials in the struggle against discrimination, intolerance, arrogance, and the growing tendency towards totalitarianism which is such a marked feature of our National life. We want to play our part in positive action, for real peace is not something which will come with pious wishing, but is an order of Society demanding sacrifice, clear thinking, courage and determination.

We need to know the facts; we need direction and leadership. However varied our approaches, we must be united in our common aim. The creation of a South African Society in which men, women and children, of all races and traditions may bring their cultural contributions, and experience a full and free life.

The Peace Council Newsletter will help us in our task, it will clarify our vision while serving as a clearing ground for all our efforts. May its circulation increase with every issue, and may all its readers live to see the day when everyone who is obsessed with suspicion and fear may be liberated into life which has been described as "Glory to God in the highest; on earth, peace amongst men of goodwill".

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