

October 17th 1933.

Dear Monsieur La Fontaine,

Thank you very much for your letter of October 9th and for your enclosures which I was much interested to receive.

I enclose herewith a copy of a speech I made to a deputation from the International Disarmament Demonstration which met in Geneva on October 15th, and I think it may give you some idea of my views on the present situation.

I am convinced that Disarmament is possible only on the basis of the collective peace system, of which the League of Nations is the foundation. We cannot allow world law and order to be undermined, for only by upholding the peace system of the League, can we, in the end, get real disarmament and make peace secure.

Yours sincerely,

President.