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STATEMENT BY MISS BARBARA HEPWORTH
AT UNVEILING OF SCULPTURE 'SINGLE FORM' ON 11 JUNE 1964

"It is very difficult for me to speak, because I can only communicate through my sculpture, but I would like to offer these few words.

"Dag Hammarskjold spoke to me often about the evolution of the 'Single Form' in relation to compassion, and to courage and to our creativity. When I heard of his death, and sharing grief with countless thousands of people, my only thought was to carry out his wishes.

"Dag Hammarskjold had a pure and exact perception of aesthetic principles, as exact as it was over ethical and moral principles. I believe they were, to him, one and the same thing, and he asked of each one of us the best we could give.

"The United Nations is our conscience. If it succeeds it is our success. If it fails it is our failure. Throughout my work on the 'Single Form' I have kept in mind Dag Hammarskjold's ideas of human and aesthetic ideology and I have tried to perfect a symbol that would reflect the nobility of his life, and at the same time give us a motive and symbol of both continuity and solidarity for the future."

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