Population 1960

The world population in 1960 was 3039 million. As is the case today, the populations of China and India are (independently) more than twice as big as that of the next largest territory.

South America has increased its proportion of the world's population living there since 1900. The Western European proportion of the world population began to decline in 1900 when it was 15%, to 11% in 1960 and then 6% in 2000.

This map shows the 1960 distribution of the world's population.

“May the day come soon, when the people of the world will rouse themselves, and together effectively stamp out any threat to peace in whatever quarter of the world it may be found.”

Albert Lutuli, 1961