

PEACE WALK FOR UNITED NATIONS CHARTER DAY

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AN INVITATION TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMMUNITY . . .
Walk for your country in commemoration of United Nations Charter Day
23-24 June 1983 - United Nations North Garden
(see reverse side for schedule by country)

United Nations delegates, Mission and Secretariat staff and their families are cordially invited to participate in a silent walk on 23-24 June 1983 to commemorate the 38th anniversary of the signing of the United Nations Charter on 26 June 1945. The event, "Peace Walk for United Nations Charter Day," which is being co-sponsored by a number of Permanent Representatives along with Sri Chinmoy: The Peace Meditation at the United Nations, has been conceived as a means of bringing together peoples from all corners of the globe to share their yearning for peace and faith in its ultimate triumph.

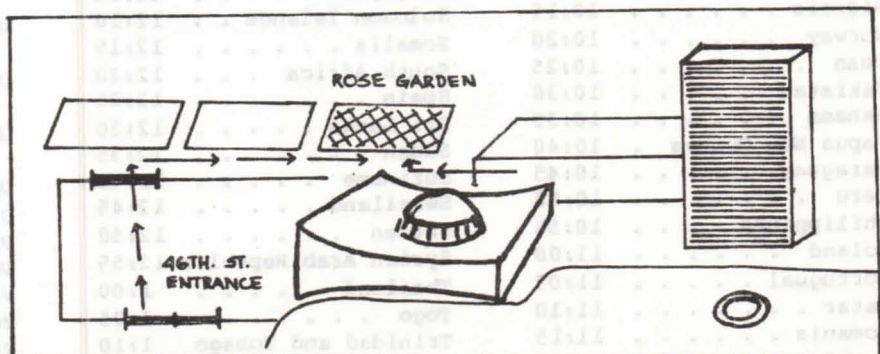
What will occur

A group of walkers representing each of the 157 United Nations Member States will walk one "lap" around an area of the United Nations North Garden. Permanent Representatives will lead the group in a number of cases. All members of the United Nations community are invited to walk for their country. As each group completes their segment of the walk, nationals of the succeeding country, in alphabetical order, will begin the next round, forming a relay of nations. (See reverse.) The walk will be carried out in silence, in a contemplative spirit, and will express a renewed commitment to peace by the nations of the world.

During each country's segment of the walk, a reproduction of the Preamble to the Charter will be carried. As the lap ends, the document will be passed to the succeeding country in the same way that a baton is passed in a relay run. Permanent Representatives have been invited to sign this document as a gesture symbolizing their country's renewed support for the ideals embodied in the Charter.

Walkers will assemble adjacent to the Rose Garden. Those wishing to participate may consult the schedule on the reverse side to determine the assembly time for their country. Nationals of all countries are also invited to participate in the last, "international" lap of the Walk which will assemble at 2:45 p.m. on Friday, 24 June.

For information, please call (212) 523-0289



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UNITED NATIONS -- Representatives of over thirty-five nations have signed up to join in a two-day "peace walk" in the U.N. Gardens on Thursday and Friday (June 23-24) to commemorate the 38th anniversary of the signing of the U.N. Charter. The walk starts at 9:35 a.m. (see reverse side).

In a relay fashion, walkers from the panorama of nations will make a single loop around a section of the North Garden in a silent, contemplative spirit reflecting the highest ideals of the human spirit.

Peace Walk for United Nations Charter Day is sponsored jointly by the ambassadors from several nations in cooperation with Sri Chinmoy: The Peace Meditation at the United Nations.

A copy of the Preamble to the U.N. Charter will be carried by a member of each national "team" during its segment of the walk and passed to a member of the succeeding country in much the way that a baton is passed in a relay run. The countries will succeed one another in alphabetical order, according to the schedule on the other side of this release.

Many diplomats and ambassadors, along with staff members from the different missions and the U.N. Secretariat, are expected to participate in this two-day event. The event will conclude at 2:45 p.m. Friday, June 24, with a giant "international" lap including nationals from several countries.

Sri Chinmoy: The Peace Meditation at the United Nations is an association of delegates, staff members and NGO representatives who believe the quest for world peace must go beyond political issues and also deal with the spirit of man. Members believe that inner silence and meditation can contribute to this end.

The U.N. Charter was signed in San Francisco on June 26, 1945.

For information, call 754-2036.

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SCHEDULE

THURSDAY - 23 JUNE 1983

Afghanistan	9:35	Congo	12:10	Hungary	2:50
Albania	9:40	Costa Rica	12:15	Iceland	2:55
Algeria	9:45	Cuba	12:20	India	3:00
Angola	9:50	Cyprus	12:25	Indonesia	3:05
Antigua and Barbuda	9:55	Czechoslovakia	12:30	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	3:10
Argentina	10:00	Democratic Kampuchea	12:35	Iraq	3:15
Australia	10:05	Democratic Yemen	12:40	Ireland	3:20
Austria	10:10	Denmark	12:45	Israel	3:25
Bahamas	10:15	Djibouti	12:50	Italy	3:30
Bahrain	10:20	Dominica	12:55	Ivory Coast	3:35
Bangladesh	10:25	Dominican Republic	1:00	Jamaica	3:40
Barbados	10:30	Ecuador	1:05	Japan	3:45
Belgium	10:35	Egypt	1:10	Jordan	3:50
Belize	10:40	El Salvador	1:15	Kenya	3:55
Benin	10:45	Equatorial Guinea	1:20	Kuwait	4:00
Bhutan	10:50	Ethiopia	1:25	Lao People's Democratic Republic	4:05
Bolivia	10:55	Fiji	1:30	Lebanon	4:10
Botswana	11:00	Finland	1:35	Lesotho	4:15
Brazil	11:05	France	1:40	Liberia	4:20
Bulgaria	11:10	Gabon	1:45	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	4:25
Burma	11:15	Gambia	1:50	Luxembourg	4:30
Burundi	11:20	German Democratic Republic	1:55	Madagascar	4:35
Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic	11:25	Germany, Federal Republic of	2:00	Malawi	4:40
Canada	11:30	Ghana	2:05	Malaysia	4:45
Cape Verde	11:35	Greece	2:10	Maldives	4:50
Central African Republic	11:40	Grenada	2:15	Mali	4:55
Chad	11:45	Guatemala	2:20	Malta	5:00
Chile	11:50	Guinea	2:25	Mauritania	5:05
China	11:55	Guinea-Bissau	2:30	Mauritius	5:10
Colombia	12:00	Guyana	2:35	Mexico	5:15
Comoros	12:05	Haiti	2:40		
		Honduras	2:45		

FRIDAY - 24 JUNE 1983

Mongolia	9:35	Samoa	11:35	Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic	1:30
Morocco	9:40	Sao Tome and Principe	11:40	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	1:35
Mozambique	9:45	Saudi Arabia	11:45	United Arab Emirates	1:40
Nepal	9:50	Senegal	11:50	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	1:45
Netherlands	9:55	Sierra Leone	11:55	United Republic of Cameroon	1:50
New Zealand	10:00	Singapore	12:00	United Republic of Tanzania	1:55
Nicaragua	10:05	Solomon Islands	12:05	United States of America	2:00
Niger	10:10	Somalia	12:10	Upper Volta	2:05
Nigeria	10:15	South Africa	12:15	Uruguay	2:10
Norway	10:20	Spain	12:20	Vanuatu	2:15
Oman	10:25	Sri Lanka	12:25	Venezuela	2:20
Pakistan	10:30	Sudan	12:30	Viet Nam	2:25
Panama	10:35	Suriname	12:35	Yemen	2:30
Papua New Guinea	10:40	Swaziland	12:40	Yugoslavia	2:35
Paraguay	10:45	Sweden	12:45	Zaire	2:40
Peru	10:50	Syrian Arab Republic	12:50	Zambia	2:45
Philippines	10:55	Thailand	1:00	Zimbabwe	2:50
Poland	11:00	Togo	1:05		
Portugal	11:05	Trinidad and Tobago	1:10		
Qatar	11:10	Tunisia	1:15		
Romania	11:15	Turkey	1:20		
Rwanda	11:20	Uganda	1:25		
Saint Lucia	11:25				
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	11:30				

Statement by representative of
Sri Chinmoy: The Peace Meditation at the United Nations

at conclusion of
Peace Walk for United Nations Charter Day, 24 June 1983

The Peace Walk for United Nations Charter Day was not an intellectual activity, nor was it merely a physical one. It was an occasion for United Nations delegates and staff to renew their inner cry for peace.

The United Nations was not founded because it was a clever thing to do. It was founded because people and nations had an intense hope and a cry for peace. Or as Secretary-General U Thant once put it: "In the wake of the most catastrophic war in the history of mankind, humanity had a new vision. It saw the glimmer of dawn of a warless world." By walking silently and contemplatively in celebration of the signing of the Charter of the United Nations 38 years ago, we have allowed ourselves to renew contact with the spirit of oneness and hopefulness upon which this Organization was founded. During the past two days, we have witnessed a oneness which has not been evident for a long time, perhaps because we sometimes get too immersed in our daily tasks here at the Organization.

Lesson of
Sri Chinmoy: ✓ The Peace Meditation at the United Nations is not in New York today, but I would like to read his message which I feel expresses very much the spirit of this walk.

Critics are of the opinion that the United Nations sometimes is not brave enough or quick enough. The world may notice a yawning gulf between the principles of the United Nations and the realities of the world. But the world must remember that in the transformation of principles into reality, time is a great factor. The world is old, and it has old ideas, old idiosyncrasies, old propensities. The United Nations is young, very young. It is a cry, a movement, a forward march, a forward adventure. The United Nations is crying for peace, and this very act of crying is its real capacity.

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We expect everything from the United Nations child, but we forget that the child has to grow. If we nourish the child, encourage the child and appreciate him for what he already has offered, only then will the progress of the child be satisfactory. If we place a heavy load on the child's shoulders while he is still small and weak, whose fault is it if he cannot carry it?

People say the United Nations is imperfect. I wish to ask them what organisation on earth is perfect. They say the United Nations has not fulfilled human needs. I say we have not given full opportunity, not to speak of full authority, to the United Nations to do the needful.

The inner vision of the United Nations is the gift supreme. This vision the world can deny for ten, twenty, thirty, forty, one hundred years. But a day will dawn when the vision of the United Nations will save the world.

This vision of the United Nations, this yearning for peace that we have felt and acted upon during the past two days can be expressed in various ways. As a continuation of the Peace Walk for United Nations Charter Day, Sri Chinmoy will be offering a concert for peace Monday at 6 PM here in this Auditorium. Tickets for this concert, which is free, are outside the door, and I urge you to make reservations by calling the number listed. I hope you will be able to attend this concert, and thank you very much.