

Peace Walk for UN Charter Day 25-26 June 1984

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Country Participants:

Afghanistan (2); Antigua and Barbuda (1); Australia (2); Austria (1); Bahamas (1*); Bangladesh (3); Belgium (1); Benin (2); Botswana (5); Canada (1); Central African Republic (3); Chad (1); Chile (3); Colombia (7); Costa Rica (1); Cuba (1); Cyprus (1*); Denmark (1); Dominican Republic (1); Ecuador (3); Egypt (4); El Salvador (2); Ethiopia (1*, 2); France (3); Ghana (1); Greece (7); Grenada (1); Guyana (3); Haiti (3); Hungary (1); Iceland (1); India (3); Iraq (3); Ireland (2); Ivory Coast (2); Jamaica (12); Japan (1); Kenya (27); Lesotho (2); Libyan Arab Jamahiriya (1); Malawi (1*, 3); Maldives (2); Mauritania (2); Mauritius (4); Mexico (7); Nepal (2); New Zealand (1); Nicaragua (1); Niger (1 or 2?); Norway (1); Oman (2); Pakistan (3); Panama (3); Papua New Guinea (5); Peru (4); Philippines (14); Poland (1); Qatar (1); Saint Christopher and Nevis (3); Saint Lucia (1*); Samoa (1); Sierra Leone (1); Sri Lanka (7); — Suriname (3); Swaziland (2); Sweden (1); Syrian Arab Republic (3); Thailand (1); Togo (1); Trinidad and Tobago (1*, 2); Tunisia (1); Uganda (3); United Kingdom (3); United States of America (?71?); Upper Volta (9); Uruguay (2); Venezuela (4); Yemen (1); Yugoslavia (3); Zambia (5);

TOTALS:

275 participants representing 80 countries

17 Co-sponsors (including Samoa)

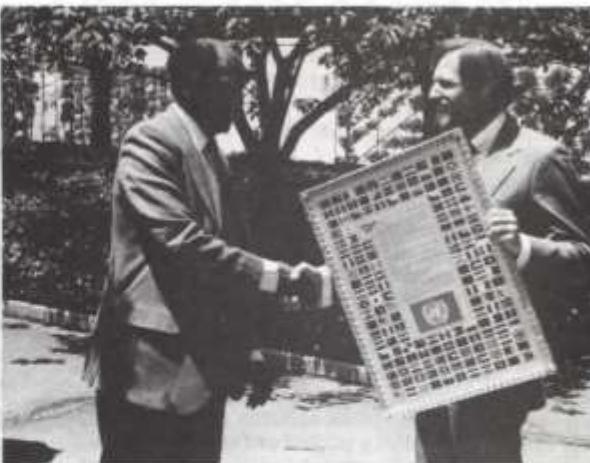
10 Permanent Representatives attended, 6 co-sponsored but did not attend

8 Deputy Permanent Representatives attended

6 Charge d'Affairs attended other than DPRs

1 Charge co-sponsored but did not attend

Peace walk for United Nations Charter Day



Left: Some 275 UN staff and delegates from 80 countries in the Peace Walk. Right: Mr. W. Almoslechner, Austria, receives a copy of the Charter of the United Nations from Ambassador Jacobs, Antigua and Barbuda.

SOME 275 UN staff and delegates from 80 countries joined in the second Peace Walk for United Nations Charter Day, which was held on 25 and 26 June in the North Garden. By walking through a marked area of the Garden with their countrymen, in silence and re-dedication, they commemorated the 39th anniversary of the signing of the Charter. At the end of each lap, each participant also signed a copy of the Preamble to the Charter as a symbol of renewed support.

Following the final lap through the Garden--during which nationals from all countries walked together--a closing ceremony was held on the Visitors Plaza. Here, Sri Chinmoy led a silent meditation for peace, and representatives of India, Samoa and Zambia took turns in reading from the Charter's Preamble. To conclude the ceremony, a message from General Assembly President, Jorge

Illueca, was read, a portion of which follows:

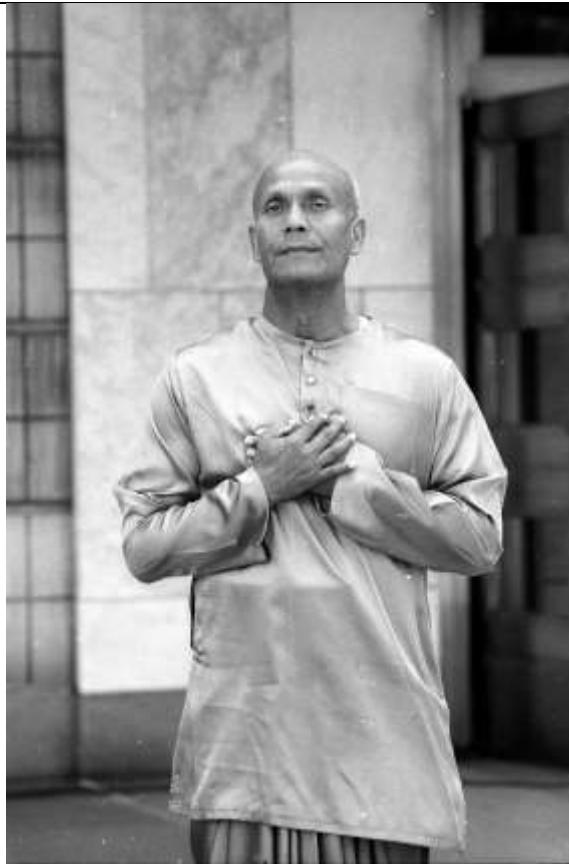
"I assure you of my wholehearted support in this effort to renew our dedication to the spirit of the Charter, and ... I would urge that we avail ourselves of every opportunity of this kind, both as individuals and as representatives of our respective countries, to re-dedicate ourselves to the ideals which we are striving to realize in our devotion to the principles and purposes of the United Nations.

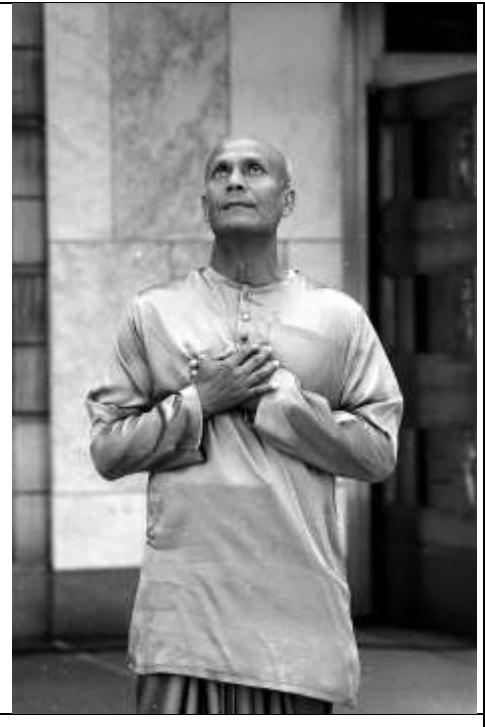
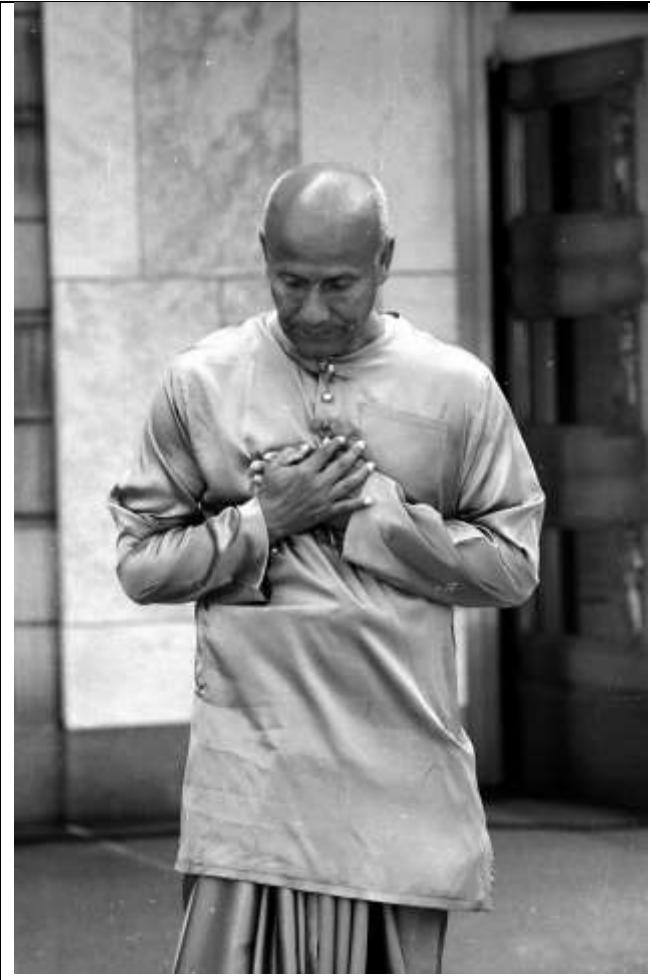
"Peace is not a passive state; it is not merely the absence of conflict. It is the effective expression by all nations of a determination to create and continuously support a world of progress and development, governed by justice and understanding ..."

"We see the United Nations as a church of mankind, dedicated to worshipping the aspirations of men, women and children of all races, nationalities and political and religious beliefs for a better life ..." □



Left: The Suriname delegation (on the left) led by Ambassador Guda, receives a copy of the Charter for Ambassador Wijewardane, Sri Lanka. Right: Ambassador Kilu leads all members of the Kenya delegation in the Peace Walk.







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26 June 1984

AMBASSADORS AND NATIONALS OF OVER 75 COUNTRIES PARTICIPATE IN PEACE WALK AT UN

Ambassadors and other members of the United Nations Community from over 75 nations joined in a two-day "Peace Walk" on the United Nations Lawns on Monday and Tuesday (June 25-26) to commemorate the 39th anniversary of the signing of the United Nations Charter. A Charter Day message from George Illianna, President of Panama, and also President of the United Nations General Assembly, was read at the concluding ceremony.

In relay fashion, walkers from each nation made a single loop around a section of the North Gardens in a silent, contemplative manner reflecting the highest ideals of the human spirit.

A copy of the Preamble to the United Nations Charter was carried by a member of each national "team" during its segment of the walk and passed to the succeeding country in alphabetical order, in such the same way that a baton is passed in a relay run.

The event ended with people from many nations joining together in a final "international" walk followed by a concluding ceremony. Sri Chinmoy, who has conducted meditations for delegates and staff of the United Nations for the past 12 years, opened the ceremony by leading the participants in a silent meditation on the goals of the Charter. Representatives of India, France and Zambia then took turns reading from the Preamble of the Charter.

President Illianna's message was then read:

"I assure you of my wholehearted support to this effort to renew our dedication to the spirit of the Charter, and I extend my appreciation to those nations which have collaborated with the Meditation Group in sponsoring the second in a series of Peace Walks."

A series of events to inspire renewed dedication to the highest ideals of the United Nations Charter.

AN INVITATION TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMMUNITY

Walk for your country in commemoration of United Nations Charter Day

25-26 June 1984 - United Nations North Garden

(See schedule by country)

United Nations Delegates, Mission, Secretariat and Agency staff and their families are cordially invited to participate in a silent walk on 25-26 June 1984 to commemorate the 39th anniversary of the signing of the United Nations Charter on 26 June 1945. The event, "Peace Walk for United Nations Charter Day," which is occurring for the second year, is being co-sponsored by a number of Permanent Representatives along with "Sri Chinmoy: The Peace Meditation at the United Nations." Last year's event brought together members of the United Nations community from scores of nations to share their yearning for peace and their faith in its ultimate triumph.

The Peace Walk

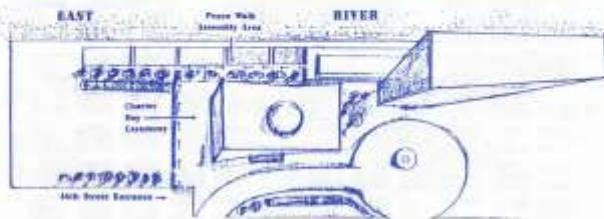
A group of walkers representing each of the 150 United Nations Member States will walk one "lap" around an area of the United Nations North Garden. All members of the United Nations community are invited to walk for their country. Heads of Delegations will lead the group in a number of cases. As each group completes their segment of the walk, nationals from the succeeding country, in alphabetical order, will begin the next round, forming a relay of nations. (See schedule.) The Walk will be carried out in silence, in a contemplative spirit, and will express a renewed commitment to peace.

Sign the Preamble to the Charter

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. In addition, separate copies of the Preamble will be available for each country, which Ambassadors and other nationals will be invited to sign as a gesture symbolizing their country's renewed support for the ideals embodied in the Charter. Those whose schedules do not permit them to walk at the time scheduled for their country may sign the copy of the Preamble at any time during the event. The signed pages will subsequently be bound together and offered to the Secretary-General.

Assembly Times, International Lap and Final Ceremony

Walkers will assemble adjacent to the Rose Garden. Those wishing to participate may consult the attached schedule 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, for which the assembly time is 1:15 p.m. on Tuesday, 26 June, and to attend the final ceremony to be held immediately after.



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"We use the United Nations through Sri Chinmoy's eyes as a church of mankind, dedicated to upholding the sanctities of man, woman and children of all races, nationalities and political and religious beliefs, for a better life. The United Nations should become a sanctuary of moral and spiritual values as a better foundation of peace."

Peace Walk for United Nations Charter Day 1984 was sponsored jointly by ambassadors from seventeen nations and Sri Chinmoy: The Peace Meditation at the United Nations.

Sri Chinmoy: The Peace Meditation at the United Nations is an association of United Nations Delegates, staff members, NGO representatives and accredited press correspondents who believe the quest for world peace must encompass not only political, economic and social issues, but the spirit of man himself. Members believe that inner silence and meditation can contribute to this end.

The United Nations Charter was signed in San Francisco on June 26, 1945. For information, call 241-7000.

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SCHEDULE

ALL MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMMUNITY

ARE INVITED TO WALK FOR THEIR COUNTRY

(Times listed below are ASSEMBLY times for each group)

MONDAY - 25 JUNE 1984*

Afghanistan	12:00 noon	Cuba	1:39 p.m.	Indonesia	3:18 p.m.
Albania	12:03 p.m.	Cyprus	1:42 p.m.	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	3:21 p.m.
Algeria	12:06 p.m.	Czechoslovakia	1:45 p.m.	Iraq	3:24 p.m.
Angola	12:09 p.m.	Democratic Kampuchea	1:48 p.m.	Ireland	3:27 p.m.
Antigua and Barbuda	12:12 p.m.	Democratic Yemen	1:51 p.m.	Israel	3:30 p.m.
Argentina	12:15 p.m.	Denmark	1:54 p.m.	Italy	3:33 p.m.
Australia	12:18 p.m.	Djibouti	1:57 p.m.	Ivory Coast	3:36 p.m.
Austria	12:21 p.m.	Dominica	2:00 p.m.	Jamaica	3:39 p.m.
Bahamas	12:24 p.m.	Dominican Republic	2:03 p.m.	Japan	3:42 p.m.
Bahrain	12:27 p.m.	Ecuador	2:06 p.m.	Jordan	3:45 p.m.
Bangladesh	12:30 p.m.	Egypt	2:09 p.m.	Kenya	3:48 p.m.
Barbados	12:33 p.m.	El Salvador	2:12 p.m.	Kuwait	3:51 p.m.
Belgium	12:36 p.m.	Equatorial Guinea	2:15 p.m.	Lao People's Democratic Republic	
Belize	12:39 p.m.	Ethiopia	2:18 p.m.	Lebanon	3:54 p.m.
Benin	12:42 p.m.	Fiji	2:21 p.m.	Lesotho	3:57 p.m.
Bhutan	12:45 p.m.	Finland	2:24 p.m.	Liberia	4:00 p.m.
Bolivia	12:48 p.m.	France	2:27 p.m.	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	4:03 p.m.
Botswana	12:51 p.m.	Gabon	2:30 p.m.	Luxembourg	4:06 p.m.
Brazil	12:54 p.m.	Gambia	2:33 p.m.	Madagascar	4:12 p.m.
Bulgaria	12:57 p.m.	German Democratic Republic	2:36 p.m.	Malawi	4:15 p.m.
Burma	1:00 p.m.	Germany, Federal Republic of	2:39 p.m.	Malaysia	4:18 p.m.
Burundi	1:03 p.m.	Ghana	2:42 p.m.	Maldives	4:21 p.m.
Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic	1:06 p.m.	Greece	2:45 p.m.	Mali	4:24 p.m.
Canada	1:09 p.m.	Grenada	2:48 p.m.	Malta	4:27 p.m.
Cape Verde	1:12 p.m.	Guatemala	2:51 p.m.	Mauritania	4:30 p.m.
Central African Republic	1:15 p.m.	Guinea	2:54 p.m.	Mauritius	4:33 p.m.
Chad	1:18 p.m.	Guinea-Bissau	2:57 p.m.	Mexico	4:36 p.m.
Chile	1:21 p.m.	Guyana	3:00 p.m.	Mongolia	4:39 p.m.
China	1:24 p.m.	Haiti	3:03 p.m.	Morocco	4:42 p.m.
Colombia	1:27 p.m.	Honduras	3:06 p.m.	Mozambique	4:45 p.m.
Comoros	1:30 p.m.	Hungary	3:09 p.m.	Nepal	4:48 p.m.
Congo	1:33 p.m.	Iceland	3:12 p.m.		
Costa Rica	1:36 p.m.	India	3:15 p.m.		

TUESDAY - 26 JUNE 1984*

Netherlands	10:15 a.m.	Saudi Arabia	11:24 a.m.	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	12:30 p.m.
New Zealand	10:18 a.m.	Senegal	11:27 a.m.	United Arab Emirates	12:33 p.m.
Nicaragua	10:21 a.m.	Seychelles	11:30 a.m.	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	12:36 p.m.
Niger	10:24 a.m.	Sierra Leone	11:33 a.m.	United Republic of Cameroon	12:39 p.m.
Nigeria	10:27 a.m.	Singapore	11:36 a.m.	United Republic of Tanzania	12:42 p.m.
Norway	10:30 a.m.	Solomon Islands	11:39 a.m.	United States of America	12:45 p.m.
Oman	10:33 a.m.	Somalia	11:42 a.m.	Upper Volta	12:48 p.m.
Pakistan	10:36 a.m.	South Africa	11:45 a.m.	Uruguay	12:51 p.m.
Panama	10:39 a.m.	Spain	11:48 a.m.	Vanuatu	12:54 p.m.
Papua New Guinea	10:42 a.m.	Sri Lanka	11:51 a.m.	Venezuela	12:57 p.m.
Paraguay	10:45 a.m.	Sudan	11:54 a.m.	Viet Nam	1:00 p.m.
Peru	10:48 a.m.	Suriname	11:57 a.m.	Yemen	1:03 p.m.
Philippines	10:51 a.m.	Swaziland	12:00 noon	Yugoslavia	1:06 p.m.
Poland	10:54 a.m.	Sweden	12:03 p.m.	Zaire	1:09 p.m.
Portugal	10:57 a.m.	Syrian Arab Republic	12:06 p.m.	Zambia	1:12 p.m.
Qatar	11:00 a.m.	Thailand	12:09 p.m.	Zimbabwe	1:15 p.m.
Romania	11:03 a.m.	Togo	12:12 p.m.	INTERNATIONAL LAP	1:15 p.m.
Rwanda	11:06 a.m.	Trinidad and Tobago	12:15 p.m.	FINAL CEREMONY	
Saint Christopher and Nevis	11:09 a.m.	Tunisia	12:18 p.m.		
Saint Lucia	11:12 a.m.	Turkey	12:21 p.m.		
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	11:15 a.m.	Uganda	12:24 p.m.		
Samoa	11:18 a.m.	Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republics	12:27 p.m.		
Sao Tome and Principe	11:21 a.m.				

* For further information, or in case of rain, please call (212) 523-0289.

(Tentative rain dates — 26-27 June)

See more detail and photos at: <https://www.srichinmoyapeacemeditationatun.org/1984/06/26/1984-peace-walk-for-un-charter-day-june-25-26/>



This **June 1984 Charter day**

See **Separate Gallery(s)**

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