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Walking for Peace

Some talked. In New York, they walked.

The Secretary General and other diplomats marked the 40th anniversary of the United Nations Charter with speeches in San Francisco yesterday. Here, diplomats and staff members at the organization's East River headquarters celebrated in a different way.

On a brilliant, crisp day representatives from Niger and Bangladesh led about 40 participants in the final part of a symbolic "walk for peace." Unlike so many United Nations ceremonies, this one was marked by silence.

After the walk in the United Nations garden, a small crowd heard Dr. Lamuel A. Stanislaus, chief delegate from Grenada, wish the United Nations many happy returns and proclaim: "In the pursuit of peace, we shall not tire."

Organizers of the two-day event, sponsored by the Sri Chinmoy meditation group, reserved time for citizens from all nations, but only 60 of the United Nations' 159 member

states showed up. Seventeen Americans topped the list, with Belize, Ghana and the Ivory Coast also boasting large turnouts.

More than 140 people ambled through the rose garden, taking in the view of the East River and pausing to admire a statue of a powerful laborer beating a sword into a plowshare.