

FINAL PEACE RUN CEREMONY - NYC
8 August 1987; Dag Hammarskjold Plaza
11:00 a.m.

* NEIL VINBERG, EX DIR

Shambhu invited Delegates, Ambassadors and Representatives to come on stage.
As the torch was passed, each person spoke:

* SRI CHINMOY

Guru was invited on stage in the very beginning to meditate:

"From time immemorial humanity's crying heart has been dreaming of peace. (2 times) And now that peace is fast blossoming into reality. (2 times) A new creation begins in the oneness-heart-home of man's ancient promise to God. (2 times)"

SRI CHINMOY

* At the end of the ceremony Guru said:

"Today, may God bless us all. May God the Creator bless us all with His transcendental Compassion, and may God the Creation love us all with His universal Love. May each human heart become God's choice peace ambassador here on earth to fulfil Him at every moment in His own way."

INDIA

H.E. Mr. A. Nazareth
Consul General

I am from India. From earliest times in India, from the Vedas through Lord Buddha, through Mahatma Gandhi, India's basic message has been a message of universal brotherhood and of peace and I think there is no greater aspiration in the world today than peace. We are all yearning to be brothers and to be good to each other. But somehow or other, peace seems to be evading us all the time. If each of us took one step for peace, I think this would certainly come. I am proud and I would like to congratulate all those who have organised this peace run right through the world, for this wonderful idea and for this great achievement. I would like particularly to congratulate Sri Chinmoy. We are proud he belongs to India and that he has contributed so much in conceptualising this whole thing, this peace run, and to have brought it along with all his other collaborators to this very successful conclusion. Thank you.

JAPAN

Mr. Takeshi Kagami
Counsellor

I am from Japan. I hope this peace run will lead to the eternal achievement of peace in the world. Thank you very much.

CANADA

Mr. Charles Svoboda
Counsellor

Thank you very much. I am from Canada. I was very pleased that our country participated actively in the Peace Run and I am very happy to be here today. I wish you every success in the venture. Thank you.

CHINA

Mr. SHI Jicheng
Counsellor

I am from China. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the organisers of this peace run on its great success. My country has taken part in a segment of the run. I think it contributes to the understanding and the cooperation among all the nations. Thank you.

ICELAND

Ms. Johanna Tomas-Dottir
Secretary to the Permanent Representative

I am from Iceland and I am glad to be a part of this peace run, as my country was involved in it too. Thank you.

AUSTRALIA

Mr. Kevin Boreham
Deputy Permanent Representative

I am from Australia. I am very pleased that Australians participated in the run and I am very honoured to be able to represent Australia this morning at the conclusion of this great witness for peace.

WESTERN SAMOA

Mrs. Robin Mauala
Chargé d'Affaires

I am from Western Samoa and I wish to congratulate Sri Chinmoy and all the participants in this wonderful peace fun. May peace prevail.

TANZANIA

H.E. Dr. Wilbert Kumaliya Chagula
Permanent Representative

I am from the United Republic of Tanzania and my country was glad to participate in a segment of the peace run earlier before this event. I congratulate those who have organised this peace run and I firmly believe that such efforts are complementary to those of the United Nations in this area.

TOGO

H.E. Dr. Kwam Kouassi
Permanent Representative

I am from Togo. I am very glad. I am happy to be able to participate in this step to world peace. We in Togo are ready to encourage, to cheer everything in favour of peace. That is why I am here this morning. I would like to congratulate those who have taken the initiative of this wonderful event. Thank you very much.