THE PEACE WALK

Report on the First Annual Series of Worldwide Peace Walks Held on:
Tuesday, 16 September 1986
The United Nations International Day of Peace

The PEACE WALK was held in sixty-five cities on six continents (see attached). The purpose was to offer moral and spiritual support for the progress of the United Nations General Assembly on the opening day of its annual session, proclaimed the International Day of Peace.

Routes for the Peace Walks were designed in many cities to pass by landmarks symbolic of the quest for peace. For instance, in Hiroshima, Japan, the Walk took place in the Peace Park at the site of the atomic explosion in 1945. In Toronto, Canada, the Walk began with silent meditation at the Eternal Flame in the Peace Garden at City Hall, and in London, England, it passed by the Peace Pagoda in Battersea Park. A seven-mile Peace Walk began and ended at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

Among the dignitaries who participated were the Dean of Westminster Abbey and Lord Ennals, Chairman of the United Nations Association of the United Kingdom in London, and Mr. David Smith, member of the Ontario Provincial Parliament, in Toronto. In New York, United Nations Ambassadors and delegates and Professor Wangari Maathai, founder of Kenya's Green Belt Movement, participated. An inter-religious Prayer-Breakfast (see attached invitation) hosted by Ambassador Constantine Moushoutas of Cyprus followed the Walk. The New York Walk was televised nation-wide by CBS. Peace Walks were supported by United Nations Associations in Victoria, Canada and London, and by the UN Office in Paris. Newspapers, radio and television carried news of the events in many cities.

The Peace Walk, which will be held annually, was appropriately inaugurated during 1986, declared by the United Nations General Assembly, the International Year of Peace.

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Peace Walks were held in the following cities:

AUSTRALIA
Adelaide
Brisbane
Canberra
Melbourne
Sydney

AUSTRIA
Vienna

BARBADOS
St. Michael

CANADA
Halifax
Montreal
Ottawa
Quebec
Toronto
Vancouver
Victoria

FED. REP. OF GERMANY
Augsburg
Berlin
Freiburg
Hannover
Heidelberg
Köln
Müchen
Nürnberg

FINLAND
Helsinki
Vaasa

FRANCE
Nancy
Paris
Rennes

ICELAND
Reykjavik

ITALY
Milan

JAPAN
Hiroshima
Kamakura
Kobe
Kyoto
Nagoya

JAPAN (contd.)
Osaka
Tokyo

MEXICO
Mazatlán

NETHERLANDS
Den Haag

NEW ZEALAND
Auckland

PUERTO RICO
San Juan

ST. THOMAS - US Virgin Islands

SWEDEN
Stockholm
Uppsala

SWITZERLAND
Geneava
Zürich

UK
Edinburgh
Glasgow
Ipswich
London

USA
Boston
Bridgewater, VT
Chicago
Los Angeles
New York
Phoenix
Providence
San Diego
San Francisco
Santa Barbara
Seattle
Washington, DC

VENEZUELA
Maracaibo

ZIMBABWE
Harare
Murewa
Mutare