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PEACE RUN ATTRACTS WORLDWIDE ATTENTION

Peace Run '89 included everything from short runs in major world capitals to cross-country relays in Canada and the U.S.

The 11,000-mile relay through America's 50 states encompassed such diverse events as a sacred Eagle Feather Indian ceremony in New Mexico and a one-mile peace run by inmates at the California Medical Correctional Facility in Vacaville, CA.

The 1,500-mile Mexican run, which received national television coverage, included a triumphal entry into the town of Tula, where 50,000 cheering citizens lined the streets or ran behind the torch bearers.

In Hungary the run was launched with a special ceremony officiated by the Mayor of Budapest.

When the peace runners entered Lichtenstein, the Government closed the schools so children could participate in the event.

The Moroccan portion of the run included a week-long relay through the Sahara desert, with runners in the "Marathon of the Sands" passing the torch from hand to hand.

Prime Minister Robert Hawke concluded Australia's peace run with a ceremony in Parliament House, crediting the runners with helping to lower world tension.

Europe boasted five simultaneous relays culminating in Geneva. There were also successful runs in Japan, New Zealand and portions of South America and Africa.



Memories of the 1989 Peace Run. . .