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ARTIST COMPLETES FOUR MILLION BIRDS

Sri Chinmoy completed four million peace-bird drawings on June 13.

The project, entitled “Four Million Dream-Freedom-Peace Birds,” was begun nearly three and a half years ago — on Dec. 29, 1991.

The birds, artistic depictions of the human soul, are symbols of freedom and peace.

The four millionth bird is a drawing that actually consists of 7,714 smaller birds in various colors and shapes.

Sri Chinmoy's peace birds have been exhibited at the Mall Galleries in London, UNESCO headquarters in Paris and JFK International Airport in New York.

The most recent showing was held in June in the Senate foyer of Parliament House in Canberra, Australia. After viewing the exhibit, Senator Sid Spindler declared: “This exhibition is not a statement about peace. It is an experience of peace.”

... AND 13,000 SONGS

In a staggering achievement, Sri Chinmoy completed the words and music to 13,000 spiritual songs on July 26.

His 13,000th song, in Bengali, entitled “Victory's Heart-Song,” marked the completion of an odyssey that spanned more than three decades.

“Each of these songs is a gratitude-flower from my heart to my Beloved Lord Supreme,” he declared. Of all his creative achievements, he added, this was the most difficult because of the necessity of following strict Bengali meter and rhyme.

About 5,000 of the songs are in English and 8,000 are in Bengali.

Among these are his longest song — a 194-line poem which he wrote as a youth in India on August 24, 1945 — which he set music to on July 8.

PEACE RUN BRINGS MESSAGE OF HOPE

The Sri Chinmoy Oneness-Home Peace Run, held every other year since 1987, is ending its fifth global relay this August.

The Olympic-style event, in which participants pass a Peace Torch from hand to hand as they run along the route, actually consists of several loosely-linked national and international runs involving more than 70 countries.

Here are some highlights:

- The cross-country U.S. portion of the Run included a special peace ceremony at the site of the terrorist bombing attack in Oklahoma City...a huge welcome by the Mormon Tabernacle Choir in Salt Lake City...and a greeting to children runners from 12 local schools in Topsham, Maine, from the Governor.
- In Croatia, Cardinal F. Kuharic blessed the Peace Torch in the Cathedral of Zagreb.
- Runners in Italy were briefly joined by participants in the Rome City Marathon and by runners in Milan's



Stramolana Race, the largest race in the world (50,000 runners).

- In the Mideast, the Peace Torch passed through Egypt, Jordan and Gaza. German Chancellor Helmut Kohl held the Peace Torch during his visit to the area, as did Yasir Arafat.
- The King and Queen of Portugal received the Peace Torch on their wedding day, and Archbishop Don Serafin lit the Torch in the famous chapel of the Virgin Mary in Fatima.
- In Russia, runners from St. Petersburg, Siberia and the Black Sea region all converged in Moscow, and then jointly ran to Kaliningrad, where the Torch was passed over the Polish border and carried to Prague, where the European segment of the Peace Run concluded.



Sri Chinmoy offered the Peace Torch to Pope John Paul II on May 31 in the Vatican. The Pope blessed the Torch, making the sign of the cross with it, as tens of thousands watched from St. Peter's Square. “I salute the runners of the Peace Run, who are carrying a torch as a testimony to peace through the streets of the world,” the Pontiff said.



QUEEN ELIZABETH RECEIVES PEACE TORCH

LONDON — Runners from England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales — each carrying a flaming Peace Torch — converged on London's Hyde Park on May 8 for Britain's V.E. celebration.

As some 200,000 spectators watched, the four Peace Torches were used to light a fifth Torch, which Sir Winston Churchill's great granddaughter handed to Queen Elizabeth II. The Queen, in turn, used it to light a 40-foot-high beacon commemorating the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II.

MAJOR CONCERTS HELD IN U.S. AND EUROPE

Sri Chinmoy has offered several major peace concerts dedicated to the United Nations in recent months throughout the U.S. and Europe.

In addition to those mentioned in separate articles, concerts were held at:

- New York's Julia Richmond High School on April 8.
- Paris' Cirque d'Hiver on May 12.
- London's Wembley Conference Stadium on May 13.
- San Francisco's First Unitarian Church on June 24.

Sri Chinmoy plays the harmonium at his May 23 U.N. concert honoring the world organization's 50th anniversary.

SINGHVI RECEIVES U THANT PEACE AWARD

LONDON — India's High Commissioner to the United Kingdom, L. M. Singhvi, received the U Thant Peace Award on May 13.

The award is presented to individuals or organizations reflecting the late Secretary-General's lofty spiritual ideals. Other recipients have included Mikhail Gorbachev and Mother Teresa.

Sri Chinmoy presented the award to the High Commissioner on behalf of The Peace Meditation at the United Nations.

Before making the presentation, Sri Chinmoy participated in a ceremony at the High Commissioner's residence, observing the anniversary of the Buddha's enlightenment. The Master spoke briefly and his students sang a few songs he had written about the Buddha.

UNESCO GIVES GURU NEHRU MEDALLION

PARIS — UNESCO awarded Sri Chinmoy its Nehru Medallion on May 16 in recognition of his contributions toward world peace.

Other recipients of the award include Indian Prime Minister Rao.

The award was given in connection with the planting of a peace tree at UNESCO in honor of the Peace Run.

U OF CINCINNATI BECOMES PEACE UNIVERSITY

CINCINNATI — The University of Cincinnati became a Sri Chinmoy Peace University — the world's first — on May 23.

The same day, Mayor Roxanne Qualls dedicated the city of Cincinnati as a Sri Chinmoy Peace City.

The university and city join more than 700 other landmarks and places around the world, which have been dedicated to the cause of world peace in the spiritual leader's name. They are referred to as Sri Chinmoy Peace-Blossoms.

SPECIAL CONCERT HELD AT U.N.

UNITED NATIONS — Sri Chinmoy held a special concert in the U.N. General Assembly Hall lobby on May 23.

At the concert, he performed on 50 different instruments from around the world in honor of the United Nations' 50th anniversary.

The event, co-sponsored by the ambassadors or permanent United Nations representatives from nine countries, attracted a large crowd from the international diplomatic community.





THREE PEACE CONCERTS HELD IN AUSTRALIA

CANBERRA, Australia — At the encouragement of Prime Minister Paul Keating, Sri Chinmoy offered three peace concerts in Australia – all dedicated to the 50th anniversary of the United Nations.

Keating had encouraged the Master to come, writing him: “Your activities in inspiring a vision of peace are recognized around the world as is your special contribution to the U.N.

“It would be a privilege to have one of your peace concerts performed in Australia.”

It was a sentiment echoed by MP Garrie Gibson who, in a speech before Parliament, called the spiritual teacher “one of the world’s most remarkable peace-lovers and peace-servers.”

Sri Chinmoy’s first concert was held in the Great Hall of Parliament House in Canberra on June 26, the exact date the United Nations Charter had been signed in San Francisco 50 years earlier.

Two other peace concerts were held in Melbourne the evening of June 28 at the Victorian Arts Centre.

At the close of the first concert, the General Manager of the Arts Centre, Sue Natrass, came on stage and presented the Master with a plaque declaring the Arts Centre a Sri Chinmoy Peace-Blossom.

Sri Chinmoy said: “They call me an artist. I pray to my Lord Beloved Supreme every day to teach me only one art: the art of self-giving, which has neither a beginning nor an end.”

A letter from acting Premier Andrew Refshange of New South Wales dedicating the state of New South Wales as a Sri Chinmoy Peace State was also read out at the Melbourne concert.

AUCKLAND MAYOR OPENS PEACE CONCERT

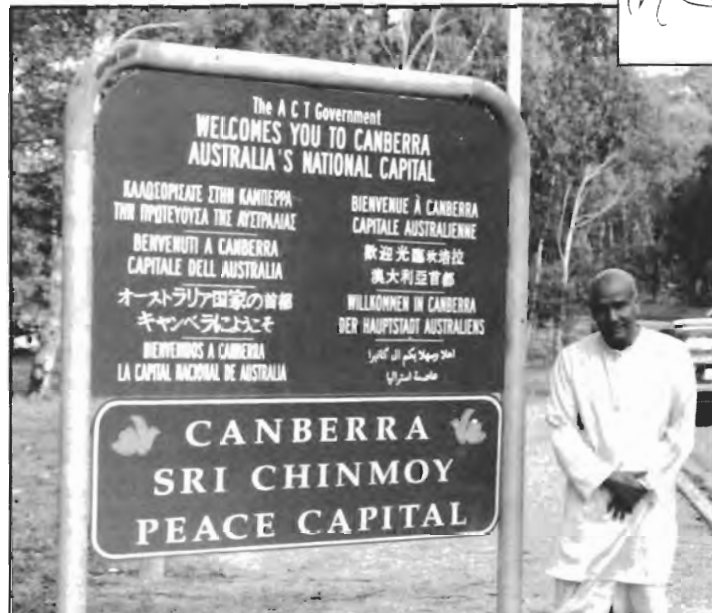
AUCKLAND, New Zealand — Mayor Les Mills opened Sri Chinmoy’s Auckland peace concert at Aotea Centre on June 30.

Speaking to a crowd of 2,500, he hailed the spiritual teacher as a man who has dedicated his life “to moving the people of the world from darkness into light.”

Sri Chinmoy, he said, “is here to help us understand our unique worth and to inspire us to respect and understand that worth in others.”

The Auckland concert, like most of Sri Chinmoy’s other peace concerts this year, was dedicated to the 50th anniversary of the United Nations.

While he was in town the following day, the Auckland Zoo was officially dedicated as a Sri Chinmoy Peace-Blossom. The city of Auckland previously had been named a Sri Chinmoy Peace Capital.



Sri Chinmoy stands by a sign proclaiming Canberra a Sri Chinmoy Peace Capital. Similar signs have been erected at four other major highways leading into Canberra.

SRI CHINMOY RECEIVES TWO SPORTS AWARDS

Sri Chinmoy received two prestigious awards for his contribution to sports.

The Australian Sports Commission gave him an award on June 27 at the Canberra Sri Chinmoy Masters Games, in which he ran the 100 meters.

Then, on July 1 in Auckland, the New Zealand Athletics Association gave him The Sports Award, its highest honor, at another Sri Chinmoy Masters track meet, in which he also ran. The award was presented by champion marathon runner Allison Roe.



New Zealand Prime Minister Jim Bolger meets with Sri Chinmoy on June 30 in Auckland.



TALK OF PARSONS BOULEVARD

Victory-Banner Productions, directed by *Ketan*, gave an off-Broadway performance of Guru's play, "Siddhartha Becomes the Buddha" in April, then took the play on the road, visiting Chicago, Seattle, Vancouver and Europe...Guru received an *Honorary Degree* in Religious Studies this spring from St. Marks Major Seminary and College in Minnesota...Guru meditated with runners at the start of the *Seven-Day Race* on May 7... *Australian pop singer Helen Reddy* met with Guru at the tennis court on May 8...During his visit to England, Guru went to *Dover* on May 14 for a ceremony dedicating the city as a Sri Chinmoy Peace-Blossom...Guru opened the *New York Games* at Columbia University's Wien Stadium with a short meditation on May 21; afterwards, he met at Annam Brahma with several of the runners, including *Sudhahota Carl Lewis*, *Leroy Burrell* and *Sam Jefferson*, and *writer Jeffrey Marks*...Guru held his first *four-hour meditation* of the year at P.S. 86 on May 27...

Ashrita has broken two more Guinness world records – completing

390 games of *hopscotch* in 24 hours on April 2-3 and *carrying a brick* with one hand in a downward grip for 71 miles on June 3-4...Guru entered his first track meet in 11 months on June 10, *running the 100 meters* at the *MAC Track Meet* at St. John's University...He also ran the 100 meters in the *USATF meet* at Matawan High School, New Jersey, on June 17, and in the *Shore Athletic Club International Meet* at Holmdel, N.J. on June 21. At the end of the Holmdel race, the race organizers invited him to deliver a message to the crowd...A special *Father's Day Meditation* was held at the tennis court on June 18...A *peace concert* was held at Aspiration-Ground on July 5...Guru came to a *Joy Day* July 9 at the Rocherolle house in Connecticut, held in honor of *Gayatri's* upcoming birthday...A group of *Bengali child musicians* performed for Guru at the tennis court on July 11...*Bhashwar*, 51, won a gold medal in the 4 x 400 relay, completing the distance in 53.81 seconds on July 23 at the XI World Veterans' Athletic Championships held in Buffalo, N.Y.

MEDITATION HELD IN LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Sri Chinmoy held a special meditation on July 21 in the Mumford Room of the Library of Congress.

During the event he also performed on the flute and answered a few spiritual questions.

Later in the day, he offered a short peace concert and meditation at the Jefferson Memorial.



Running the 100 meters at Matawan, N.J.

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