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21 December 1977

Dear Sri Chinmoy,

I wish to thank you for your letter of 21 December 1977 conveying your good wishes on the occasion of my birthday. You may be certain that I shall continue my efforts in the interests of international peace and co-operation.

Your thoughtfulness in sending me this message is indeed appreciated and I, for my part, would like to take this opportunity to send to you my best wishes for the coming year.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Kurt Waldheim

Sri Chinmoy
Director
United Nations Meditation Group

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—U.N.M.G.

21 December 1977

Dear Secretary-General,

You are the beloved World-Pilot guiding humanity to a higher, more illumining reality, and your peace-loving brothers and sisters around the world are celebrating today the anniversary of your birth.

Yours is a life of supreme dedication, and for that both Heaven and earth are eternally grateful to you. I pray that the Lord Supreme will always shower His choicest Blessings upon your all-sacrificing life and all-giving heart.

Yours in the Supreme,

Sri Chinmoy
Sri Chinmoy

H.E. Mr. Kurt Waldheim
Secretary-General
of the United Nations

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28 November 1977

Dear Mr. Kamen,

I wish to thank you for your letter of 25 November inviting the Secretary-General to join the Meditation Group in a ceremony to honour Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on Tuesday, 29 November at 1 p.m.

The Secretary-General very much appreciated your kind invitation. Unfortunately he will be hosting a luncheon at that time, which has been arranged well in advance and will therefore not be able to attend the meeting.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Ferdinand Mayrhofer-Grunbuhel
Special Assistant
to the Secretary-General

Mr. Jeff Kamen
United Nations Correspondent
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New York, N.Y. 10017

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25 November 1977

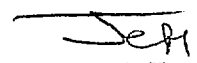
Dear Secretary - General Waldheim,

I hope you will be able to accept this invitation to join me and the other members of the U.N. Meditation Group in honoring the spirit and works of the late Nobel Peace Prize winner, Dr. Martin Luther King jr at a special one hour meeting , Tuesday, November 29, 1977 in Conference Room 5.

Ambassador Andrew Young will be among the participants. I have been asked to serve as master of ceremonies. There will be beautiful music, spoken tributes and a brief, silent meditation led by U.N. Meditation Group Director, Sri Chinmoy, with whom you are acquainted.

It would give me great delight if you should choose to attend. If you can come, you would be most welcome to present any brief, heartfelt remarks about Dr. King and his value to humanity.

With warmth and gratitude,



Jeff Kamen
United Nations Correspondent
WPIX TV

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TO: Mr. B. Urquhart

FROM:
DE: F. Mayrhofer

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7.11.1977

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This is in response to my letter informing the Meditation Group that the Secretary-General will not be able to join their event. Could the Secretary-General please have your advice on this matter?

RA Personally I find the
Meditation Group's objectives
so excellent that I would be willing
that I order the Secretary-General
it.

7 November 1977

file
Mr. K.H.

Dear Mr. Mayrhofer-Grünbüchel,

Thank you for your kind letter of 1 November relaying the Secretary-General's response to our request for our programme of 15 November 1977. We hope it would be possible to obtain from the Secretary-General a statement on this the 20th anniversary of the opening of the Meditation Room. We are planning to publish a book after the programme containing all the historical material on the Room, and any remarks which the Secretary-General might contribute concerning the Room and its importance to the work here at Headquarters would be most appreciated. If we were to receive this before the 15 we would be able to read it on the occasion. We feel that those people away from Headquarters who would be interested in our small book would be well served if they could read something by Dr. Waldheim in connection with this "Room of Quiet."

Thank you again for your kind consideration.

Yours sincerely,

A. K. Keefe

A.K. Keefe
Programme Co-ordinator
United Nations Meditation Group
Room A-515
United Nations

Mr. F. Mayrhofer-Grünbüchel
Special Assistant
to the Secretary-General

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25. 4.

FMG -

I received a phone call from Mr. Curchack of the United Nations Meditation Group (X-6942) asking if the Secretary-General was sending a message for the J.F. Kennedy Anniversary programme tomorrow. He said that Amb. Kennedy of Ireland was making a statement.

Michael asked me to check with you to see whether, in fact, a message was being prepared, or not.

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1 November 1977

Dear Mr. Keefe,

On behalf of the Secretary-General I wish to convey his appreciation for the kind invitation to address the United Nations Meditation Group on 16 November 1977.

The Secretary-General regrets very much that, owing to a previous engagement, it will not be possible for him to join you on this occasion. May I, however, extend to you best wishes for the success of the programme you arranged.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Ferdinand Mayrhofer-Grünbühel
Special Assistant
to the Secretary-General

Mr. A. K. Keefe
Programme Coordinator
United Nations Meditation Group
United Nations
New York

(Room ~~3001~~ A-515)

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—U.N.M.G.

Dear Secretary-General,

The United Nations Meditation Group would be deeply honoured if you would address us during our programme marking the anniversary of the "Room of Quiet" Meditation Room, planned for the week of November 16th in Conference Room 4 at 1:00 pm. As you may know, it will be twenty years this November that Dag Hammarskjold dedicated the Room.

Enclosed please find a copy of the July 1977 issue of the bulletin: Meditation at the United Nations, which contains the remarks of the former Secretary-General at the official opening of the Meditation Room.

Again, we would be deeply grateful for your presence.

Respectfully yours,

A.K. Keefe

A.K. Keefe

Programme Coordinator

Ext. 7828

Room A-515

Mr. Kurt Waldheim
Secretary-General of the
United Nations

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TO:
 A: **Mr. Ahmed** *AR / FMXG*

FROM:
 DE: **Veronica Walsh** *AR 61*

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13 October 1977

UNITED NATIONS STAFF RECREATION COUNCIL

To: Mr. Kenneth Peck, Programme Co-ordinator
United Nations Staff Recreation Council - Meditation Group

From: Veronica Walsh, Assistant Secretary
United Nations Staff Recreation Council

Subject: New York Salutes the United Nations festival

We refer to your letter of 29 July 1977 addressed to Mr. R. Ahmed, Executive Assistant to the Secretary-General, which was forwarded to us for reply.

The Executive Committee of the Staff Recreation Council had its first meeting on 7 October since the summer break, and was therefore unable to act on your request before that time. We hope the time which has elapsed has not caused you any inconvenience.

After a long discussion on the above mentioned subject, it was decided that the Staff Recreation Council could not support such an idea due to various legal, financial, and political reasons in view of the activity's taking place outside the premises in which the Staff Recreation Council would have control, and therefore have no responsibility for any problems which may arise.

cc. Mr. R. Ahmed, room 3800 E ✓



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—U.N.M.G.

29 July 1977

Dear Mr. Ahmed,

I would like to present to you a project which the United Nations Meditation Group envisages for the occasion of UN Day, 24 October 1977. The underlying concept is that UN Day should be celebrated as well as being marked by a concert and official statements. UN Plaza and Dag Hammarskjold Plaza are the natural focus for such a celebration. The international community here in New York has participated in a major way in several recent, large street fairs, the most recent of which being this year's annual July 4th celebration in lower Manhattan where at least ten different national groups performed ethnic music and dances and prepared samples of international cuisine.

What we are suggesting is that on Sunday 23 October we organise a "New York Salutes the United Nations" festival. Having participated in the coordination of several such past festivals, we are confident that such a project can be accomplished. We are also most willing to invite other UN groups who have staged commemorations of UN Day in past years to participate. The City of New York has officially recognised the festival and will authorize the use of Dag Hammarskjold Plaza for it, but requires an official memorandum from your office to grant the closing off of UN Plaza for such a celebration.

We therefore submit this project for the Secretary-General's kind approval and humbly request his participation in the celebration. We will also be more than happy to supply further details of the planning upon request.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Kenneth Peck
Programme Co-ordinator
Rm 951

Mr. Rafeuddin Ahmed
Executive Assistant to the Secretary-General

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for books received**

4 October 1977

Dear Miss Gershon,

On behalf of the Secretary-General I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 30 September 1977 enclosing a copy of the book entitled "A Salute To the United Nations Security and Safety Service."

Your thoughtfulness in transmitting this publication was very much appreciated by the Secretary-General.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Ferdinand Mayrhofer-Grünbühel
Special Assistant
to the Secretary-General

Miss Gail Gershon
Secretary
United Nations Meditation Group
Room 3001
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—U.N.M.G.

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Letter from me
[Signature]

30 September 1977

Dear Secretary-General,

On behalf of Sri Chinmoy we are pleased and honoured to offer to you the enclosed book, "A Salute to the United Nations Security and Safety Service."

This book represents a humble attempt on the part of the United Nations Meditation Group to offer due recognition to the extremely courteous and alert members of the Service.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Gail Gershon
Secretary

Mr. Kurt Waldheim
The Secretary-General
United Nations

Michelle, since you informed them, pls. keep for AR's return
MWS.

brought by hand on 29 July.

I told them that AR was not going to be back before
end of August.

Michelle

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—U.N.M.G.

29 July 1977


Dear Mr. Rohan,

As you may remember, during the last meeting between the Secretary-General and Sri Chinmoy on 7 March 1977 the Secretary-General himself mentioned to Sri Chinmoy several times that you knew so much about the Secretary-General and could assist Sri Chinmoy with his book about him. Sri Chinmoy is still hoping to get some experiences of yours, illumining and fulfilling, which he feels will add considerably to his humble and soulful tribute-book about our Secretary-General.

I would be very grateful if you could kindly spend a few moments with me, at your convenience, speaking about the Secretary-General. If possible, I would also very much like to review files or any other documentation that you have that might prove valuable for Sri Chinmoy's book.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,


Gail Gershon
Secretary,
UNMG

Mr. Albert Rohan
Deputy Executive Assistant
to the Secretary-General

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27 July 1977

Dear Sri Chinmoy,

On behalf and in the absence of the Secretary-General, I wish to acknowledge with thanks receipt of your letter of 26 July 1977.

The kind message which you sent on behalf of the United Nations Meditation Group has been conveyed to the Secretary-General, who asked me to thank you most sincerely for your good wishes for the recovery of his daughter and mother-in-law.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Albert Rohan
Deputy Executive Assistant
to the Secretary-General

Sri Chinmoy
Director
United Nations Meditation Group



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—U.N.M.G.

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26 July 1977

Dear Secretary-General,

Today the members of the Meditation Group are offering a most soulful prayer and meditation to God for your daughter and your mother-in-law's quick recovery.

Yours in the Supreme,

Sri Chinmoy
Sri Chinmoy

and the
Meditation Group

His Excellency
Mr. Kurt Waldheim
Secretary-General of the
United Nations

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4 February 1977

Dear Ms. Gershon,

In the absence of the Secretary-General, who is presently on a peace mission in the Middle East, I wish to acknowledge your letter of 1 February 1977 inviting him to attend the special dinner which you are holding on 8 February.

The Secretary-General will still be away from New York at that time and so it will not be possible for him to join you. I am certain, however, that he would wish me to thank you for your thoughtfulness in extending this invitation to him.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Albert Rohan
Deputy Executive Assistant
to the Secretary-General

Ms. Gail Gershon
Secretary
United Nations Meditation Group

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4 February 1977

Dear Ms. Gershon,

Many thanks for the kind invitation which you extended to me on behalf of the United Nations Meditation Group to attend your special dinner on 8 February. Unfortunately, I have already accepted a previous engagement for that evening and so I very much regret that it will not be possible for me to be present. Your thoughtfulness in asking me was appreciated.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Mark Robinson
Second Officer

Ms. Gail Gershon
Secretary
United Nations Meditation Group



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-U.N.M.G.

3 Febraury 1977

Dear Mr. Robinson,

The United Nations Meditation Group has the honour of inviting you to a special dinner for United Nations delegates and staff members to be held February 8 at Annam Brahma restaurant, 84-43 164th Street, Jamaica, Queens, at 7:00 p.m. The evening represents our continuing efforts to offer our appreciation and gratitude to those who have kindly offered us their support and participated in our programmes over the past year.

Yours sincerely,

Gail Gershon
Gail Gershon
Secretary
Ext. 5632

Mr. Mark N.F. Robinson
Associate Officer
Executive Office of the Secretary-General

MR/jm - cc: SG

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18 January 1977

Dear Sri Chinmoy,

The Secretary-General has asked me to thank you for your letter of 10 January 1977, with which you sent him a copy of your 300th book. The Secretary-General very much appreciates your thoughtfulness in sharing this publication with him. It was also kind of you to enclose the Meditation Group's New Year message for 1977.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Ferdinand Mayrhofer-Grunbuhel
Special Assistant
to the Secretary-General

Sri Chinmoy
Director
United Nations Meditation Group

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-U.N.M.G.

10 January 1977

Dear Secretary-General,

We were very moved to receive your kind and encouraging letter of 13 December 1976, thanking the U.N. Meditation Group for our best wishes on your re-election. We wish to tell you, dear Secretary-General, that our soulful support is with you as you begin your new term.

I am very honoured to present you with a copy of my 300th book that I have written since coming to America twelve years ago. My writings represent my humble efforts and aspirations to serve mankind and this book is itself on the subject of aspiration.

Be pleased to accept this book, Aspiration-Tree, and the Meditation Group's New Year message as an expression of our continuing support for you, and your unprecedented Cause, at the beginning of the New Year.

Yours in the Supreme,

Sri Chinmoy
Sri Chinmoy
Director

H.E. Mr. Kurt Waldheim
The Secretary-General
United Nations
New York, New York 10017

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12 November 1976

Dear Sir,

I am pleased to invite you to a programme of tribute to former Secretary-General U Thant. It is now almost two years to the date of his passing, and a time for remembrance. Much can be said for the depth of character which we all perceived in U Thant. The humility, the integrity, the compassion that he brought to the halls of international diplomacy will always be placed before the world as an example of the high standards that we must work to achieve. By pausing in tribute to our most esteemed colleague, we will be strengthened by and endowed with those qualities which distinguished his international service.

The programme will open with tributes from selected speakers and will include a film on U Thant. The date set is Tuesday 23 November at 1:00 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjold Library Auditorium of the United Nations.

Sincerely yours,

K. Peck

Kenneth Peck
Programme Coordinator
United Nations Meditation Group
Room 951, United Nations
754-6913

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Phoned Gail Gershon X5628
and told her that, unfortunately,
owing to a previous engagement
the SG was unable to attend this
concert and sent his regrets.

Jeanette
25/X/76

MR/ R. S. ...
que plaisir!
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The Sri Chinmoy Centres
Have the honour
Of inviting you to

A Concert on Indian Esraj
by
Sri Chinmoy

Saturday, the 30th of October
at 7:30 P.M.

St. Thomas Church
Fifth Avenue and 53rd Street
New York

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Transcendental Meditation Session Proving Popular at United Nations

Special to The New York Times

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Oct. 19— The delegates slipped out of the General Assembly. Almost furtively, they ducked into an unmarked conference room down the hall.

The session there had just begun, but there were no speakers, no debates, no arguments—just silence, and the faint fragrance of sandalwood perfume. The participants—women in colored saris or denims, men in jeans or work uniforms, and others in conservative dress—sat still and erect in their chairs, facing a rostrum that was simply decorated with a bouquet of yellow chrysanthemums and red roses.

Seated on the rostrum was the master, draped in a long white garment and a sky-blue blouse, his eyes staring into space.

The delegates who slipped in had discreetly taken up two of the remaining seats. Together with the others in the conference room, palms folded before their chests and eyes half closed, they began to meditate.

Envoys Among Meditators

"We don't differentiate, but I have noted ambassadors and high U.N. officials among our meditators," said Larry Gelber, who has for two years been teaching transcendental meditation at the Manhattan World Plan Center. A United Nations source said all 10 members of a South American mission, "from the ambassador down," are were "active" meditators—that is, people who spend 20 to 40 minutes a day meditating.

Jim Karambefas, a United Nations interpreter from New Jersey, explained. "Simultaneous translation at the U.N. is a very high pressure job," he said. "T.M. helps release your pressures, increase your energy, your capacity for concentration, your adaptability. It makes instant response easy and effortless, and you don't get bogged down in your work."

John Foster, director of the Manhattan center, one of eight in the metropolitan area that offers the transcendental meditation program as taught by the Mahareshi Mahesh Yogi, said: "The U.N. people are increasingly looking to T.M., which is an effective way to combat the stress and strains of daily life, the routine and boredom, the fatigue and frustration of the session."

Group Meets Twice a Week

The group, under the direction of Sri Chinmoy, was accredited to the United Nations last year as one of the so-called nongovernmental organizations functioning alongside the official bodies. It has been meeting twice a week, with about 100 people attending on a typical day.

Sri Chinmoy, a 45-year-old Bengali came to the United States in 1964 "in response to an inner command," according to his biography, "to offer his inner wealth to aspiring seekers in the West."

Obviously, the group takes no political stands on the official issues facing the delegates. That is not what meditation is about. Yet in a diplomatic setting, the pressures of international politics must also be the concern of the guru, or teacher-leader.

"How do you view world problems and how can they be solved?" a visitor asked Sri Chinmoy at a recent meditation session. "The problems of the world are like teeming clouds in the sky," he replied in a high, halting voice, his eyes half closed. "But the sun is still shining high above and there will come a time when the sun will disperse the clouds. Constant meditation will help us solve all of our problems and all the world problems. We will immerse in a sea of wisdom-life instead of sinking in the sea of ignorance-life."

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AS WELL AS STAFF DELEGATES
AND SEPARATE N G O

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8 October 1976

Dear Ms. Gershon,

The Secretary-General has asked me to thank the United Nations Meditation Group for the beautiful floral arrangement which was sent to his office at the end of last week. He also wished to say that his very heavy schedule will not enable him to be present at your tribute to Pablo Casals, but sends his best wishes for a successful programme.

Yours sincerely,

Kurt Herndl
Deputy Executive Assistant
to the Secretary-General

Ms. Gail Gershon
Secretary
United Nations Meditation Group
Room 3001



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-U.N.M.G.

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5 October 1976

Dear Secretary-General,

The United Nations Meditation Group has the honor of inviting you to our programme of tribute to Pablo Casals, on 11 October 1976 at 12:00 PM, in the Dag Hammerskjold auditorium.

We are enclosing our invitation for your information and we will be sending you our programme shortly.

Yours sincerely,

Gail Gershon

Gail Gershon
Secretary
Ext. 5628

His Excellency
Kurt Waldheim
The Secretary-General
of the United Nations



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Discussed matter informally with members of Meditation Group on 29/9. No further action should be taken on this letter

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24 September 1976

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Dear Secretary-General,

During our memorable meeting in July, I was extremely glad to tell you that we, the members of the United Nations Meditation Group, would be soulfully praying for your continued success and also for a second term as Secretary-General. We have decided that we shall dedicate to you, to your mind's luminosity and your heart's magnanimity, a short and humble programme on October 1, held at noon in the Dag Hammarskjöld Auditorium.

I do hope that by this time you have had the opportunity to read my soulful tribute to you and your unparalleled efforts towards world-peace and world-perfection. Please accept my highest regards.

Yours in the Soul-Light
of the United Nations,

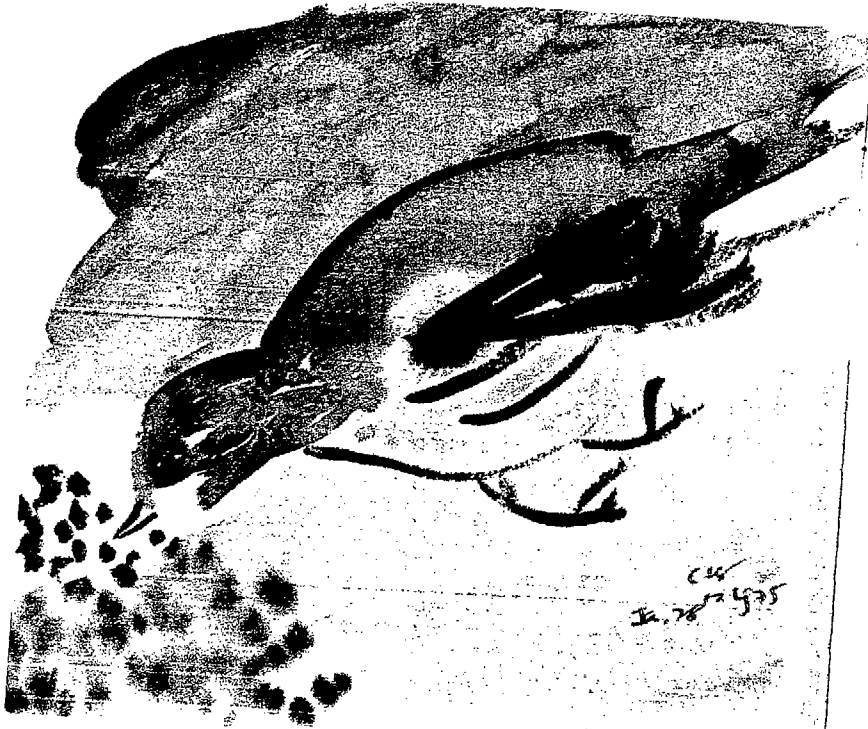
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His Excellency
Mr. Kurt Waldheim
The Secretary-General
United Nations, New York

A SOULFUL TRIBUTE
TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL:
THE PILOT SUPREME
OF THE UNITED NATIONS



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BY SRI CHINMOY,
representative of the Sri Chinmoy Centre
non-governmental organisation
and Spiritual Director
of the United Nations Meditation Group



The illumination-mind

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THE PILOT SUPREME

To the truth-seeker, peace-lover, oneness-dreamer, perfection-builder, satisfaction-harbinger; to the supreme Pilot in the Secretary-General, Kurt Waldheim, we offer our soulful gratitude-heart.

When the seeker in me concentrates on the illumination-mind and meditates on the oneness-heart and contemplates on the satisfaction-soul of the Secretary-General, he gets three most earth-liberating and Heaven-fulfilling messages. These messages primarily deal with the divine necessity and human responsibility in connection with the cry of the world-body—the United Nations — and with the smile of the world-soul—the United Nations.

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The message of the illumination-mind of the Secretary-General runs thus: When a human being goes deep within and wants to make friends with necessity, necessity immediately wants to become his friend. Ne-

cessity and he become close friends. They have one ideal, one goal, and that ideal is satisfaction, that goal is perfection.

Then a human being goes without and as soon as he comes out, responsibility wants to make friends with him. He does not want responsibility to be his friend, but responsibility compels him to become its friend. Unwillingly, with great reluctance, he condescends to become responsibility's friend. Responsibility's ideal and responsibility's goal he does not sincerely like, but he is compelled to love responsibility's ideal and goal just because he has agreed to accept responsibility as his friend. Responsibility's ideal is to work for others and to be satisfied in others' satisfaction. Responsibility's goal is to work for others' perfection and to find one's own perfection in their perfection.

In the human world, necessity inspires a human being, educates him and prepares him. In the human world, responsibility frustrates him, tortures him and weakens him. In the divine world there is no such thing as compelled responsibility or self-styled responsibility. There is no responsibility whatsoever. There is only one necessity and that necessity is at once illumining

and fulfilling. Again, there is a third world, which is God's own self-transcendence world. In God's own self-transcendence world there is no such thing as responsibility; there is not even necessity. In God's world there is only one thing: satisfaction-reality.

Countless wants each individual has; but there can be only one necessity if that individual is sincere to himself, sincere to the world and sincere to God, and that necessity is God's Smile. Countless obligations each individual has; but there is and there can be only one true responsibility, and that responsibility lies in our sincere effort to fulfil the real need of the world and not its wants or demands.

Necessity is self-enquiry for God-discovery. Responsibility is world-education for world-perfection.

Necessity is a one-way street. Here the doer and the action go together. Here the dream of the individual seeker and the reality of the individual seeker live together in perfect harmony, complementing and fulfilling each other.

Responsibility is a two-way street. Here the giver is an individual and the receiver is another individual, and there comes a time

when they meet together. When the receiver receives, at times he may be grateful; at times he may not be grateful at all. When the giver gives, at times he may be soulful and at times he may be anything but soulful. But the giver and the receiver meet together at a particular point, at a particular place. The giver either willingly or unwillingly gives and the receiver either gratefully or ungratefully receives. In responsibility there is always a division: two entities, two realities—giver and receiver. In necessity there is always the song of oneness. Here two become one, three become one, four become one, for all of them have one soul and one goal.

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The message of the Secretary-General's oneness-heart runs thus: The demanding world tells us that it is the responsibility of the United Nations to bring about world peace since it bears the name the "United Nations." The demanding world always claims that in order to prove its worth, the United Nations must bring about world peace. This is the truth that the demanding world offers us. But the loving world has



The oneness-heart

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something else to tell. The loving world tells us that it is the necessity of the world at large, of the entire world, to have peace, to have love, to have harmony. The United Nations is a member of the world family. The world houses the United Nations. In the case of the United Nations, a member of the world family is most sincerely willing to try to bring peace to all the other members of the family. It is the world-necessity that the United Nations has accepted as its own necessity. This is not responsibility, it is necessity. So the loving world feels a most prominent, qualified member of its family has accepted the world-necessity as its own necessity and is trying its utmost to bring about world peace according to the world's willingness.

In a family there are parents and children. The United Nations can be called a strong young man in the family. The parents or, let us say, the oldest members of the family or the old nations—these the United Nations can keep on its shoulders perfectly safe. And the new nations, the young children, its younger brothers and sisters—these the United Nations can keep beside itself. The parents are satisfied when their strong young boy places them on his

shoulders and takes them to the destination, and the little members of the family are also satisfied when they can go alongside their strong brother and reach the destination with him. And what is their destination? World-progress is their destination, world-satisfaction is their destination. So the old nations and the young nations can perfectly be carried to their destination with love, sympathy and inner capacity, provided they claim the United Nations as a real, true, genuine member of their family. The capacity of the United Nations is nothing short of its world-embracing and world-illuminating vision.

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The message of the Secretary-General's satisfaction-soul runs thus: Compromise is not and cannot be the real answer to the world's problems. Compromise, the breath of compromise, is very short-lived. It is like a fleeting second. What is needed, what is of paramount importance, is oneness, not compromise. What is compromise? If you don't speak ill of me, I shall not speak ill of you. If you keep silent, then I shall also keep silent; or if you do this, I shall do this



The satisfaction-soul

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and if you don't do that, then I won't do that. This is compromise.

But in oneness we notice something else. In oneness we see that two individuals become absolutely inseparably one for their oneness-satisfaction, even though they are performing two different tasks. One can remain silent and the other can talk. One speaks what he has to say and the other listens devotedly and soulfully; then they change their respective roles. In oneness, each can play the role of multiplicity. With one hand I can do something to please my mind and with the other hand I can do something to please my body. I can please my eyes and, at the same time, I can please my ears. I can look at you and appreciate your beauty and, at the same time, I can hear what you have to say. The soul of the United Nations teaches us the most sublime truth that two individuals or all individuals can do something according to their own capacity, their own willingness, their own receptivity, and still please all the members of their spiritual family. It is like an orchestra. There are many players and each player is playing a different instrument. But each player is needed. On the piano, each key is needed. We cannot say

that one is enough, for then there will be no music. All the keys are necessary. Similarly, all the members of the United Nations are necessary. They will produce different notes, but they have to go together if there is to be a musical symphony. In this way there can be real oneness in variety; in this way the world can achieve peace in multiplicity.

Again, each nation need not play the same note all the time. Silence and sound: this is what God eternally is. When it is necessary for some nation to see the face of reality-silence, the nation has to remain silent. When a particular nation feels it is necessary to see the face of reality-sound, it will enter into the life of action. Action and inaction, sound and silence, must go together. On one level these two things are diametrically opposite—action and inaction, sound and silence—but in the deepest reality-existence they are one. Dream-world and reality-world, sound-world and silence-world complement each other and fulfil each other.

The United Nations is playing a most important role in seeking to establish world harmony, world peace, world oneness, world divinity, world perfection and God-

satisfaction. The outer world says that the United Nations is not strong enough, but the inner world has something else to say. The inner world says that the real capacity of the United Nations is its willingness, its inner cry. The United Nations is crying for world peace; and this very act of crying is its real capacity. It has no other capacity. The cry itself is its capacity and this capacity is of supreme importance.

True, this capacity cannot or does not meet with satisfaction-reality all at once. I have the capacity to run, let us say, but I am not at the destination. I have just left the starting point; my goal is still ahead. Capacity does not mean immediate success or immediate victory. Capacity is a continuous movement that eventually leads us to our destined goal. So right now the United Nations, which is the supreme human and divine necessity—God's necessity on earth to bring about world peace—is a cry, a movement, a forward march, a forward adventure. A runner is running. Just because the runner has not reached the goal, this does not mean that the runner will fail. There is an appointed hour and, at that appointed hour, which is God's choice hour, the inner dream—the real dream—of the United

Nations will be transformed into reality. This is necessity, the inner necessity of the soul of the United Nations, and its God-ordained responsibility. Self-imposed responsibility, self-styled responsibility, does not last more than a few minutes, a few hours, a few days, a few months, a few years. But God-ordained responsibility is like Eternity's own necessity.

What the United Nations has for the world is a dream. In the outer world it is running slowly, steadily and unerringly. But in the inner world it is running fast, faster, fastest. No matter how fast it runs in the inner world, it will not lose its balance. And in the outer world, no matter how slowly it is running, it is bound to reach its destination, for it is running steadily and unerringly. The outer goal it will one day reach, and at that time the world will notice it. It may take a very short time or it may take a very long time; it all depends on world-receptivity. But in the inner world it will reach its destination very soon, because the inner progress of the United Nations is most satisfactory. In the inner world the dream of the United Nations, like a deer, has the fastest speed. But the necessity that the United Nations has accepted as

its own will ultimately be fulfilled in both the inner world and the outer world, for this necessity is nothing short of God-ordained responsibility. And this is every day being engraved in the hearts of the world-loving nations at the United Nations and the hearts of the world-seekers who want only truth-reality to be manifested in individual souls, in individual nations, in collective souls, in collective nations. Peace, which is real satisfaction, will loom large one day, for it is the only choice which the individual and the collective body have, the only choice that God wants, that humanity wants, that the real existence in us wants. All want the same thing: satisfaction-peace, peace-satisfaction; oneness in multiplicity and multiplicity in oneness. There is no conflict; there are only different branches, millions of flowers, leaves and fruits on the everlasting Life-Tree.

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When the seeker in me sees the striking physical frame of the Secretary-General, his eyes are at once divine silence-energy, silence-nourishment, and divine sound-revelation, sound-expansion. When the seeker



in me feels the dynamic inner frame, the vital, of the Secretary-General, his soulful bird with two hopeful wings flies to cover the length and breadth of the world. What for? To sow the immortal seed of the United Nations for world-union, world-salvation and world-perfection.

The human in our Secretary-General is from Austria. The divine in him is not only for Austria but for the entire world-thirst, world-hunger and world-cry. When his own beloved country is accused, the great patriot in him comes to the fore and not only defends his country but throws considerable light on the confusing and confused world-mind:

"From time to time, Austria's foreign policy is accused of lacking glamour. We cannot reject such a criticism strongly enough. It would indeed be a grave mistake for a neutral country to try to attract world attention through dramatic declarations or actions. It might mean a temporary appearance of the country's name in the headlines of world news, but the political consequences would be disastrous. Many such declarations by well-known politicians have in the past aroused much publicity and created a host of misunderstandings

that contributed to international unrest. The foreign offices of the countries concerned then had the difficult task of repairing the damage by correcting, redressing or explaining the statement that had been made. A foreign policy of sensationalism is contrary to the interests of a neutral country. Reason, cool-headedness and continuity are infinitely more necessary than dramatization."

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During Kurt Waldheim's term of office as Permanent Representative of Austria to the United Nations, undoubtedly there was a special significance as to why he was divinely honoured as Chairman of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, and later supremely honoured as President of the First United Nations Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space. The peace-lover in our present Secretary-General voices forth: "The progress achieved has also provided the international community with an eloquent testimony of a historical process, that given the political will, an area of potential rivalry and conflict in inter-

national politics can be turned into a fruitful co-operative endeavour for the benefit of mankind."

Man invents war. Man discovers peace. He invents war from without. He discovers peace from within. War man throws. Peace man sows. The smile of war is the flood of human blood. The smile of peace is the love, below, above.

Peace is the whole truth that wishes to enrapture humanity. War is the whole falsehood that wants to capture humanity. Peace begins in the soul and ends in the heart. War begins in the mind and ends in the body.

War forgets peace. Peace forgives war. War is the death of the life human. Peace is the birth of the Life Divine. Our vital passions want war. Our psychic emotions desire peace.

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Countless are the problems when we live in the unlit and doubting mind. But there is only one problem—absolutely one and not two—when we live in the awakened life and the oneness-loving heart, and that problem is the problem of survival and

prosperity of all men. How do we divinely survive and supremely prosper? Here is the irrevocable proclamation offered to the world by our Secretary-General: "As we now consider the choices before us, we must realize we are not faced with many separate problems, but with different aspects of a single over-all problem: the survival and prosperity of all men and women and their harmonious development, physical as well as spiritual in peace with each other and with nature. This is the solution we must seek. It is within our power to find it."

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Change of nature, either in human life or in any phase of life itself, has proved to be a most difficult task. When the ascending aspiration-flames from below and the descending Compassion-Sun from above meet together, the seemingly impossible task of nature's change, either in an individual life or in a country's life, can both surprisingly and satisfactorily take place. Nature's change has always been slow, steady, but unerring. With regard to the nature's transformation of a State, what the United Nations can unmistakably and

will convincingly do is most illuminingly expressed by its supreme Pilot, Kurt Waldheim:

"When States become members of the United Nations, they do not suddenly and miraculously change their nature... But if the United Nations was not meant to initiate a fundamental transformation of the nature of world politics, the Organization does provide the framework and the machinery for channelling national actions into more constructive directions... In my opinion, there should be no fundamental conflict between national self-interest and the goals of the international community and of mankind as a whole... That is the real function of the United Nations: to be available to the countries of the world, not as a utopian substitute for traditional international relations, but as a mechanism, an instrument, by means of which national policies can be shaped and harmonized to take into account the legitimate hopes and aspirations of all countries."

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In conclusion, we would like to invoke success, which claims to be the matchless

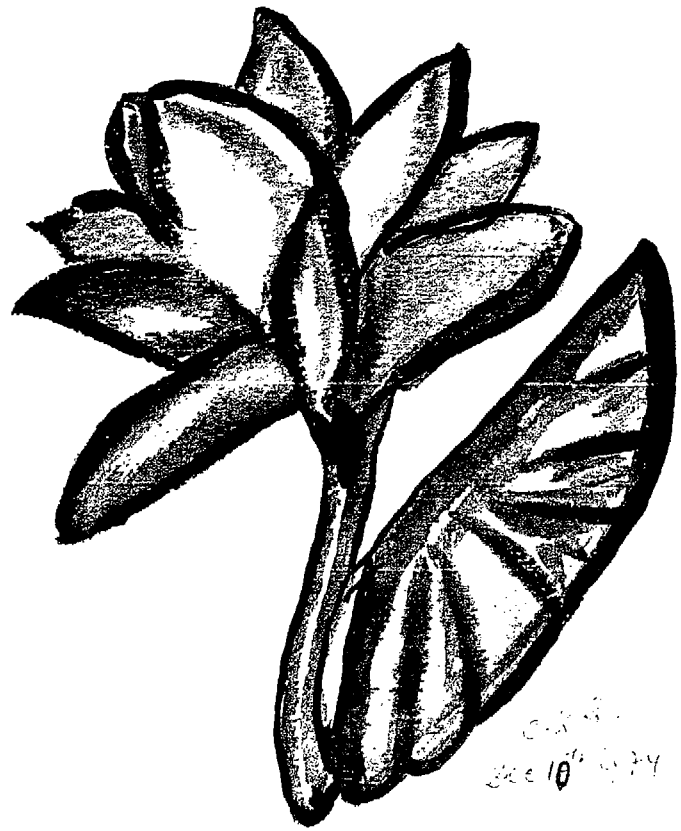
friend of human life, and progress, which is at once the divine and eternal friend. Success is what we in the march of time become and progress is what we sempiternally are. The oft-quoted adage, "Nothing succeeds like success," has been interpreted with an amazingly broad vision by the Secretary-General: "There has been some slight progress here and there: certain situations which had been frozen by the cold war are beginning to show some signs of thaw as a result of the over-all détente. We must keep trying. As you say in business: 'Nothing succeeds like success.' Well, we need progress and success in order to achieve other successes and to create a new climate in the world."

Success belongs to the outer world. Progress belongs to the inner world. Success engenders vital gratification. Progress augments psychic satisfaction. The human in us dies for success and ultimately dies in success. The human reality, which is goodness—our God-life in God-vision's reality—surrenders itself to the lower reality, which is greatness, world-acclaim and the dance of individuality's supremacy. The divine in us longs for progress, which is the song of gradual self-transcendence in

the one for the many and in the many for the one. The soul of the United Nations dreams only of progress in the aspiration-life and dedication-life of each individual and each country. She has granted her beloved son, our Secretary-General, Kurt Waldheim, beckoning hands to invite ignorance-world for a global progress in the life of universal brotherhood and in the heart of perfection's height.



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17 September 1976

Dear Ms. Gershon,

I am writing in response to your letter of 8 September 1976 requesting the Secretary-General to send you a message, at the occasion of the opening of the 31st Session of the General Assembly, for inclusion in the programme of the United Nations Meditation Group's Second Annual International Conference.

Unfortunately, I very much regret that it will not be possible for the Secretary-General to provide a message on this occasion. In this connexion I wish to mention that the Secretary-General sent a message to you last year on the occasion of the 30th Session of the General Assembly, in view of the special significance of that Session.

The Secretary-General has asked me to convey to you his best wishes for a successful conference.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Kurt Herndl
Deputy Executive Assistant
to the Secretary-General

Ms. Gail Gershon
Secretary
United Nations Meditation Group
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We thank you again for your kind consideration.

Sincerely,

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H.E. Mr. Kurt Waldheim
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K.H. I telephoned M. Burke and advised strongly against this. I told him that ~~how~~ you would be back in August. He was not sure whether he would pursue the matter. I think

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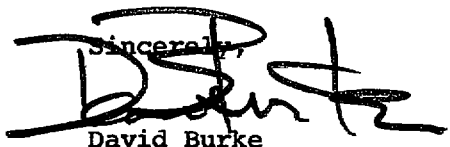
Mr. Kurt Herndl
Deputy Executive Assistant
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Room 3802A
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Dear Mr. Herndl,

Through numerous friends and associates who work at the United Nations, I have become familiar with many of the activities and policies of the United Nations throughout the past several years.

From the standpoint of my own personal concern, I have compiled a quantity of signatures supporting consideration of the United Nations organization to evaluate the possibility of the Director of the United Nations Meditation Group to participate in the Opening of the 30th General Assembly of the U.N. by leading the designated prayer or meditation offered in silence at the Assembly's start.

I realize the immense political implications of such a decision and ask permission to discuss this issue with you or your staff member upon presentation of the petitions.

Sincerely,


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Thank you very much for your time on the telephone this afternoon.

As discussed, here is the sample letter that I promised you. Again, I apologize for this coming at the last minute, but the trip to the Olympics was just recently scheduled.

Once more, thank you for anything that you can do regarding the letter.

(I plan to be in my office quite late tonight, if you should wish to contact me.)

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REFERENCE:

21 July 1976

Dear Mr. Harwood,

This is to affirm that the United Nations Meditation Group under the directorship of Sri Chinmoy is an organization in good standing at the United Nations, dedicated to the fulfilment of individual and international aspirations for peace.

Sri Chinmoy, director of the UN Meditation Group since its founding in 1970, has offered twice-weekly meditations, the monthly Dag Hammarskjold Lectures on spiritual goals of the UN and numerous conferences and special programmes for delegates and staff. The UN Meditation Group is an international, non-denominational, non-political organization, whose services and work in the UN community are widely respected here at the UN.

Yours truly,

Kurt Waldheim
Secretary-General

Mr. C. Harwood
Director-General of the
International Olympic Committee
Montreal, Quebec, Canada

*I explained to
Mr. Gershon that this
could not be possible and
that the Recreation Council would
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21 July 1976

Dear Mr. Mayrhofer-Grunbuhel,

The United Nations Meditation Group has the honour to be accompanied by Sri Chinmoy, Director of the Group, at the Olympic Games this Saturday and Sunday, 24 and 25 July, in Montreal. Because of Sri Chinmoy's esteemed stature as an international, non-denominational spiritual leader who has been serving the United Nations since 1970, we are arranging for Sri Chinmoy to open the Saturday or Sunday Games with a brief silent meditation dedicated to the success of all the athletes of all nations and to the primary goals of the Games: peace, harmony and cooperation among nations. Needless to say, this short ceremony will be entirely without political implications.

May we respectfully request the kind endorsement of our good standing as an organization within the United Nations by Secretary-General Waldheim. Because of the sad upheavals which have been disturbing the Olympic Games, stringent security measures are being enforced. We would be most grateful for the Secretary-General's gracious assistance in affirming our honorable intentions; we in no way intend to request his official support of our activities. We shall receive a written endorsement from the United States Mission to the United Nations this afternoon, and we do hope to receive a favourable response from the Secretary-General as well.

Sincerely,

Gail Gershon
Gail Gershon
Secretary, UNMG

Mr. Ferdinand Mayrhofer-Grunbuhel
Special Assistant to the Secretary-General

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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

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The Secretary,
Recreation Council

DATE: 7 April 1971

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FROM:
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Elizabeth Addison *E Addison*
Secretary, United Nations Meditation Group
(Room 3401, Ext. 2412)

SUBJECT:
OBJET:

Request for UNITED NATIONS MEDITATION GROUP to
be accepted as a Club

1. On behalf of the United Nations Meditation Group, I am submitting herewith our Constitution together with a list of members, for your consideration and approval.
2. We shall be truly grateful to be accepted by the Recreation Council as a Club and trust that our Constitution is acceptable.

CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED NATIONS MEDITATION GROUP

1. The United Nations Meditation Group has been formed in order to offer staff members and members of delegations to the United Nations an opportunity to grow into a deeper spiritual awareness through the practice of meditation under the guidance of an able spiritual Master.
2. Meetings will be held twice a week and regular attendance is requested of all members.
3. An annual membership fee of \$1.00 payable to the treasurer will be charged on joining and thereafter fees will be paid annually on April 14 (to the treasurer).
4. Membership is open to staff members of the Secretariat and members of delegations to the United Nations who are sincerely seeking inner fulfilment.
5. The Board will consist of a president, a secretary and a treasurer, who will be voted in each year in April.
6. The ten foundation members are as follows:
 - Addison, E. (president)
 - Ebrahimzadeh, F.
 - Evans, A.
 - Guiney, M.
 - Ignatieff, M. (treasurer)
 - Osborn, C.
 - Poutsma, P.
 - Ripplinger, Y.
 - Sweeney, R.
 - Vacher, F. (secretary)



United Nations Recreation Council

17 May 1976

To Whom It May Concern,

This is to verify that the application of the Volleyball Club was approved by the Executive Committee of the Recreation Council in January 1974.

Yours sincerely,

Martha Clark
Secretary

United Nations International School
24-50 Franklin D. Roosevelt Drive
New York, New York 10010

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cc: SG

22 July 1975

Dear Sri Chinmoy,

On behalf of the Secretary-General I wish to acknowledge your letter of 18 July 1975 and the enclosed five volumes of questions you have answered at the United Nations.

The Secretary-General very much appreciates your thoughtfulness in sharing these books with him and your very kind wishes. Although the Secretary-General plans to be leaving New York later this week to attend a number of official meetings and he expects to be away until mid-August, your request for a meeting with the Secretary-General will be kept very much in mind after his return to Headquarters.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Georg Hennig
Deputy Executive Assistant

Sri Chinmoy
Spiritual Director, U.N. Meditation Group
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Sri Chinmoy Centre Office at the U.N.



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Dear Mr. Waldheim,

May I offer the enclosed books to you with my deepest respect and highest esteem. These collections, Flame-Waves, Parts 1-5, contain the questions I have answered at the United Nations over the past four years, during which time I have had the honour to conduct the meetings of the U.N. Meditation Group and deliver its monthly Dag Hammarskjold lecture. I am, indeed, deeply grateful for the opportunity to serve aspiring mankind in this august and supremely significant world organisation of United Nations.

The world is crying for peace and you, most revered Secretary-General, as Head of the United Nations, are the unique forerunner of a new age of understanding and brotherhood. It was my great privilege to meet and know your predecessor U Thant. And I feel it would be most significant and meaningful if I, a humble servant of God, may also be granted a short interview with you. I am absolutely certain that God is showering His choice blessings on your most devoted head and your most aspiring heart while you are steering the boat of humanity to the ultimate Goal of peace, light and harmony. I sincerely trust that my request will meet with your kind reply.

Yours in the Supreme,

Sri Chinmoy

Sri Chinmoy
Spiritual Director, U.N. Meditation Group
U.N. Representative (NGO)
Sri Chinmoy Centre Office at the U.N.

H.E. Mr. Kurt Waldheim
The Secretary-General
United Nations
New York, N.Y. 10017

THE SRI CHINMOY CENTRE

Cordially invites you to a

Private Showing

***of two thousand paintings by the
Indian Mystic and Spiritual Master***

SRI CHINMOY

***on Monday, April 28, at 7:00 p.m. at the
Jharna-Kala Gallery, 154 Wooster Street
(corner of Houston Street) in Manhattan.***

A reception will Follow.

*Invitations referred
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April 20, 1975

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Internal
Communication*

To Mr. Georg Hennig,
Executive Office of the Secretary-General,
Room 3802C,
U.N. Headquarters.

Dear Sir,

We have recently been accredited as a Non-Governmental Organisation by the Office of Public Information, and would be deeply honoured if you would be able to attend our first function, April 28 at the Jharna-Kala Gallery.

The paintings on exhibit represent the inner mystical vision of a great spiritual figure, and we feel that you will find them to be of considerable interest.

The exhibition represents something of a departure for Sri Chinmoy, whose normal activities involve directing the spiritual activities of the various Sri Chinmoy Centres and serving the United Nations through his twice-weekly meditations for representatives and staff and his monthly Dag Hammarskjold Lecture Series. So we do hope that you will be able to attend the showing.

Sincerely,

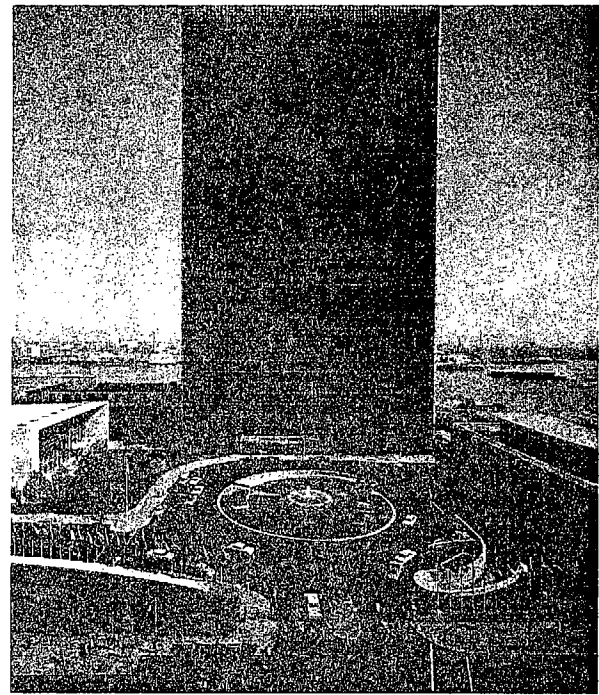
Catherine E. McLaughlin

Mrs. Catherine E. McLaughlin
U.N. Representative

An Inter-religious
Observance
of
The World Day of Prayer
at
the United Nations

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Monday, 5 April 1976
1:00 p.m.



An Inter-religious Observance of
The World Day of Prayer at the United Nations

Opening Silent Prayer— *Sri Chinmoy, Director of the U.N.
Meditation Group*

Prayers for Peace and Progress *

Pir Vilayat Khan

Head of the Sufi Order in the West

Reverend Nakajima

Director, New York Zen Center

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum

*National Director, Inter-religious Affairs,
The American Jewish Committee*

Edna McCallion

Director, U.N. Office, Church Women United

Dr. Hosny Gaber

Director, Islamic Center of New York

Munishree Chitrabhanu

Founder, Jain Meditation International Center

“O United Nations”—Sung by members of the United Nations
Meditation Group

Concluding Silent Prayer—Final prayer of the Observance by
the Representatives joining together on stage for this
offering. Sri Chinmoy will end this prayer by
bowing and chanting ‘OM’.

* Each reading will be followed by a short interlude of music.

Sol Montlack, *violin*

Mary-Ellen Shepley, *flute*

Phil Hirschi, *cello*

*Prayer is struggle when I want to be an
all-knowing mind.*

*Prayer is nectar when I want to be
an all-dedicating life.*

— Sri Chinmoy

SUFISM

Pir Vilayat Khan

*Prayer is the power behind the whole forward march of man's
evolution on the planet because it is an expression of his realisa-
tion of the totality of which he is a part, and the perfect model
of which he is the exemplar, and the consciousness behind his
consciousness, and the one and only presence which he realises
when he forgets his self in glorification.*

Most gracious Lord, Master, Messiah and Saviour of human-
ity. We greet Thee with all humility. Thou art the First Cause
and the Last Effect, the Divine Light and the Spirit of Guid-
ance, Alpha and Omega. Thy Light is in all forms, Thy Love in
all beings: in a loving mother, in a kind father, in an innocent
child, in a helpful friend, in an inspiring teacher. Allow us to
recognize Thee in all Thy holy names and forms: as Rama, as
Krishna, as Shiva, as Buddha. Let us know Thee as Abraham,
as Solomon, as Zarathustra, as Moses, as Jesus, as Mohammed,
and in many other names and forms, known and unknown to
the world. We adore Thy Past; Thy Presence deeply enlightens
our being, and we look for Thy Blessings in the future.

O Messenger, Christ, Nabi, the Rasoul of God! Thou whose
heart constantly reaches upward, Thou comest on earth with a
message as a dove from above when *dharma* decayeth, and
speaketh the Word that is put into Thy mouth, as the light
filleth the crescent moon. Let the state of the Divine Light shin-
ing in Thy Heart be reflected in the hearts of Thy devotees.

May the Message of God reach far and wide, illuminating and
making the whole of humanity as one single brotherhood in the
Fatherhood of God.

The International Cooperation for Peace Committee
cordially invites you to attend
an Inter-religious Observance of
The World Day of Prayer
at the United Nations

1:00-2:00 p.m. 5 April 1976

Dag Hammarskjöld Auditorium

The theme of the programme will be World Peace and Progress. It will feature prayers offered by the following celebrated members of the religious and spiritual community:

Dr. Hosny Gaber	—	Director, Islamic Center of New York
Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum	—	National Director, Inter-religious Affairs, The American Jewish Committee
Pir Vilayat Khan	—	Head of the Sufi Order in the West
Sri Chinmoy	—	Director, United Nations Meditation Group
Edna McCallion	—	Director, U.N. Office, Church Women United
Reverend Nakajima	—	Director, New York Zen Center
Munishree Chitrabhanu	—	Founder, Jain International Meditation Society

The programme will also include short musical interludes of violin, flute and cello.

Co-sponsored by the United Nations Meditation Group.

BUDDHISM

Reverend Nakajima

In Zen Buddhism we ask that the wisdom of the Buddha shine in us. We bow to each other as a sign of mutual respect and direct our love and compassion to all forms of life. We express our sincere wish that we may realize the way of the Buddha together with all sentient beings.

May the wisdom of the All-Compassionate One so shine within our hearts and minds that the mists of error and the foolish vanity of self may be dispelled. So shall we understand the changing nature of existence and reach spiritual peace.

We surround all men and all forms of life with infinite love and compassion. Particularly do we send out compassionate thoughts to those in suffering and sorrow; to all those in doubt and ignorance, to all who are striving to attain Truth; and to those whose feet are standing close to the great change men call death, we send forth oceans of wisdom, mercy and love.

The Dhammapada Sutra says:

He abused me, he beat me, he defeated me, he robbed me. In those who do not harbour such thoughts hatred will cease. For hatred is not overcome by hatred; hatred is overcome by love. This is an old rule.

In conclusion:

May this compassionate *dana* be extended to all beings and may our genuine and sincere wish to achieve the way to Buddhahood together with all sentient beings be granted.

願はくは此の功徳を以て普救く
一切に及ぼし、我等と衆生と皆共に
佛道を成せんとす。

JUDAISM

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum

Prayer has been a tradition since the days of Abraham. It has always been a most important element in the make-up of human beings, who in their nature felt the need to communicate with the Almighty, Creator of all humanity...

יהי רצון מלפניך
שתבטל מלחמות ושפיכות דמים מן העולם
ותמשיך שלום גדול ונפלא בעולם.
ולא ישאו עוד גוי אל גוי קרב
ולא ילמדו עוד מלחמה.

Be it thy will

to annul wars and the shedding of blood from the universe,
and to extend a peace, great and wondrous, in the universe.
"Nor again shall one people raise the sword against another
and they shall learn war no more."

— Excerpt of a prayer ascribed to Rabbi Nachman of Bratzlav

May we see the day when war and bloodshed cease,
When a great and wondrous peace embraces the world.
When one nation shall not threaten another
and we shall not again experience war.
Bless us, O Lord, with peace.
We are greedy for gain, pursuing profit
While soldiers pursue each other far away.
Nations squander their young men's lives on a spree.
Even Abraham was stopped; he did not sacrifice his son.
Help us to seek peace, O Lord, and to pursue it.
Hungry children starve our souls.
Naked children expose us.
Slaughtered children kill our hopes;
We are wretched in their parents' sorrow.
Heal us, O Lord; help us to turn to each other.
Let us make no peace with hunger or oppression,
Let us make no peace with hatred or with fear.
Let love and justice flow like a mighty stream,
Let peace fill the earth as the waters fill the sea.
May the curses of the old year end.
May the blessings of the new year begin.
Amen.
Boruch ato adonai oseh ha'shalom.

CHRISTIANITY

Edna McCallion

Christian prayer is prayer in the spirit of Christ who experienced God as Father. Jesus did not confine Himself to any one form of prayer. He found the Father with others as well as alone. His prayers of praise, supplication and thanksgiving to the Father were offered simply in His own words.

The Christian mystics tell us that our vocation is "waiting on God". This is not an effort of the will but a motionless expectancy directed to His Presence. Praying means letting go with nothing to hold onto, and falling upwards to the surprises that lie at the heart of creation.

O God, we thank you for your patience and generosity with us. We rejoice that we are beginning to realize that peace and progress do not come from the accumulation of material wealth or the extension of material standards by affluent societies.

Our Father, pour forth your grace and help us realize that peace and progress toward the kingdom of God will come when we recognize each person in our global family as our brother or sister; when we share our bread rather than our armaments; when we protect human rights wherever they are violated; when traditions and society discern the hand of God in the rising awareness of the new image of women as full partners with men in all aspects of life; when in the midst of many de-humanizing pressures we concern ourselves with the quality and essential values of life.

Lord, hear our prayer for peace with justice for all our brothers and sisters; that we may fully realize the interdependence of our global society and foster a true sense of planetary solidarity.

O Lord, thank you for this age of your spirit in which we are living. In this age of convergence when we are asking the searching questions—What does it mean to be human? What is life all about?

In the words of Jesus, we pray:

"Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever." Amen.

Prayer is the first and most important religious duty for a Muslim. By prayer, the believer invokes the attributes of God. Through this, man eases himself from the evil feelings inside him, and thus, he can freely express his heart's eagerness to supplicate devoutly to the Almighty.

In the course of prayer, a believer, while prostrating himself to the ground in humility, raises his mind and heart to God. In his conversation, he adores his Creator and Sustainer for His favours and bounties. From Him he seeks forgiveness, and purity of soul and mind.

الصلاة في الاسلام هي عماد الدين وأول الواجبات الدينية وأهمها .
فبالصلاة وفي أثناء الصلاة يتذكر المسلم ويتدبر أسماء الله وصفاته العلية .
ومن هنا تسور روح المصلي وتتخلص نفسه من الأفكار الرديئة فينطلق في حماس
واخلاص في الدعاء والالتجاء الى الله .

وعند ما يسير الانسان المؤمن في اعمال الصلاة فانه بينما يسجد على
الارض خضوعاً لله فانه في نفس الوقت تسمو نفسه الى أطلا بينما وجهه على
الارض . وهناك في سجوده يخاطب مولاه وغالقه الذي وهبه سائر المنح
والمطايا . وأهم هذه المنح هو الغفران وسلام العقل والروح .

In the name of God, The Benificent, The Merciful.

Praise be to God, The Cherisher and The Sustainer of the Universe, Most Gracious, Most Merciful. Your Aid, O God, we seek; guide us to the right way.

O Our Lord, You created all races from a single pair. You raised us into different nations with different cultures, races and languages in order that we might have interest in acquiring better knowledge of one another.

O Our Lord, make us strong-hearted and united in our purpose. Let us remember Your favor, when You called us to gather here and join our hearts for the cause of mutual understanding that has common benefits for ourselves and our nations. So by Your Grace we stand here like brothers.

O Our Lord, let not suffer the work of any of us to be lost in this blessed moment. For we gather in the spirit of Human Brotherhood and Universal Goodness. Help those who believe in the Almighty Presence and make those who follow Your way grow in human freedom and universal fellowship.

JAINISM

Munishree Chitrabhanu

In Jainism, prayer is an address to one's Higher Self. It is a silent communication between mind and higher soul so the life is transformed into beauty, truth, goodness and benediction.

नमो अरिहताणं ।

नमो सिद्धाणं ।

नमो आचार्याणं ।

नमो उपज्ज्ञायाणं ।

नमो लोके सर्व-साधुणं ।

इहो पंच-नमुक्ताशे, सर्व-पाप-पणासतो ।

मंगलाणं च सर्वेभिः, महमं हृद्यं मंगलं ।

I bow to the conquerors of inner enemies in order that I may conquer my own inner enemies.

I bow to all the perfected Souls in order that I may attain perfection.

I bow to all masters who practised before they taught.

I bow to all the teachers who have illumined the path of the seekers.

I bow to all seekers on the spiritual path without any discrimination of time or place.

These are the five benedictions which keep us from all harm. These are the five most sacred of all benedictions.

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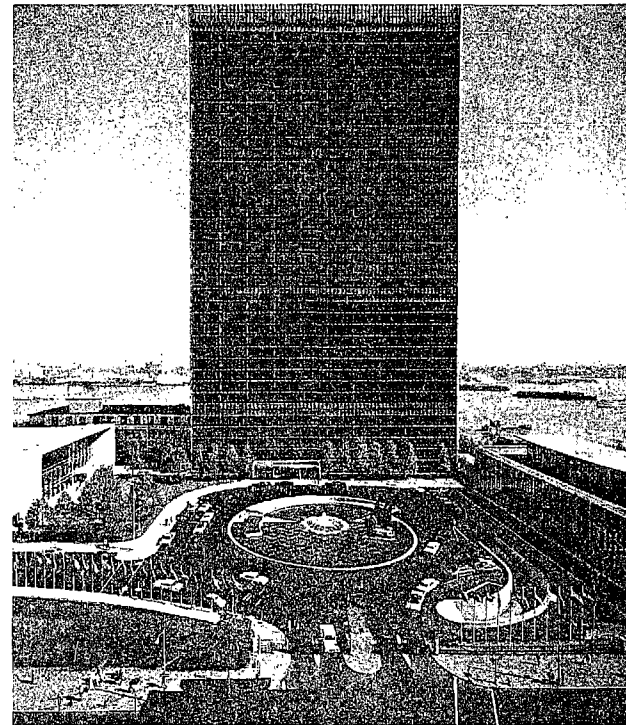
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In Commemoration
of the
Opening of the 30th Session
of the
United Nations General Assembly

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Friday, 12 September, 1975
12 noon



In 1914, there was no international organisation for settlement there was war.

In 1939, the hope for the League of Nations was smashed by yet another world war.

In 1945, the emergence of the United Nations provided the world with a means of international development.

"The League of Nations did not fail because of its principles and conceptions. It failed because these principles were deserted by those States which had brought it into being ... This disaster must not be repeated.
— Winston Churchill, 1946

It is with this responsibility in mind that now, with the opening of the 30th Session of the United Nations General Assembly, we meet to reaffirm those aims and goals of the United Nations those principles by which we can guide ourselves to "The Quintessence of Divinity in Humanity: International Cooperation for Peace."

CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS

WE THE PEOPLES OF THE UNITED NATIONS determined to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war, which twice in our lifetime has brought untold sorrow to mankind, and to reaffirm faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person, in the equal rights of men and women and of nations large and small, and to establish conditions under which justice and respect for the obligations arising from treaties and other sources of international law can be maintained, and to promote social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom,

and for these ends

to practice tolerance and live together in peace with one another as good neighbours, and

to unite our strength to maintain international peace and security, and

to ensure, by the acceptance of principles and the institution of methods, that armed force shall not be used, save in the common interest, and

to employ international machinery for the promotion of the economic and social advancement of all peoples,

have resolved to combine our efforts

to accomplish these aims

Accordingly, our respective Governments, through representatives assembled in the city of San Francisco, who have exhibited their full powers found to be in good and due form, have agreed to the present Charter of the United Nations and do hereby establish an international organisation to be known as the United Nations.

INTRODUCTION

In observance of that invitation to silent prayer and meditation which follows each Opening of the United Nations General Assembly, we requested the Director of the United Nations Meditation Group, Sri Chinmoy, to lead us in offering our commemorative ceremony to the success of the United Nations and the progress of humanity.

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PROGRAMME

Opening of Silent Meditation and Song by Sri Chinmoy,
Director, United Nations Meditation Group



THE GOLDEN FLUTE

A sea of peace and joy and light
Beyond my reach I know.
In me the storm-tossed weeping night
Finds room to rage and flow.

I cry aloud, but all in vain—
I helpless, the earth unkind!
What soul of might can share my pain?
Death-dart alone I find.

A raft am I on the sea of Time,
My oars are washed away.
How can I hope to reach the Clime
Of God's eternal Day?

But hark! I hear Thy golden Flute,
Its notes bring the Summit down.
Now safe am I, O Absolute!
Gone death! gone night's stark frown!

— Song by Sri Chinmoy

EXCERPTS FROM THE PRAYERFUL CONTRIBUTIONS BY
RELIGIOUS LEADERS



NORMA LEVITT
*Co-Chairperson, World Union for
Progressive Judaism*

"... In these days of contemplation, we render an account of our lives and actions before the Supreme Judge. We yearn for sustained hope, unyielding faith and spiritual regeneration, as we look not only inward at ourselves, but also outward at the world in which we live.



We pray that all nations and all peoples shall strive together, shall sacrifice if necessary, for a world community of justice, development, harmony and peace"

Amen

REVEREND JIH TSANG
*Assistant Abbot, Temple of
Enlightenment*

"... Buddha, the Enlightened, in His Light, let us spread and plant the seeds of harmony, happiness and peace...."



MUDDASSIR ALI SHAMSEE
*Leader, Muslim Prayer Group,
United Nations*

"...I believe in what God has revealed in all the scriptures ... that mankind can unite best in faith in one Creator, one Master, God Almighty; that there must be justice, without which no peace can be created or can be lost; that there must be respect for others and tolerance; that there must always be the hope that in spite of differences, eventually mankind will unite... Competition is recognised but not in making others subservient... but in doing good to others and being virtuous.

"... I thank God for all the goods things that He has given to mankind, may He give us the wisdom and breadth of heart that these we may share...."



REVEREND DR. DAN POTTER
*Executive Director, Council of
Churches, City of New York*

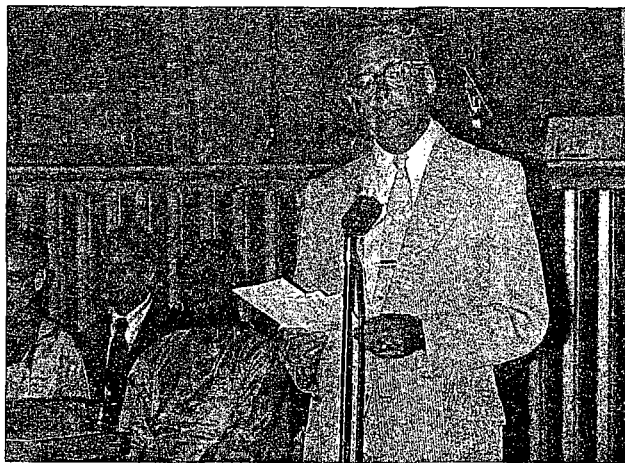
"Almighty and gracious God, ... We pause humbly at the celebration of the 30th Session of the United Nations General Assembly, to acknowledge You as the Source of all creation, all that we are, all that we have, and especially today to acknowledge You as the Source of the inspiration that brought forth the United Nations Charter. We thank You and praise You for the high and lofty principles that have brought the differing nations of the world together... Bless, we pray You, every nation in the United Nations, the delegates and their families from all over the world, the staff and the volunteers, the leaders and the helpers, the powerful and the weak, the great and the small...."

Amen



Guest speakers on the topic "The Quintessence of Divinity in Humanity: International Cooperation for Peace."

—EXCERPTS



MR. DAVID S. BURGESS

Senior Officer, United Nations Children's International Fund

"...For those of us participating in the Seventh Special Session of the United Nations, those of you who will participate in the 30th Session of the General Assembly, for those of us who work in the Secretariat and in various agencies of the United Nations, key words of the past few years have taken on new meaning—*détente, pollution, national identity, determination, apartheid, multinational corporations, hunger, disaster, human rights, liberation, imperialism, confrontation*—

Those of us working in this great metal structure on the East River,...we who are emersed in papers, in our duties, in making speeches...we feel lost. We feel lost because these words confront the ultimate questions of life on earth, the quality of life, the very fragile future of humanity itself....

Unless we consider our ways, there is no future for any of us. We need the sharing of knowledge, the exploration for new sources of energy, a willingness to consider limits to the high standards of living so that others may have...a decent future. Whether we are nations that deal with the secular fate, or nations of the church state, it matters not. The ultimate questions are before us all...Those nations who are powerful today may be lost kingdoms of tomorrow, unless we recognise our human interdependence... unless we consider our ways.

The greatness of the United Nations is that we, in our human and failing ways, are attempting to deal with the ultimate questions of survival...the final Armageddon.

...There is hope, there is hope no matter from which nation we come, but only if we come to realise our interdependence, our mutual closeness...our rights to the basic principles of distributive justice...."



MR. DONALD KEYS

United Nations Representative of the World Association of World Federalists

"Mankind is on the verge of taking its next big step...a step in awareness, a step in consciousness, a step in perspective, a step in relationships.

There was a time when mankind thought the world was flat.

There was a time when mankind felt the earth was the centre of the solar system.

There was a time when man believed that the clan was the ultimate social organisation.

There was a time when the problems of the city-state were the ultimate in social organisation.

We have been living in a time when man has regarded as the ultimate social institution, the nation-state. That time is now rapidly passing, and we are in the throes of a new Copernican revolution in which man will come to regard, naturally and normally, that the planet is the basis of social organisation and inter-relationship... This is the new pragmatic reality.

In the Sixth Special Session, that reality was glimpsed close up from the framework of *confrontation*. In the Seventh Special Session that reality began to emerge as *confluence, cooperation and convergence*. The road from here to there, the road to the unification of the human species, will be a long road. But the 30th Assembly Session of the United Nations will, without doubt, see a substantial acceleration in that convergent process. Nations will find a new relationship in a common organism...that organism will be the united body of mankind...And it is the spirit of the United Nations which stands for that unification process...that will make possible what men have so long desired.

We are part witnesses, part authors, part participants, part instruments in this process. We hope that we may play those parts with increased understanding and increased effectiveness."

Message from Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim—written for the occasion of the General Assembly Commemoration Programme presented by the International Cooperation for Peace Committee—12 September 1975.

At the beginning of the 30th Session of the General Assembly, we are given the opportunity to look back upon the achievements of the world Organization over the past thirty years. In spite of many difficulties and some disappointments, we have created a unique human institution, which is now approaching full universality of membership, and which has proved capable of change as well as of expansion. Today, it is more relevant than it has ever been to the challenges and opportunities of the world.

The potentiality of the United Nations is immense. What is required is a renewal of our common faith and determination that the advances of the past thirty years will be maintained and that we will, together, meet the challenges of our times. In this vital work, I ask for your support, encouragement and assistance.

But this occasion also provides us with the opportunity of looking forward. We know that mankind faces many grave and complex problems. The issues of peace and war, of plenty and of poverty, of justice and injustice, still confront us and must be resolved.



United Nations Meditation Group singing "O United Nations"

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EXCERPTS FROM

Choral readings from the writings of the Secretary-Generals of the United Nations—*Trygve Lie, Dag Hammarskjold, U Thant, Kurt Waldheim.*

“...The one common undertaking and universal instrument of the great majority of the human race is the United Nations. A patient, constructive, long-term use of its potentialities can bring a real and secure peace to the world....”

— *Trygve Lie*



“...But common to us all, and above all other convictions stands the truth, once expressed by a Swedish poet when he said that the greatest prayer of man does not ask for victory but for peace.”

— *Dag Hammarskjold*



“...To practice tolerance and live together in peace with one another as good neighbours is in conformity with the teachings of all great religions...This is the language of the Charter...”

— *U Thant*



“...There have been some very remarkable changes in the world...which have demonstrated the fact of our total interdependence on this planet. No doubt we are only in the first stages of meeting an enormous challenge. Nonetheless, there is a new spirit and a new determination to face collectively the global problems....”

— *Kurt Waldheim*



In conclusion...

Silent rededication to the highest goals of the United Nations



Religious representatives and guest speakers joining in silent rededication.

We would like to express our gratitude to the representatives of the various missions of the United Nations who participated in our programme. These individuals—being directly responsible for the deliberations of the coming Assembly—enhanced our meeting with their very presence.

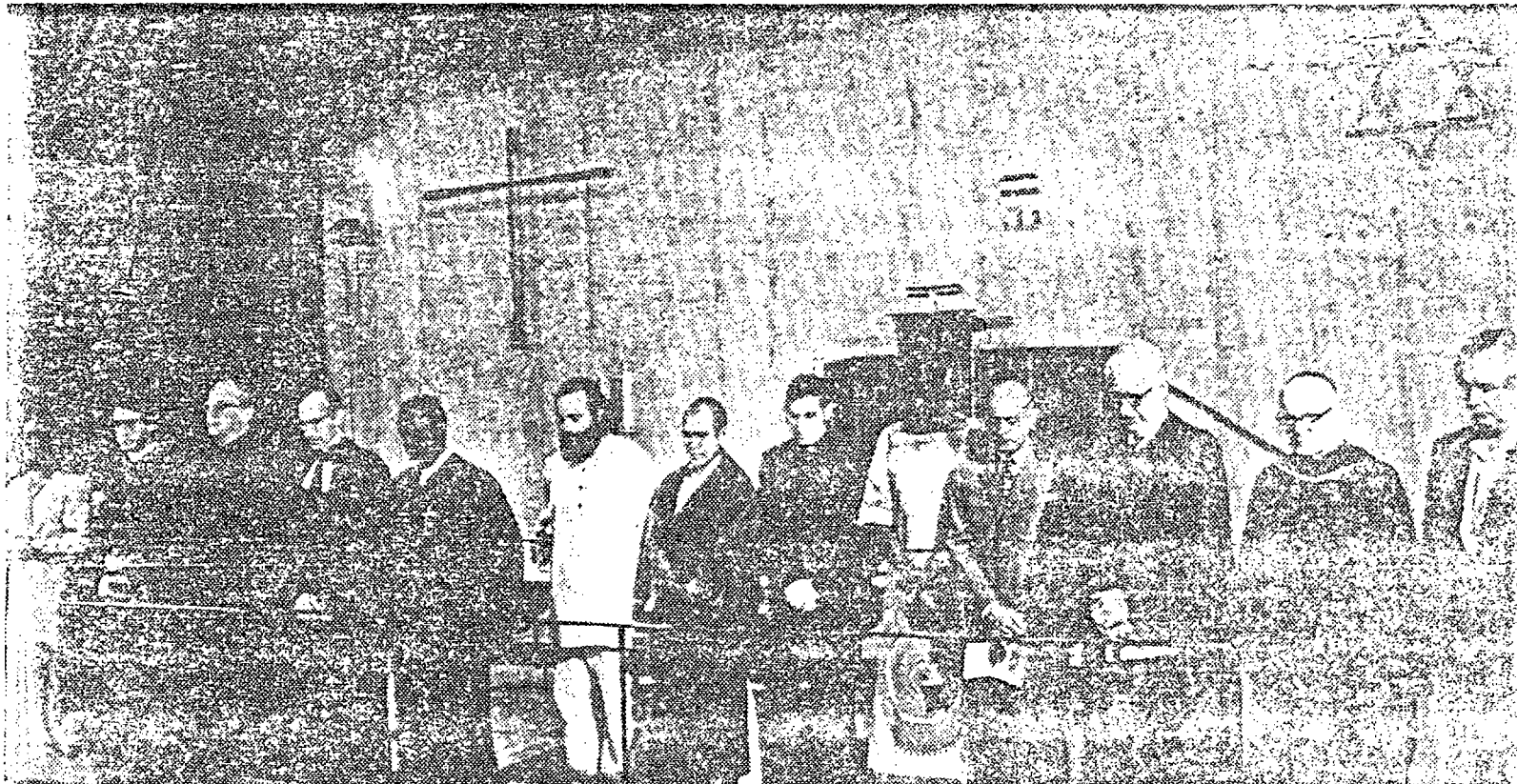
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WE BELIEVE

... and we hold that each man has the potentiality of reaching the Ultimate Truth. We also believe that man cannot and will not remain imperfect forever. Each man is an instrument of God. When the hour strikes, each individual soul listens to the inner dictates of God. When man listens to God, his imperfections are turned into perfections, his ignorance into knowledge, his searching mind into revealing light and his uncertain reality into all-fulfilling Divinity.



The New York Times/Robert M. Kl

Representatives of Christian, Jewish, Hindu, Buddhist, Baha'i and Muslim groups at prayer ceremony at the Church Center of the U.N.

6 FAITHS PRESENT AT CHURCH CENTER

Leaders Mark National Day
of Prayer at the U. N.

By GEORGE DUGAN

Leaders of six of the world's major religious bodies marked this country's National Day of Prayer yesterday at a ceremony attended by 100 people in the chapel of the Church Center for the United Nations, at First Avenue and 44th Street.

The Rev. Dr. Dan M. Potter, executive director of the Council of Churches of the City of New York, called it the "most representative gathering of religious leaders ever held in the city."

Sri Chinmoy, a Hindu and director of the United Nations Meditation Group, presided at the hour-long ceremony. He opened the meeting with silent prayer, standing behind a plain white marble altar.

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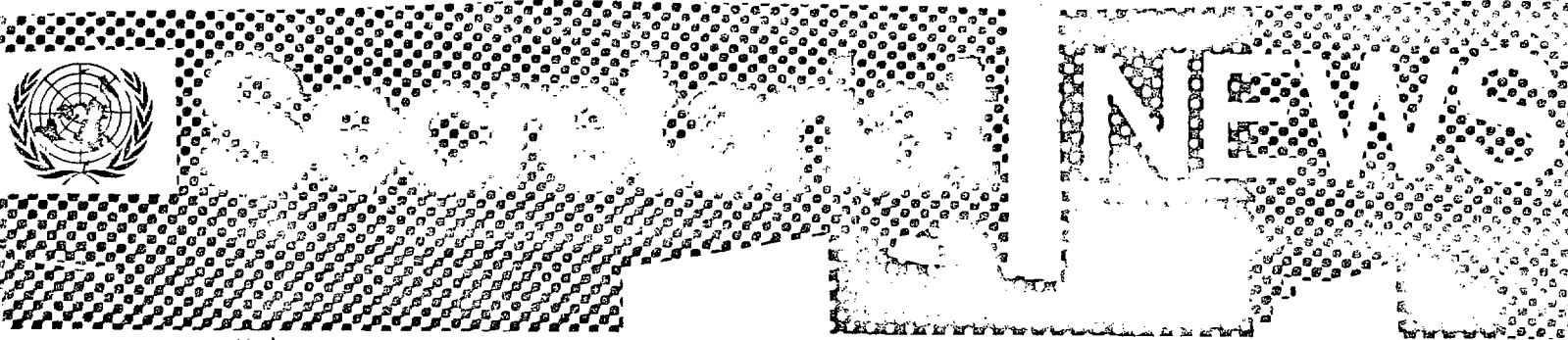
The speakers, in addition to Dr. Potter, included the following: Rabbi Samuel Geffen of the New York Board of Rabbis; Lozang Jamspa of the Buddhist Monastery of America. The Rev. Robert Kennedy of the Brooklyn Diocese of the Roman Catholic Church. The Rev. Stephen Kyriacou of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North and South America. Catherine Mboye of the Baha'i International Community, Muddassir Ali Shamses of the Muslim Prayer Group. Sheik Shahabu-d-din of the Sufi Order. The Rev. Grant Anderson of the Queens Federation of Churches. The Rev. Kenneth Folkes, president of the Council of Churches of the City of New York.

Dr. Potter said there was much for which "we can thank God, but, we see so many shortcomings, so many failures, so many examples of injustice, inequality, discrimination, brutality, pain, suffering and interminable degrading violence to human dignity."

"We cannot celebrate this Bicentennial," he added, "without feeling the compelling need to sit in sackcloth and ashes, in penance for our failure to God as well as our disappointment to fellow citizens."

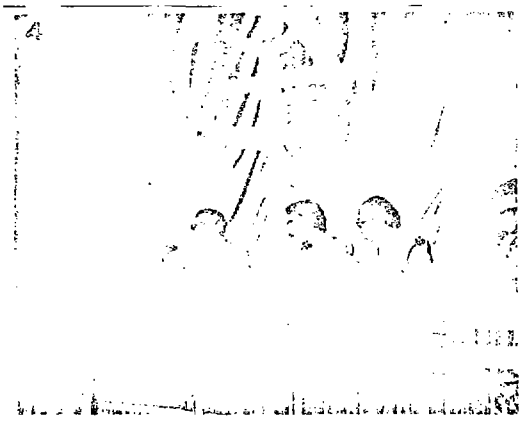
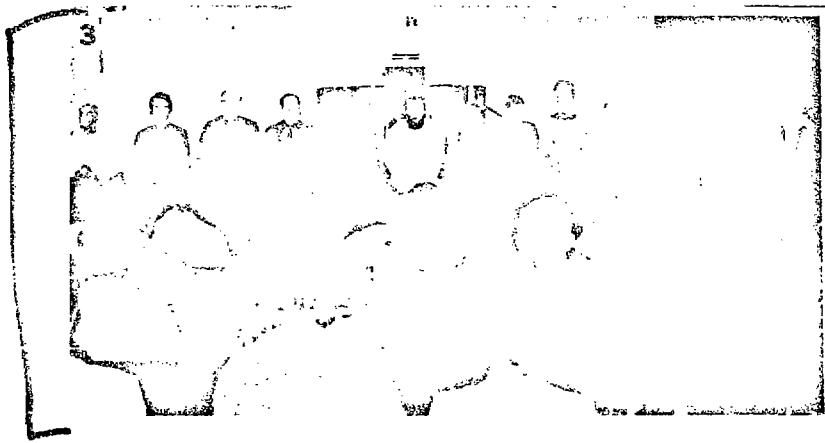
Following the commentaries, excerpts were read from President Ford's statement proclaiming yesterday as a National Day of Prayer, the late President John F. Kennedy's inaugural address and the writings of the late Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The Sacred Fire, a 30-member choral group, sang "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" and "America the Beautiful."



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1. and 2. THE STAFF BENEVOLENT FUND: The UN Staff Benevolent Fund which, supported generally by the Staff Union and the Administration, helps staff in financial emergency when they have no other place to turn, also benefits occasionally from the generosity of individuals, UN-affiliated organizations and Clubs. In photo no. 1., Nils Hanson, Manager of Thos. Cook's UN Division, who has made it possible for the Cultural Society to put on a monthly programme of travel films from round the world, with contributions from the audience going to the Benevolent Fund, presents a cheque to Marie-Christine Hellin, Staff Counsellor and the Fund's Board Chairwoman. Looking on are Verona Bartlett, President and Founder of the Cultural Society, and M. Bahizi, Society Treasurer.

Photo 2. shows President Martin Russell and Treasurer Raymond Wong of the UN Philatelic Society making the Society's contribution to the Staff Benevolent Fund, this year in the generous amount of \$250. Aside from the obvious good will shown by one of our clubs helping a worthwhile UN staff activity, it reflects a wider inter-change "in the common good". It starts with the various postal administrations around the world sending the UN specimens of their stamps and related postal material. Once the primary official purpose has been filled, UNPA turns to the Philatelic Society and asks it to see that the material gets into the hands of those who appreciate it most - the stamp collectors. At this point, although no money has been involved, there is an understanding that whatever may be realized will find its way to a worthy UN activity. So, thanks to UNPA, our stamp club and collectors who know a good thing, the Staff Benevolent Fund can do a little bit more to help where it is needed. Noel Birch, Treasurer of the Fund (right) gratefully accepts the cheque.

3. NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER: Leaders of six of the world's major religious bodies marked the United States' National Day of Prayer at a ceremony attended by 100 people in the chapel of the Church Centre for the UN on 24 July. Sri Chinmoy, Director of the UN Meditation Group, presided and opened the ceremony with silent prayer, standing behind a plain, white marble altar. Then, briefly, the leaders representing Baha'i, Buddhist, Christian, Hindu, Jewish, and Muslim groups called upon Americans to renew their "dedication to the eternal". The Rev. Dr. Dan M. Potter, Executive Director of the Council of Churches of the City of New York, called it the "most representative gathering of religious leaders ever held in the City."

4. TOWARDS VANCOUVER: A Regional Preparatory Conference on Human Settlements for Asia, the Pacific and Western Asia, was held in Teheran from 14 to 19 June under the joint auspices of Habitat (New York),