



CELEBRATE UNITED NATIONS DAY!

24 October 1983

BALLOON RELEASE

Watch as 3,800 multi-coloured helium balloons soar over the East River to celebrate the United Nations 38th birthday!

1:15 p.m., Monday, 24 October

Visitor's Plaza

General Assembly President Dr. Jorge Illueca will officiate.

Happy Birthday, United Nations, from Sri Chinmoy: The Peace Meditation at the United Nations

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“The United Nations embodies the movement for peace. It is a movement which calls for the courage to understand the aspirations and interests of others. Above all, it calls for utmost and unreserved commitment. On United Nations Day, I appeal to all to make this commitment afresh.”

—Javier Perez de Cuellar

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**the Heart-Home
of the World-Body**

**“The outer message
of the United Nations
is peace.**

**The inner message
of the United Nations
is love.**

**The inmost message
of the United Nations
is oneness.”**

—Sri Chinmoy

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Celebration for U.N. Day
3,800 balloon release

Sri Chinmoy: Dear President of the General Assembly, with your kind permission I wish to say a few words. U.N. Day is the supreme victory of humanity's colossal oneness-dream. On U.N. Day the earth-consciousness consciously and soulfully prays to the Universal and Transcendental Pilot for Eternity's Peace, Infinity's Joy and Immortality's Perfection. U.N. Day has no earth-bound mind, no division, no destruction. U.N. Day has only a Heaven-free heart, a heart of oneness in a fulness-home where the Lord's Peace, Light and Delight in infinite measure reign supreme.

Dr. Jorge Illueca, President of the General Assembly:

Dear friends of the Peace Meditation Group, ladies and gentlemen, It is a great joy and honour for me to participate today in this celebration of the thirty-eighth birthday of the United Nations.

This is a festive occasion, and at the same time it is an opportunity to renew our commitment to the goals with which we began our journey. Thirty-eight years ago, with the signing of the Charter of the United Nations in San Francisco, an historical journey was begun: the journey toward a united world.

Some will say that the United Nations has not kept its promise; our world is still full of division and discord, far from its destination. It is true that the journey ahead of us is long and arduous, but that is no excuse for pessimism. On the contrary, this is the time for us to summon greater dynamism, great tenacity, so that we can together bring the promise of the future into the reality of today.

I am keenly aware that I have assumed the Presidency of the General Assembly at a critical time in the evolution of the United Nations. Once again I affirm, as I stated in accepting this challenging task, "Our organisation must be maintained. It must grow. It must persist, with the unlightened assistance of Member States. I am firmly convinced and fervently hope that, if we all unite, we will succeed in changing our course and advance along a new path, the path of justice, the rule of law, ethics, and the implacable will for change."

Balloons represent joy, delight, spontaneous enthusiasm. Their charm is in their variety and abundance. So too, the beauty of our world depends on bringing together the full variety and abundance of peoples, uniting our capacities and our will for continuous peace and progress. Let us take this auspicious day as our own birthday, just as we take the United Nations to be the embodiment of our aspirations for justice, peace and progress in the world.

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I would like to express my gratitude to Sri Chinmoy and the members of The Peace Meditation at the United Nations for organising this meaningful celebration today, and for reminding us in so many ways, on so many occasions, of the need to pray for peace, to meditate for peace, to work for peace, to make peace a reality in our daily life.

Now, as the balloons fly upward carrying the message of the United Nations far and wide to all of mankind, let us rejoice together in our efforts to achieve a world of oneness, peace and understanding. Many thanks.