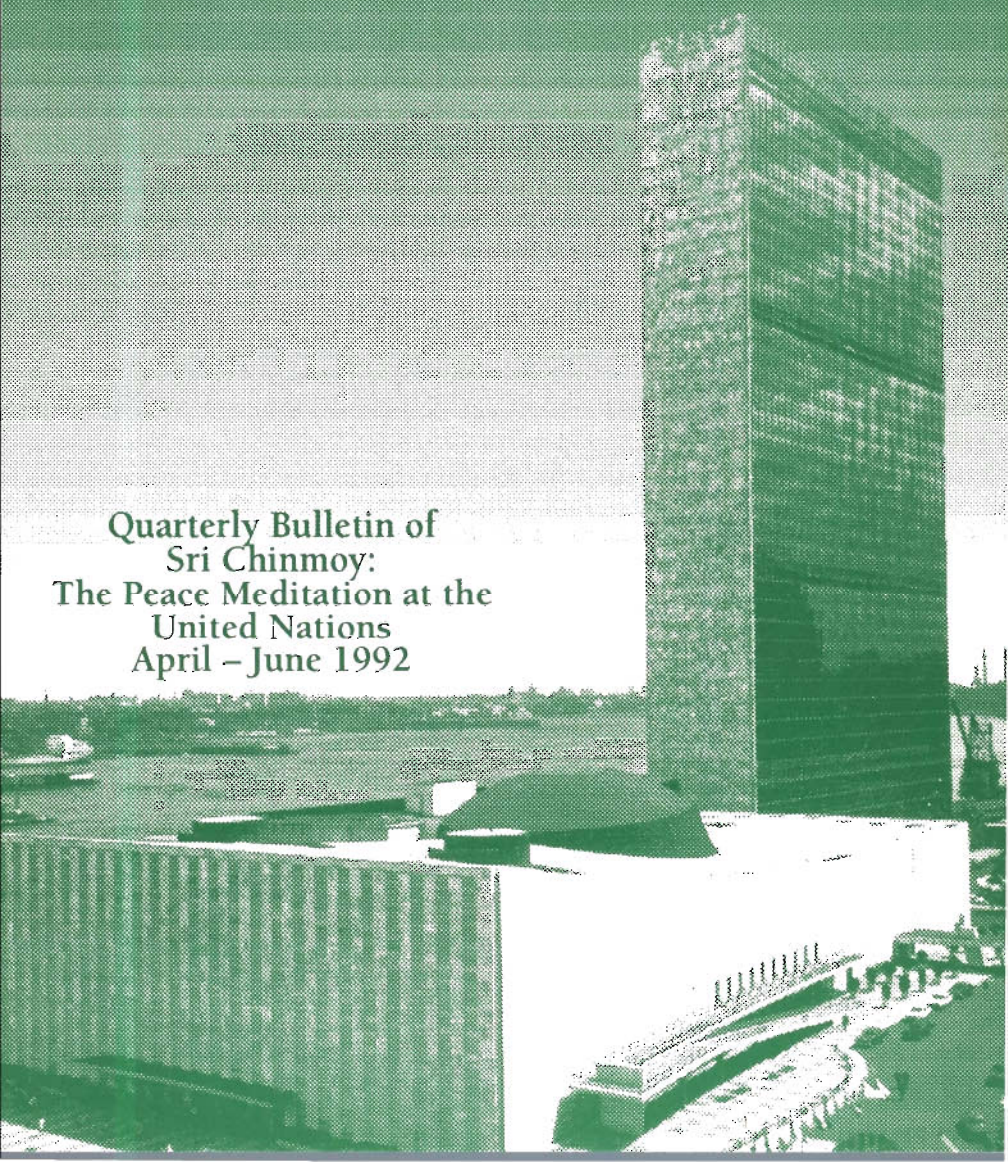


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EDITORS' NOTE

Sri Chinmoy: The Peace Meditation at the United Nations is an association of UN delegates, staff members and non-governmental organisation representatives who believe that the quest for world peace must encompass not only political, economic and social issues but also a broader, spiritual dimension. Through its twice-weekly meditations and other programmes for peace, the Group focusses on the spiritual values inherent in the UN Charter and the opportunities, through meditation and inner reflection, for all of us to better serve them.

The Meditation Group regularly sponsors symposia in which ambassadors, UN officials and religious leaders express their own dreams of peace to inspire others in both their personal and professional lives. The Group also holds commemorative programmes, concerts, films, meditation classes and athletic events.

The Group's leader, Sri Chinmoy, is an internationally respected philosopher, lecturer, author and spiritual teacher with an inter-denominational approach to meditation. In 1970 he was invited by United Nations staff to serve as leader of a meditation group then starting up at UN headquarters.

This bulletin chronicles the Peace Meditation's programmes at the United Nations, which are often held in cooperation with delegations of Member States and staff associations. The publication also includes some of the peace-related activities of Sri Chinmoy, who also serves as the head of a non-governmental organisation—the Sri Chinmoy Centre—recognised by the United Nations Department of Public Information.

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INTRODUCTION

“The United Nations is a cry, a movement, a forward march, a forward adventure,” says Sri Chinmoy. “The United Nations is crying for peace, and this very act of crying is its real capacity.”

Although keeping in touch with an inner cry for peace through twice-weekly silent meditation sessions is fundamental to the members of the Peace Meditation at the United Nations, the Group also participates in the “adventure” of the United Nations through other activities as well. With the January-March issue of *Meditation at the United Nations*, the Editors were happy to resume publication of the Group’s news bulletin, which details some of these activities, and which originally appeared monthly from 1973 through 1982.

In addition to news, each issue of *Meditation at the United Nations* will include some of Sri Chinmoy’s answers to questions from UN staff members asked during the Group’s meetings at headquarters.

This issue covers activities in the second part of 1991.

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GLOBAL PEACE RUN ENDS



Several United Nations Ambassadors joined in the closing ceremony for the Sri Chinmoy Oneness-Home Peace Run on 7 August 1991 at Dag Hammarskjöld Plaza.

The global run, inspired by Sri Chinmoy, is a biennial event of national and international relays intended to dynamically express humanity's continuing self-transcendence in the pursuit of peace. The 1991 event took place in some 70 countries on six continents and was the largest and longest running event in history.

During its first three and a half months, nearly a half million participants—running anything from a few yards to a few miles—passed flaming “peace torches” from hand to hand, creating a symbolic arc of light that circled the globe.

Major cross-country runs were held in the USA, Mexico and Japan. There were 13 international runs in Western Europe, all converging in Vienna, and several Eastern European runs joining together in Budapest. One of the highlights of the run in the Middle East was a torch-passing ceremony at the Raffa border crossing between Egypt and Israel.

Celebrities participating in the run included world-class runners Grete Waitz, who ran with the torch in Seattle, and

Rod Dixon, who ran in Auckland, New Zealand. The torch was also briefly carried by the Prime Ministers of Luxembourg and Sweden in their respective countries.

Pope John Paul II held the torch in Poland in a symbolic gesture of support. Another supporter was Prince Charles of Great Britain.

Messages of encouragement came from many heads of state, including the Presidents of France, Austria, Czechoslovakia, Israel, Uruguay, Yugoslavia, Ireland and Cyprus.

Poland's President, Lech Walesa, for example, said: "I like this idea of running shoulder to shoulder....The goal of your Run in its form and rhythm, is very dear to my heart."

Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney declared: "The Run is an expression of hope and serves as an inspiration to us all."

There was also strong support in America, with several states and dozens of cities issuing Peace Run proclamations. Sen. George J. Mitchell of Maine declared: "Those who have carried the torch across the nation have truly been the bearers of peace and good will."

Below are the prayer for peace offered by Sri Chinmoy and excerpts from the Ambassadors' remarks at the closing ceremony.

Sri Chinmoy: Peace, peace, peace, you are the only Transcendental Vision-fulfilling Reality of our Absolute Lord Supreme here on earth. Only because of you, we can love God and please God in His own Way. Only with you and in you, we can have a oneness-world-family.

Peace, peace, peace, we cherish you and treasure you in the inmost recesses of our hearts sleeplessly and breathlessly.

H.E. Mr. Peter Wilenski, Permanent Representative of Australia to the United Nations: It is an honour to be associated with the end of the Peace Run. It is true that I was associated with the Sri Chinmoy runs in Australia. They

serve excellent vegetarian food at the end of those runs, which is half of the attraction.

May I say very briefly that unfortunately the end of the Cold War has not meant peace in the world. I think it is recognised that peace is more than the absence of war. True peace can only occur when there is elimination of conditions of poverty and discrimination and people can live in real peace and harmony with one another. Many individuals and private organisations say that they can do nothing to bring about peace, because that is the role of the world leaders. But I think it can equally well be argued that it is only individuals and private organisations working collectively that can create the environment in which true peace can really occur. So I salute the work that is associated with this Peace Run and the efforts that have been made. Once again, it is a pleasure to be with you today.

H.E. Mr. Eduard Kukan, Permanent Representative of Czechoslovakia to the United Nations: Dear friends, I am thrilled to be with you this day. I would like to say only that there is no other work or thing like peace in the whole world. Peace is life. We all need it: all human beings, all living creatures, all of nature. Without peace we cannot exist. I think it is that simple. Experience shows us that to maintain peace is not such an easy thing. That is why I think it is a very noble thing for Sri Chinmoy to remind all the world—the political leaders, the governments, the people—that we should treat peace as something which all of us should take care of. I am glad that the President of Czechoslovakia, Vaclav Havel, sent a letter of support for this highly commendable action.

H.E. Dr. Diego Arria, Permanent Representative of Venezuela to the United Nations: My dear friends, I have not had the chance to talk on a street corner or plaza since I was Governor of Caracas, so I am very happy to be here today. When I came to the United Nations six months ago, I was

invited to a walk for peace. Today there is a run for peace. And I am very much looking forward to a flight for peace, which I am sure I will also attend.

In the Constitution of UNESCO it says that war and peace begin in the minds of men. Changing the minds of men is what we should work on. This organisation is going a step further: it is training bodies for peace. I think it is such a moving, powerful image to see young people all over the world running. I saw this during the Peace Run in my own country, Venezuela. There was so much enthusiasm that captured the imagination of young people beginning to think and to share the idea that peace is a world need, demanding peace from all of us. I congratulate all of you and I am very happy to join my colleague-ambassadors and all of the people here.

H.E. Mr. Aleksandr A. Razvin, Deputy Permanent Representative of the USSR to the United Nations: It is a great honour and privilege for me to speak here at this gathering. My country also joined the Sri Chinmoy Oneness-Home Peace Run. From my point of view, it is quite natural that all people and all governments are supporting this movement. It is very interesting that the name of the movement is very correct. From my point of view, we have lost a lot of time, a lot of resources, even people, during the Cold War. So that is why maybe today it is necessary not to walk, but to run for peace, and to run fast while we have the opportunity. I wish all the blessings to this noble movement of Sri Chinmoy.

H.E. Mr. E. Besley Maycock, Permanent Representative of Barbados to the United Nations: Dear friends, we are marking the closing of this Peace Run today, but I would hope that it will not mark the end of our thinking about the objectives or the principles which led to this great event. I would hope that in the hearts and minds of us all, of people throughout the world, we would think and work towards

peace. Peace does not just mean the absence of war or not having loss of life on the battlefield. Peace is important to development throughout the world. Peace is also important on the national level in terms of having people living together in a kindly society. So I think it behooves us all to work together to uphold the principles that led to this great event.

SONGS FOR PEACE

United Nations staff members attending an introductory class in meditation were treated to an *a cappella* performance of Sri Chinmoy's Bengali and English songs by the Peace Meditation choir. The concert, held on 8 August 1991 in the Dag Hammarskjöld Auditorium, followed a short talk on music for meditation.

MEDITATION FOR INDIA DAY



Sri Chinmoy offers a meditation for world peace at a ceremony following the India Day Parade on 18 August 1991.

BEST WISHES FROM AMBASSADOR GURUGE OF SRI LANKA



On 7 September 1991, Sri Lanka's Ambassador to France and UNESCO, H.E. Mr. Ananda Guruge, and his family extended their best wishes to Sri Chinmoy for his 60th birthday during a luncheon at Annam Brahma Restaurant. The Ambassador timed his visit to the United States to coincide with the festivities scheduled by Sri Chinmoy's students for the birthday in August. Because of his concern for his dear friend and champion of peace President Gorbachev, however, Sri Chinmoy had cancelled the celebration. He instead joined together with his one thousand students visiting from around the world to pray and meditate for world peace and for President Gorbachev's safety.

Ambassador Guruge was very moved by Sri Chinmoy's concern and commented as follows:

H.E. Mr. Ananda Guruge, Ambassador of Sri Lanka to France and UNESCO: Sri Chinmoy, friends, it is a great pleasure again for my wife and me to be in this particular place and to have, for the third time, the very great privilege, honour, fortune and advantage of being in the presence of Sri Chinmoy, a person whom I came to know just a few

years ago, but whose life, whose work, whose thoughts, whose insights I have begun to appreciate and value immensely.

As you know, I timed my visit to the United States to coincide with the birthday celebrations for Sri Chinmoy in August. I did that because I thought that this would be a very special opportunity for me to once again say how much I appreciate what he is doing for peace in the world.

The cancellation of the celebrations touched me immensely. In fact, it made me go back to the book he had very kindly presented to me of his poems and essays on Gorbachev. I read it for a second time, this time more intensely, and I was so pleased that these poems said much more than I had been able to gather in my initial, somewhat cursory reading. I think what you did, Sri Chinmoy, in withdrawing yourself to meditation and prayer for the sake of a person whom you consider the harbinger of peace to a vast region of our world, reflects your own nobility, your own greatness more than anything else.

Almost one thousand of your students from around the world were here to celebrate your birthday. Any ordinary person would have considered that to be an occasion not to disappoint anyone. But your thinking was that the man who has contributed to peace in a major part of the world and on whose insights the world has certainly turned a new page, needed all the spiritual support that you could summon. I appreciate that gesture of yours more than anything that you have done.

I am very happy on this occasion, although about a week or so late, to wish you a very happy and prosperous life, the fulfilment of all your desires and wishes and, above all, the achievement of your greatest of aspirations, which is the oneness of the human family.

As a Buddhist, I have always been very concerned with the need to look upon ourselves from a universal point of view. We have been made to recognise all life, human and otherwise, as sacred and worthy of respect, honour and

preservation. With your concept of oneness, which you reactivate with so much emphasis in your poems and songs, you come very close to the spiritual message that we in Sri Lanka have been brought up with and that we who profess Buddhism uphold as our greatest of concepts.

It is this identification of your aspiration with our own, therefore, that brings us here. May you and all your students succeed, and as a result of your efforts, may we enter into a world where there will be harmony and unity, where people will solve problems in amity and love, and where love alone will reign supreme.

60TH BIRTHDAY DINNER

On 11 September 1991, members of the United Nations community joined other friends of Sri Chinmoy in extending their best wishes for his 60th birthday at a dinner held in the Manhattan Center Grand Ballroom. Below are excerpts from remarks made by some of the speakers at the dinner.



Mr. Aleksandr Razvin, Deputy Permanent Representative of the USSR to the United Nations: First of all, I would like to share with you the message which I conveyed recently to Sri Chinmoy from the President of our State, Mikhail Gorbachev. Mr. Gorbachev asked us to convey to Sri Chinmoy his personal greetings and his personal gratitude for the book which Sri Chinmoy presented to him in London. And he asked us to convey his wishes to Sri Chinmoy for his success in his humanitarian and peace activities for the benefit and well-being of mankind.

I would also like to take this opportunity to read another message: "Dear Sri Chinmoy, on behalf of the USSR Mission to the United Nations, please accept our warm congratulations on this happy occasion—your 60th birthday. This is the day of great significance, the time of ripe age full of wisdom and mature talents. Let your path of 'Peace Runs' be smooth and light and your heart be full of love to people

as usual. We wish you many happy returns of the day. Be always healthy in body and soul. Sincerely yours, A. Razvin.”



Dr. P. Jayaraman, Executive Director, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan (USA): The Bhavan India recognises the greatness of saints, scholars, artists, philosophers and nation builders by bestowing upon them its honorary membership, which is considered to be the greatest gift of the Bhavan. Today the Bhavan feels proud and honoured while it is honouring the Twentieth Century’s First Global Man and the Ambassador of Peace, Mahayogi Sri Chinmoy.

Sri Chinmoy: My most esteemed brother-friend, Dr. Jayaraman-ji. You are India’s indomitable hero-warrior in conquering ignorance-night and in spreading wisdom-light and delight all over the world. Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan has asked you to blessingfully offer their choicest gift, and I accept it devotedly, soulfully, self-givingly and gratefully. My heart of soulful gratitude to the Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan I offer today.

Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, to your compassion-soul I bow, to your affection-heart I bow, and to your dedication-life I bow and bow and bow. You are not only the unparalleled culture-light of twentieth century India, but also the perfect embodiment of the Vedic lore of the hoary past. The

quintessence-greatness of today's India is the outer name of Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan. The quintessence-goodness of today's India is the inner name of Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan.

My most esteemed brother-friend, Ramakrishnan-ji, most ceaseless sacrifice-heart, O sleepless vision-eye of Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, to you lovingly, soulfully and devotedly I offer my heart's aspiration-flames and my life's dedication-blossoms.



Professor Guido de Marco, President of the forty-fifth session of the United Nations General Assembly: It gives me great pleasure to be able to join in this celebration in honour of a person who in his lifetime has become a symbol of the oneness of humanity. I am referring to Sri Chinmoy. His concept of love and prayer has certainly been such as to inspire many in a further search within themselves.

Sometimes we think of the United Nations as an organisation too much taken up either in word-splitting or in creating papers just to be further consumed, as papers can be. During this presidency, I think we have witnessed that the United Nations goes beyond what sometimes is seen, but more often not perceived. The United Nations is there to follow this precept of the oneness of humanity. In spite of all these divisions, in spite of all these new orders and sometimes disorders which we might be creating, there is within the United Nations a sense of belief in the human dimension.

I have just arrived a few hours ago from Moscow where the CSC meeting on the human dimension was inaugurated yesterday by President Gorbachev. Again, in this concept of the human dimension, President Gorbachev dwelt at length on the fact that human rights and fundamental freedoms have become the shared values of all nations. For there are rights which belong to us all and which transcend frontiers and have to be observed independently of the internal affairs of countries. Indeed, one of the proposals put forward is precisely that there be an international monitoring of the concept of human rights and its application.

From my view, a correct perspective of the United Nations realises that in the great economic and social problems may lie the greatest threat to peace and security in the world. It is precisely because we need to avert this threat and precisely because we believe in the oneness of humanity to which Sri Chinmoy has been contributing all these years, that it is indeed a pleasure for me to share this occasion with you.



Dr. Lamuel Stanislaus, former Permanent Representative of Grenada to the United Nations: Sri Chinmoy—the prince of peace perhaps for our times and for all times—excellencies, esteemed ladies and gentlemen, the divine admonition, “First have peace in your heart and then you will be able to give it to others,” is so beautifully exemplified by the

distinguished prince of peace to whom it is our pleasure and our honour to say, "Happy birthday and many happy returns."

There is no question that there is a non-denominational place for peace, and that non-denominational place in our lives is prayer. So many times our guest of honour has participated in meditation and prayer sessions at the United Nations, and we are by all means and measure edified by what he has said and done.



Mr. Ivan K. Sotirov, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Republic of Bulgaria to the United Nations: Excellencies, ladies and gentlemen, distinguished Sri Chinmoy, I am greatly honoured to be here with you. You have heard the story behind the Peace Run in Bulgaria. In the turmoil in Eastern Europe, in the change for the better, there were many people who thought that now we are so deeply mired in the material that there is no place for the spiritual. The success of the Peace Run proved Sri Chinmoy right and those sceptics wrong. I would like to read briefly from the message of my President, Dr. Zhelyu Zhelev:

It is my privilege to join the State and Government leaders of Europe and the world in congratulating most cordially the organizers and participants in Peace Run '91 and everyone who made possible the launch of

this noble initiative on the successful completion of its East European relay.

Today, the outlines of the new world order, destined to provide lasting assurances for peace and security for each and every nation, to guarantee full respect for human rights and liberties and stimulate economic upsurge in all regions of the world, are becoming increasingly clear-cut.

For this ideal to ultimately become reality, it will take the joint efforts of all nations, of every human being on this planet. The holding of Peace Run '91 is yet another evidence of this sincere desire to contribute to consolidating world peace.

On behalf of the people of Bulgaria, I avail myself of this opportunity to once again congratulate the participants in this historic peace initiative, whose noble goals we wholeheartedly share and support.



Ms. Robin E. G. Mauala, Permanent Mission of the Independent State of Western Samoa to the United Nations: On this very special occasion, I would just like to congratulate Sri Chinmoy on his long and wonderful work, his long association with all of us at the United Nations, and wish him a very happy birthday, many, many happy returns and a long continuation of his work for peace.

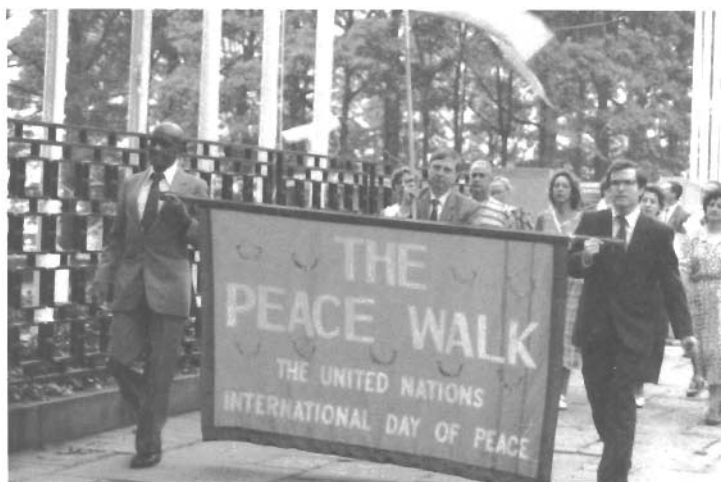


Mr. Sudhahota Carl Lewis, six-time Olympic gold-medalist in track and field: Sri Chinmoy is a very special individual for all of us. He stands for all the things that we hope we can believe in our lives—and that is peace, that is being the best you can be, that is enjoying and knowing your God and that is oneness. Oneness to me is just being able to accept the love, accept the peace, accept the spirit of everyone, and accept God and let Him lead the way.

I have read many of Sri Chinmoy's writings, and one thing he always talks about is going forward, going ahead. I understand that because athletes always have great times and bad times, wonderful times and difficult times. But as long as we keep focussed ahead, we are able to do what we have to do in life. And that translates to everyone here, and all of Sri Chinmoy's students and friends around the world, from north to south, from east to west, from eight to eighty. Sri Chinmoy has meant more to our lives than any of us can ever imagine.

I just want to close by saying that all of us feel very strongly for you, Sri Chinmoy, because you have meant so much to all of our lives. Not only have you taken the time to care and think about all of us, but you have taken the time to point us to the greatest thing that we could have and that we could even imagine in our lives, and that is the Supreme.

PEACE WALK AND PRAYER BREAKFAST FOR THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE



A Peace Walk for the International Day of Peace through the streets of Manhattan, beginning and ending at United Nations headquarters, was organised by the Peace Meditation in cooperation with a number of Permanent Representatives on 17 September 1991. The Peace Walk was in conjunction with similar Peace Walks organised that day around the world by non-governmental organisations and other groups supportive of the UN.

H.E. Mr. André Erdős, Permanent Representative of Hungary to the United Nations, hosted an inter-faith prayer breakfast following the Peace Walk. Traditional prayers were offered by representatives of the major religions, including:

Mme. Nana Boakyewa Yiadou, First Envoy Overseas of the Chief of Chiefs of the Akwapea (Eastern Ghana) and Ohima (Queen Mother) in the Women's Councils and President, Pan-African Human Rights Organization, representing African traditional religion;

The Venerable Dr. Karunegoda Piyatissa, Thera, Abbot, New York Buddhist Vihara and Director,

America-Sri Lanka Buddhist Association, representing Buddhism;

Sister Eileen Storey, S.C., Director, Aletheia School of Prayer; Chaplain, Marymount Manhattan College; Department of Theology, St. John's University, representing Christianity;

Imam Talib 'Abdur-Rashid, Imam, Mosque of the Islamic Brotherhood, and Islamic Chaplain, Sing Sing Correctional Facility, representing Islam; and

Mr. Judd Levingston, Graduate Student for the Rabbinate, Jewish Theological Seminary, representing Judaism.

The leaders in prayer were introduced by Dr. Kusumita P. Pedersen, Joint Secretary of the Global Forum of Spiritual and Parliamentary Leaders on Human Survival.

The Ambassador's welcoming remarks and those of H.E. Mr. Aleksandr Razvin, Deputy Permanent Representative of the USSR to the United Nations, follow.



Religious representatives and delegates join in a moment of silence.

H.E. Mr. André Erdős, Permanent Representative of Hungary to the United Nations: I wish to thank all of you for attending this ceremony on the occasion of the opening of the new General Assembly session, the 46th since the creation of the United Nations. I also thank all of those who took part in this Peace Walk. I was particularly happy this morning to learn that for the first time we, in Budapest, Hungary, also had a Peace Walk in the heart of our city.

When I was offered this opportunity to speak to you this morning, I accepted with pleasure, because I believe that the 46th session which will be opening in a few hours across the street in not an ordinary one. We are witnessing tremendous changes of historic proportions in the world. The United Nations cannot isolate itself from these changes, and it will not isolate itself from these changes. These changes carry a lot of uncertainties, a lot of challenges, and wonderful opportunities as well.

I want you to feel the atmosphere—the spirit—in which we are beginning this session this year, because this year actually, I believe, is perhaps the beginning of a new chapter in the history of mankind. This might sound out of proportion to you, but I sincerely trust in the wisdom of humanity to seize the opportunity that these changes in the world are presenting, and to work under the aegis of a double responsibility.

On one hand, we have to do whatever we can to avoid the uncertainties I mentioned: to fight the problems of economic discrepancies, of environment, of hunger, of nationalism, extremism and all kinds of intolerance. And since I come from the eastern half of Europe, I can't help mentioning in this context the human suffering, the bloodshed and violence that is going on in Yugoslavia.

On the other hand, I think we have an historic opportunity to finally leave the fora of political and ideological debates and focus on the real issues of the world, taking advantage of this unfolding harmony within the United Nations, which is unprecedented for the last four to five decades. This is the

first time we feel that, both in the General Assembly and in the Security Council, we can make a difference. So the challenge that we face is to make full use of these opportunities and make a change in this world for the better.

I believe that this Prayer Breakfast today should be conducted under the aegis of this double responsibility: on one side seeing clearly the crucial challenges that we face and on the other the positive conditions that may be instrumental in overcoming these challenges.

Let us all dedicate ourselves in the different ways of our own faiths to the attainment of the noble goals that were laid down in 1945, but which still remain very valid for the next generation. Thank you very much, and God bless you.

H.E. Mr. Aleksandr Razvin, Deputy Permanent Representative of the USSR to the United Nations: I would like all of us to join in a minute of silence, to pray in your own language, according to your own religious beliefs, for the success of this session of the General Assembly, so that the delegates adopt the decisions which will secure peace among people.

PEACE TREE DEDICATION



Members of the Peace Meditation group join faculty and students of Marymount Manhattan College for the dedication of a "Sri Chinmoy Peace Tree" on the campus on 25 September 1991. Marymount officials present included Dr. Gurcharam Singh, Director of International Studies, who was instrumental in arranging the dedication, College President Regina Peruggi and Chaplain Sister Eileen Storey.

MEETING WITH NEPALESE DIPLOMATS



During his visit to New York to speak before the forty-sixth session of the United Nations General Assembly, Nepal's Minister of Education, Culture and Tourism, H.E. Mr. Ram Hari Joshi (left), meets with Sri Chinmoy to discuss spirituality and world peace on 27 September 1991. Joining them was the Permanent Representative of Nepal to the United Nations, H.E. Mr. Jayaraj Acharya (right).

U THANT PEACE AWARD

The U Thant Peace Award is a periodic presentation by the Peace Meditation Group to acknowledge and encourage work for peace. The late United Nations Secretary-General U Thant, a life-long practitioner of meditation, encouraged the early efforts of Sri Chinmoy and the Peace Meditation Group to bring forward the spiritual ideals upon which the United Nations was founded. The U Thant Peace Award is given in honour of this contemplative world leader's exemplary devotion to peace, in both his personal and political life.

PRESENTATION TO H.E. MR. LAKHAN MEHROTRA

On 22 September 1991, the U Thant Peace Award was presented to Mr. Lakhan L. Mehrotra, Secretary of the Indian Ministry of External Affairs, for his life-long consecration to the noblest spiritual values to lead to a genuine peace among the peoples of the world. Following are excerpts from the award ceremony, including remarks by Sri Chinmoy and Mr. Mehrotra, who were colleagues at the Indian Consulate in New York in the mid-1960s.

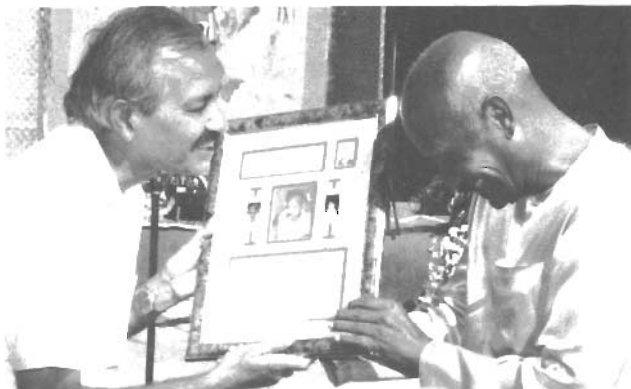
Sri Chinmoy: Lakhan, Lakhan, Lakhan, my own gratitude-heart is all that matters. My own gratitude-heart is all that matters. My own gratitude-heart is all that matters. To you, my heart's oneness-brother, Lakhan, I am offering my gratitude—soulful gratitude and sleepless gratitude.

Today we are extremely grateful to God for blessing us with the presence of a supremely good citizen of the world, Lakhan Mehrotra. He is our heart's oneness-brother. With my heart of sleepless gratitude, I try to be worthy of all his

ever-blossoming, ever-illuminating and ever-fulfilling goodness.

As you know, I have friends all over the world from various walks of life, but I have always cherished and treasured my oneness-brother-friend, Lakhan Mehrotra, in the inmost recesses of my heart infinitely more than anybody else. Goodness is his inner name. Goodness is his outer name. Goodness is his heart. Goodness is his life-breath. While walking along Eternity's Road, Lakhan Mehrotra, the pilgrim-soul, is offering lovingly and breathlessly his heart's birthless and deathless goodness-fragrance to each and every human being on earth.

When I think of him, when I meditate on him, when his very name flashes across my mind, I most sincerely and most humbly think and feel that my name is gratitude, gratitude and gratitude and not Chinmoy.



Sri Chinmoy presents the award, which reads as follows:
Sri Chinmoy: The Peace Meditation at the United Nations is deeply honoured to present the U Thant Peace Award to H.E. Mr. Lakhan L. Mehrotra, Secretary of the Ministry of External Affairs, India, Former Ambassador of India to the USSR, Yugoslavia, Sri Lanka and other nations, for his:

- Singularly devoted and supremely distinguished career as a civil servant of the highest order, mani-

- festing unique wisdom, skill and sympathy in a variety of challenging positions throughout the world;
- Encouragement of the highest aspirations of others dedicated to the pursuit of peace, in the spirit of the Charter of the United Nations and the lofty vision of U Thant;
 - Illuminating insights into the venerable cultural traditions of India and of the world at large to promote harmony, understanding and genuine appreciation of artistic beauty;
 - Inspiring and exemplary integration of the complementary qualities of the brilliant intellectual mind and the devoted spiritual heart, which together aspire toward perfection in human nature;
 - Life-long consecration to the noblest spiritual values that will ultimately lead to a genuine and fulfilling peace among the peoples of the world.

Mr. Laxhan Mehrotra: Reverend Sri Chinmoy, brothers and sisters, Sri Chinmoy as usual has rendered me completely speechless. I feel totally overwhelmed. To come to Sri Chinmoy is to come into a windfall. I come here poor in spirit, poor in mind and poor in body, and I return from here with all the riches in the world.

First of all, I am a recipient of this life with which God has blessed me. Then I am a recipient of water and air that Mother-Earth bestows on me every moment of my life so that the beat in my heart keeps going. My Mother gave me birth. Mother-Earth has brought us all up. But it is only under the canopy of the spirit—the universal spirit that dwells eternally in the heart of all of us and the universal spirit that constantly smiles on us—that man can reach fulfilment.

Therefore, I come to you, Sri Chinmoy, as a seeker. I come to you as a servant of love. I come to you in all humility to learn and to give. And yet I return from here with an ocean full of wisdom and affection that is boundless

from a spiritual father. It is this gift of yours of which we partake—all of us here—and with which you bless us every moment with your being, wherever you are.

Very often you have referred to what I have done for you in your life. What did I do? Maybe several decades ago when we met, when the divine purpose brought us together, it fell to me to give you a corner, to give you a seat in the place where I worked. But whereas I placed you in a corner of darkness, you illumined it with your effulgence. And that effulgence has since radiated from there across the confines of the Consul General of India, across the frontiers of India itself and across the horizons into firmaments yet unborn.

Your message is a message that knows no beginning and that knows no end, and that is a message that has traversed from the heights of the Himalayas across the Indian Ocean into every little bit of the universe for time to come. For that message is ageless. Whatever might happen to us or whatever might even happen to India, that message will stay through the corridors of time forever and ever and ever.

Privileged are those who have an encounter with that message of peace, love and universal brotherhood, which has come to us through the sages of the past, through the saints of India and, in our own time, through a man like Mahatma Gandhi. Sri Chinmoy carries the same spark within himself, and that is a spark which is one with the Radiance of the Almighty. Therefore, that spark will never exhaust itself. The *Bhagavad-Gita* describes this spark: that water will drench it not, that wind dries it not, that fire burns it not. It is the flame of spirituality within us and without us that is alive without fail, without falter, without default, without the blemishes of time and space. And its unbounded character dawns on us when we sit and meditate. A guru like Sri Chinmoy lights up that little spark in us so that we may be one with the effulgence, with the radiance, with the light that guides us all ever and ever, for generations and generations.

I thank you for all that you have done for me. I do not consider myself deserving of whatever you bestow on me.

And yet I accept it in all humility and in all humanity, because a human being must not reject what comes to him from Sri Chinmoy, just as he must not reject the drops of water and the molecules of air that keep his body and soul together. I thank you, therefore, for giving me this moment, a very choice moment, from the book of Eternity. Thank you very much.

*PRESENTATION TO
PROFESSOR GUIDO DE MARCO*



On 28 September 1991, the U Thant Peace Award was presented to the Honourable Professor Guido de Marco, President of the forty-fifth session of the United Nations General Assembly, as well as Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Justice of Malta.

Below are excerpts from this presentation, made for Professor de Marco's exemplary dedication to the complementary goals of peace and human rights as well as his determined effort to revitalise the United Nations General Assembly.

Professor Guido de Marco: Sri Chinmoy and dear, dear friends, little would I have thought when just a year ago or so I took over the Presidency of the General Assembly, that this year would be such an interesting year, a year of such changes, a year also of such difficulties. But another thing happened this year. I got to know you, and this was simply not in my programme. It was not in my programme because I had no knowledge of this Peace Meditation Group within the United Nations, which at the inspiration of Sri Chinmoy has been working so hard for many years.

Your mission is the power of the spirit. No matter the changes in society, no matter the changes in the international scenario, no matter all the things which make yesterday not like today and today nothing like tomorrow, yet there is something which is permanent. And this is the power of the spirit, the power of the inner self.

I think that Sri Chinmoy and all of you here are trying to bring out a sense of permanence in humanity, the humanity which, in spite of all the apparent changes, can only realise itself due to the inner power, the power of the spirit. This I think is the essence of what humanity, after all, is all about.

My visits abroad as President I undertook with a purpose. The purpose was to give to our United Nations its proper dimension. It is primarily the United Nations function of bringing together politicians, bringing together statesmen and bringing together ambassadors which is very important. But what is the real purpose of this bringing together? Just for the sake of meeting? It is always nice. Just for the sake of exchanging views, the cross-fertilisation of ideas? That is very excellent. But I think that the very purpose of all this meeting should be something different. A different approach to my view is: where is humanity going, what is leading us, what is leading us to what? And here I believe that your Peace Meditation meetings are so very important, because when we speak of peace, it is not merely the absence of war. It is bringing peace to those who are poor in spirit. That, I think, is fundamental if we really want to understand what peace is all about.

We think so much about the material things in life, and quite rightly so, because matter is also part of the essence of our existence. It would be a mistake to ignore this. You realise this even more when you see persons suffering. Suffering humanity is one of those great contradictions. We cannot understand why there should be a suffering humanity. And yet the suffering humanity involves more than the majority of all beings on this planet.

Sometimes I refer to my visits to Ethiopia where you see hunger everywhere. And you think, "How can it be?" We speak in Europe about the melting of mountains of butter. We speak in the United States of the dumping of vegetables, cereals and all those sorts of items, just to stabilise prices. Then we see that there is a humanity which not only faces hunger but also is dying of hunger. This is what we cannot understand—this contradiction in humanity. While most people are very kind and very good, most people follow what we in criminal law refer to as willfully shutting one's eyes. And many willfully shut their eyes to these stark realities of life on our planet. This is where the power of the spirit is needed.

I want to thank you for this prize inspired by that great Secretary-General U Thant, who realised and who taught us the great power of the spirit in our day-to-day affairs. I think, Sri Chinmoy, you've been trying during these years in your own style, through your own perception, to bring a sense of peace to a metropolis which has such contradictions in poverty and in riches, in generosity and in cruelty, in oneness and in separateness. It is this sense of mission which you, Sri Chinmoy, have inspired in this group of United Nations workers.

I am using the word 'workers' for a purpose. There is nothing socialist behind it, but I do not like to use the word 'employees'. It's not your employment which matters so much as the fact that you are working together to make the United Nations more effective, more efficient and more relevant. To this subject I have also given emphasis during my presidency. We have to be more relevant, not only more efficient. There is nothing worse than being efficiently irrelevant. Better at least to be inefficient and relevant rather than to be efficiently irrelevant.

We are all working at the United Nations to make it a relevant United Nations which looks at the forgotten part of humanity and makes it its own; a United Nations which

believes that peace is not just the absence of war; a United Nations, finally, which believes in the power of the spirit.

Sri Chinmoy, may I thank you so much for giving me this great opportunity to get to know you and also to know those who are working with you, trying through their meditation and their meetings to bring the power of the spirit to our dear United Nations. Thank you so much.

Sri Chinmoy: Most soulfully and most devotedly we are receiving your blessingful message, which is flooded with light. We shall always treasure your blessingful presence and your illumining message. We shall always carry your heart of sleepless self-giving in the very depths of our own gratitude-hearts.

MEETING WITH THE GENERAL DIRECTOR OF THE TOKYO SYMPHONY

On 21 October 1991, before the United Nations Day Concert at New York headquarters, the General Director of the Tokyo Symphony Orchestra, Mr. Shigeto Kanayama, spoke with Sri Chinmoy about his orchestra's work and the role of music in creating peace in the world.

"You have been working toward world peace through meditation," Mr. Kanayama told Sri Chinmoy. "We respect your activities very much. We also tour around the world as missionaries for peace, so we have the same purpose, the same goal as you do."

Sri Chinmoy replied, "I am so happy that we are all in the same boat. We are all brothers and sisters, belonging to the same family. I have been to your country quite a few times, and I have such love and admiration for Japan."



Mr. Shigeto Kanayama, General Director (third from right), and other officials of the Tokyo Symphony with Sri Chinmoy and Mr. Kirit Makita of the Meditation Group.

FLOWERS AND A PEACE WALK CELEBRATE UNITED NATIONS DAY 1991

The morning of United Nations Day (24 October), staff were greeted with flowers and best wishes on their way into the Secretariat building by members of the Peace Meditation Group.



At noon the same day, nationals of different countries walked in meditative silence through the United Nations garden to commemorate United Nations Day. The Peace Walk was sponsored by the Peace Meditation in cooperation with a number of Permanent Representatives of Member States.

FESTIVAL OF DIVALI CELEBRATED



Members of the United Nations community celebrated the Indian festival of Diwali on 6 November 1991 with a concert by the Sri Chinmoy Bhajan Singers followed by an Indian-style buffet luncheon.



GREETINGS FROM THE BRITISH
PRIME MINISTER



British Prime Minister John Major greets Sri Chinmoy at London's India House on 14 November 1991 at the celebration of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru's 102nd birth anniversary. Dr. L. M. Singhvi, Indian High Commissioner to the United Kingdom (centre), made the introductions.

ROYAL GUESTS FROM SWEDEN



Sri Chinmoy and Prince Sigvard Bernodette of Sweden discussed their mutual interest in art, while Princess Marianne spoke about her work helping visually impaired children at a dinner with members of the Peace Meditation on 18 November 1991. The Prince and Princess were in New York for a one-man exhibition of the Prince's artwork.



BOOK RELEASE BY DR. P. JAYARAMAN



On 19 November 1991, the UNSRC Society of Writers invited United Nations delegates and staff to a poetry reading by Dr. P. Jayaraman, Indian scholar and Executive Director of the Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan (USA). The event marked the release of the publication by the Bhavan of the book *Poems of Sri Chinmoy*, with parallel texts in English and Hindi as translated into Hindi by Dr. Jayaraman. The book has a foreword by Mr. S. Ramakrishnan, Executive Secretary and Director-General of the Bhavan, as well as an introduction by the former Vice-Chancellor of Magadh University, Dr. Kunvar Chandra Prakash Singh.

MEETING WITH MAESTRO KURT MASUR



Sri Chinmoy and members of the Peace Meditation choir enjoyed a warm and cordial meeting with the Conductor of the New York Philharmonic Orchestra, Kurt Masur, and his wife, in the maestro's private chambers at Lincoln Center on 19 November 1991.

Deeply moved by the meeting and by the songs Sri Chinmoy had composed in his honour, Mr. Masur invited his guests to that evening's Philharmonic performance. Afterwards, the conductor and his wife joined Sri Chinmoy and the choir for dinner at a nearby restaurant.

A brief excerpt from the meeting follows:

Mr. Kurt Masur: I am always inspired, maybe because of a hard life, to the view that one must not try to escape the daily life, but try to be independent from what is outside, to reach the point of being happy inside. You don't need somebody between you and God, whatever God it is, of course.

Sri Chinmoy: As you have said, "I am what I am." We do not have to pretend to be somebody else or something else. This is natural and simple: we are what we are.

Anything that is simple is real, and anything that is real is progressive. If we depend on simple things, then at every moment we can derive satisfaction, which we are all longing for.

Mr. Masur: You make me stronger with these words. I was honest enough, when I came here, to tell everybody that I cannot be an American in the usual way. But I feel in my heart that I love these people, especially in New York. At least I love their loneliness. You can feel that around the city. Everybody is longing to meet another person who will listen. This touched me and gave me the imagination that I could live here, and maybe I could help to make life a little bit better than it would be without music.

I believe that what you do with your students is absolutely the same as what I would like to create in a wider range while giving support to the musical education of children. If the teachers and the politicians could learn how much music can do: giving people the ability to concentrate and helping them not to lose their soul in their daily life. This is a very, very important point for life.

Sometimes it sounds sentimental or naive, but I always tell people: I was a dreamer when I was a little boy, I continued as a dreamer, I am still a dreamer and some of my dreams have come true. I never dreamt that I would be the Conductor of the New York Philharmonic, but this came true also. So sometimes life is surprising.

MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT OF MALTA



The President of Malta, Dr. Censu Tabone, met with Sri Chinmoy on 20 November 1991 at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York. The two discussed spirituality and world peace, as well as Sri Chinmoy's upcoming visit to Malta over the Christmas holidays. Below is a brief excerpt from the meeting.

President Tabone: What exactly is your movement?

Sri Chinmoy: Our movement is very simple, a movement to bring about peace through prayer and meditation. We do not know anything about politics, but we feel that if there is a way that we can be of service to mankind, then we shall try. So our way is through prayer and meditation.

President Tabone: Do you think there are many people who really in their heart do not want peace?

Sri Chinmoy: No, but some people want peace in a different way.

President Tabone: Yes, their own peace, in their own way.

Sri Chinmoy: There are those who want to have peace in a very peculiar way. They want to remain superior. They will have peace of mind only if others remain inferior to them.

President Tabone: When you say you have been praying for a long time, that means you believe, as we do, that there is a Supreme Being?

Sri Chinmoy: Absolutely!

President Tabone: The difficulty comes when peace is broken by violence. When an aggressor doesn't move out, what do you do without violence? How can you avoid violence when violence has been committed against you? Of course, all peaceful efforts must come first, like sanctions, negotiations, persuasion, mediation and so forth. But if those fail, do you allow the aggression to prevail? This is the point of interrogation. May I have your guidance on this?

Sri Chinmoy: If all peaceful measures have failed, as a last resort one can defend oneself. But again, perhaps there is a medicine that has not been applied.

President Tabone: Such as what? I am a doctor.

Sri Chinmoy: Yes, you are an eye specialist.

President Tabone: Yes, I am.

Sri Chinmoy: So then you open our vision.

President Tabone: About physical vision I know a little more than about global vision.

Sri Chinmoy: Many times you have cured eye problems with your capacities. Then again there were times when you felt that you needed help from others.

President Tabone: I can assure you that is always the case.

Sri Chinmoy: You mentioned the Supreme Being. There were times in your role as a physician that you found that something was seriously wrong with the patient. At that time, you felt the need to call on God. Sometimes you may not pray intensely for help, because you know that you have the capacity to cure the patient through your own knowledge. But when you have a very serious, difficult case, at that time you may pray a little more to God to come to your assistance. Your faith in God allows you to gain His assistance. When you pray and meditate, God comes to the fore as your Guidance, as your Friend, as your Companion.

President Tabone: This is a great faith.

Sri Chinmoy: This faith can be applied more to our day-to-day life. It is our faith in our inner Friend which can come to our rescue. But sometimes we forget this Friend. We think only of our outer friends, political friends, who are ruling different countries.

President Tabone: But we do not think of the Friend above.

Sri Chinmoy: The Friend above or the Friend within—He is the same. We forget that He is the one who can be of infinite help to us. We care more for outer friends who console us and give us advice.

President Tabone: But there is a limit.

Sri Chinmoy: There is a limit. Today they are friends; tomorrow they may not remain friends. But the Friend above never fails us. He is our eternal Friend. This Friend is guiding our destiny, but somehow we forget to count on His blessingful help. If we depend on Him all the time, if we consider Him as the only Friend who will not fail us at the time of dire need, then He does not fail us. But when we are in danger, we look around rather than looking above. Unfortunately, we forget the Friend who never fails us, who is our Eternity's Friend and who can and does help. So when our friends at times fail us miserably and we enter into darkness, that is the time when we can think of the One who can be of real help to us.

President Tabone: I thank you. Not only are these very beautiful words, but they stimulate very beautiful feelings in those who listen to you speaking.

THANKSGIVING PROGRAMME AND RECEPTION

A programme and reception for Thanksgiving, entitled "Moments of Peace," honoured members of the United Nations community on 26 November 1991 at Buchman Hall in Manhattan. Several delegates addressed the gathering, including H.E. Dr. Stanley Kalpage, Permanent Representative of Sri Lanka to the United Nations, and H.E. Prof. Perezi Karukubiro Kamunanwire, Permanent Representative of Uganda to the United Nations, whose remarks follow.



H.E. Prof. Perezi Karukubiro Kamunanwire, Permanent Representative of Uganda to the United Nations: Where I come from, we greet each other with the word 'Salaam'. I am sure most of you know this word, which means 'peace'.

I am personally thankful to the convenor of these moments of peace tonight. We need this. We have been in a very long session, and we are still continuing.

One chapter of our life has now been completed. It has taken us about a year of struggle to elect an African Secretary-General. It wasn't easy; it wasn't popular; but the goodwill of many nations convinced others. As we know, Secretaries-General have come from all over the world

except our continent. It gives me pleasure, on this eve of a momentous day in American history, Thanksgiving, to know that tomorrow the new Secretary-General will be arriving to start his new job.

Since the two races met, the native Americans and the Europeans, the world has never been the same. We can also add that the world as a whole is now a lot better than it was before those two groups met. Countries which we did not even know existed can now be reached in a matter of hours. As some people have said, "What used to be my world is now my village."

So we have all grown into one nation. Peace is needed all over the world, and we should work and pray for peace. Our own continent has not seen peace since 1442. There has been war in Africa for over 500 years, every single day. We pray for that continent and we hope that peace is coming. We have to be patient. We have to pray very hard that there will be peace. Thank you very much.



H.E. Dr. Stanley Kalpage, Permanent Representative of Sri Lanka to the United Nations: I wish to thank Sri Chinmoy and the organisers of the events of this evening. The United Nations is an institution in which Sri Lanka has great trust and faith. We subscribe to all the principles and purposes of the Charter. For small countries like Sri Lanka,

what other refuge have we other than the United Nations? We rely on the United Nations for our security. We have no armies worth mentioning, no navy, no air force. It is only because of the mechanisms instituted by the United Nations that we are safe and secure.

It is because of the existence of the United Nations that the world has been spared another world war. If the United Nations had not existed, there would have been no end to the Cold War. The very fact that year after year representatives from the Soviet Union and the East European countries were able to come here to the United Nations and speak face to face with representatives from the United States and the Western democracies has helped to bring the two groups together.

It is my hope that all the other countries and groups should also get together. I am Chairman, as Representative of Sri Lanka, of a committee of the General Assembly which goes every year to the Middle East to examine the human rights situation in the occupied territories. We are having that debate in the Special Political Committee now, and I was very pleasantly surprised when the distinguished representative of Israel spoke in moderate terms. There was not the same acrimony that existed in the past. They are also conscious of the fact that a peace process has begun and I think they are willing to give that peace process a chance to bear fruit. In the present instance it is the United States and the USSR that have taken the initiative, but I think this is a result of a dialogue that has taken place among the nations of the world for the last 46 years.

I wish to thank you for having given me this opportunity to speak to you. As Permanent Representative of Sri Lanka, my heart and soul is in the work of the United Nations. I also wish to thank Sri Chinmoy for having come to our country two years ago. I know that President Premadasa holds Sri Chinmoy in the highest regard. I would like to wish Sri Chinmoy and the Peace Meditation at the United Nations continued success in the future. Thank you.

PEACE CONCERT



To usher in a peaceful holiday season, Sri Chinmoy performed his own haunting melodies on the flute and a powerful improvisation on the piano during a concert in the Dag Hammarskjöld Auditorium on 6 December 1991. He also accompanied himself on the synthesizer while singing songs dedicated to the United Nations.

A buffet luncheon was served following the concert.



QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Question: What should a spiritual seeker do when he observes dishonesty or corruption among his colleagues?

Sri Chinmoy: A spiritual seeker can do three things when he observes dishonesty or corruption in a colleague. First he has to pray to God for at least five minutes a day for about a week for the mental transformation of that particular individual so he will be able to receive light from Above that will change his nature.

If that fails, then the spiritual seeker must be brave enough to tell his colleague that he is not doing the right thing and that it is absolutely necessary for him to become honest and give up his old style of life. But the seeker should continue praying after he has told his colleague what to do. After another week, if the seeker observes that his colleague has no intention of changing his nature, then as a last resort he must be bold enough to report the person to the authorities. But he should continue praying for about a week longer; then he can discontinue his prayer, for his role is over. Now it is up to the authorities.

In the present-day world, people are apt to say that what a colleague does is none of our business. The dishonest person, they say, will meet with the consequences without our intervention. But in the spiritual life, this "none of our business" theory is not the right attitude. Once we accept the spiritual life, we feel that it is our bounden duty to be of service to God the Creator and God the creation. God the Creator created our dishonest colleague, and this individual is part and parcel of God the creation. So we have to pray to both God the Creator and God the creation for the transformation of this particular person's nature.

So, in the spiritual life it is a mistake to say, "It is none of my business; let him lead his own life." Again, it is also a deplorable mistake to think we have to transform the

world. Instead of praying to God for illumination, sometimes we feel that it is our bounden duty to show others the light. God alone knows whether we ourselves are in total darkness or whether we have received abundant light from Above that we can offer to the world at large. But still we feel that we know everything and that other people know nothing. We want others to see the world the way we see it, and we want to shape the world according to our own mental ideas. But this is not spreading light; this is only exercising our power or displaying our authority.

If we see something wrong, through our prayer and meditation we have to bring down light from Above or bring to the fore our own inner light and offer it to those around us. We may not have enough light to offer the whole world, but we can at least try to deal with the people around us in our own day to day life. But if it is not a clear-cut question of right and wrong, if it is only a matter of people seeing or doing things differently from the way we feel they should be seen or done, then we have to pray to God and meditate on God for illumination. Then God will make us see who is right and who is wrong. If others are wrong, then if it is God's Will, He will give us the needed light to illumine those who are doing the wrong thing around us.

But when it is a question of dishonesty or corruption that we are observing, the first step is to pray and meditate for the transformation of the culprit's nature. If that doesn't succeed, the second step is to tell the person to do the right thing and become the right person, while continuing to pray and meditate. If that, too, fails, then the last resort is to inform the authorities, but still continue to pray for the guilty party's transformation. After one week our prayer-life can end, but we still should have good will toward that particular person. We should not look down upon him or in any way create more disharmony in our office.

Question: What is the main challenge facing the United Nations today?

Sri Chinmoy: The United Nations has many, many, many good qualities. But inwardly I feel that the United Nations can have infinitely more confidence than it has now. It needs confidence in its inner existence. It needs the confidence to depend not so much on world support as on its inner strength—on what it has and what it is. What it has is an inner assurance from Above. What it is is the loftiest vision of the Universal Soul, which has infinite wisdom and infinite light.

The soul of the United Nations has everything that the world needs and everything that the world will ever need. So the main challenge of the United Nations is to be found in the inner world. Its lack of confidence must be replaced by the all-seeing, all-giving, all-becoming and all-transcending divine Confidence. By borrowing and borrowing from the outer world and seeking moral support from the outer world, the United Nations cannot proceed towards its supreme destination. The United Nations has to create its own receptivity—large, larger, largest. Once it creates receptivity, once it becomes the possessor of enormous receptivity, all the divine attributes will cheerfully and powerfully descend into this receptivity. At that time, the United Nations will be able to manifest throughout the length and breadth of the world the message of oneness and fulness. So it is the inner confidence of the United Nations that can and shall eventually transform the face and fate of the world, for such is the Will of the Absolute Supreme.

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