



Country Related Programmes of the Peace Meditation at the United Nations. (to be updated and expanded)

From time to time the meditation group offers special programs honouring and celebrating the unique offerings of member states. These events have sometimes been co-sponsored in cooperation with other UN entities or countries' missions to the United Nations



- Countries National days
- Country Anniversary of Joining United Nations,
- Ambassadors or National Representatives also offer comments on their culture or traditions at other programmes such as International Days of Thanksgiving or World Day of Prayers.

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Japan Tribute to Japan 1982 May 3

A special programme was sponsored by the meditation group on 3 May 1982 to honour Japan. The meditation group choir performed five songs about Japan, all composed by Sri Chinmoy.

At the close of the programme all the Japanese guests joined to sing their national anthem.

1982-05may-03-Tribute-to-japan-guests-join-sing-natl-anthem-scaled.jpg



Japan, a Soulful Flower-Garden - Words and music by Sri Chinmoy

<p>Lyrics: Japan, Japan, Japan! A soulful flower-garden. Clearly you see, Quickly you do. Silence-ecstasy Your property true. Japan, Japan, Japan! High Heaven’s hallowed Plan.</p> <p>Translation: Nihon, Nihon, Nihon! Tamashii no hanazono! Chiebukaku shunbin na, Chinmoku no hooetsu Shinjitsu no tamamono. Nihon, Nihon, Nihon! Tenkai no seinaru nagare!</p> <p style="text-align: right;">- Composed on Dec. 5th, 1978</p>	<p>(♩ = 120) Moderato</p> <p>The musical score is written in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of six staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score includes a 'D.C. al fine with repeat' instruction at the end.</p>
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A Musical Exchange with the “Little Singers of Tokyo”

On **3 August 1991**, the day after their concert at the United Nations which was part of a world tour, the “Little Singers of Tokyo” gave a special performance for Sri Chinmoy and members of the Peace Meditation group. The Japanese children and their conductor, Mrs. Hasegawa, were in turn serenaded by the Peace Meditation choir with songs composed by Sri Chinmoy honouring Japan.



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International Security and Third World – Amb. Kasemsri, Thailand, 1983 Feb 25

Excerpts from an address to the Meditation Group by H.E. Mr. Birbhongse Kasemsri, Permanent Representative of Thailand, on 25 February 1983:

“Smaller nations look at the United Nations as a safe harbour. ... a first recourse, rather than a last resort, especially in times of crisis. We attach more importance to the UN than perhaps the major powers need to. We derive a source of strength therein, namely the preponderance of members. This strength of numbers should not be detrimental. It can be used to the advantage of the UN to help strengthen its efforts in the world. Countries have to live together. And it is not the poor who will rule the world nor the rich, but all of us will share in an equitable manner the resources of man. The preamble of the Charter of the UN reads so beautifully. It begins with, “We the people of the United Nations determined to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war...” and it continues with the very important passage, “And for these ends **to practice tolerance and live together in peace with one another as good neighbours...**” The last phrase I think touches the **heart or the soul of the UN**. It is something most human beings understand, irrespective of their creed, colour, sex and their economic status in life. Failing to follow these precepts may be the major cause of all the trouble we are having today in the international arena. At the UN there is a meditation room, and I dare say, if we diplomats made more frequent use of it, we might contribute our fair share in a more effective way toward strengthening peace and security in our world. By the same token, **if world leaders would practice meditation then perhaps they could give new strength**, not military, not nuclear, not even economic or financial strength, but **inner strength which would lead us to contribute much more effectively towards the desired goals...**



1983-02feb20-Thailand-prog-at-un-Birbhongse-Kasemsr-PRep-Thailand-speaks-crp

1983-02feb20-Thailand-prog-national Anthem-guests



Happy Anniversary, Austria 15 Dec 1978;

On 15 December 1978 a programme in honour of the **anniversary of Austria's joining the United Nations** on 14 December 1955 was sponsored by Sri Chinmoy the Peace Meditation at the United Nations. The programme included several songs performed by the Meditation Group singers, one of which was a song about Austria composed specially for the occasion by Sri Chinmoy. Slides of Austria were shown, accompanied by selections from Austria's rich musical heritage



1978-12-15-12-Gustav-Ortner-UN-Dep-Perm-Rep-Austria-crp

Mr. Gustav Ortner, Deputy Permanent Representative of Austria to the



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United Nations: I first want to thank you very much for welcoming me on this commemorative day which you have organised. I want to congratulate you also for your performance of the choral singing which we have just heard.. I was very sensitive to this, as an Austrian and as an amateur musician, to the very fine quality you have achieved in producing your music. Austria, a neutral country, has since its membership in the United Nations tried by active collaboration to contribute in the sense of the Charter as an active and neutral country, and therefore also be a markstone within the United Nations, and we have the feeling that we have found within the world community general approval for our activity.

Austria, Not Big in Earthly Size - Words and Music by Sri Chinmoy

Lyrics:

Austria, Austria, Austria, Austria!
Not big in earthly size,
But won the Heavenly prize
Of neutrality-lore
And reached the wisdom-shore.
Austria, Austria, Austria, Austria!
U.N. Pilot: your gift supreme.
He flowers the world's oneness-dream.



Philippines 34th UN Anniversary 23 Oct 1979

The Philippines celebrated its thirty-Fourth anniversary of joining the UN on 23 October 1979. Excerpts from talk of H.E. Mr. Alejandro D. Yango, Permanent Representative of the Philippines to the UN follow: " The early international dedication of the Philippines can be seen from some twenty-one amendments submitted by the Philippine delegation to the Dunbarton Oaks Proposals on UN structure. We believe that the increased contact among peoples greatly fosters world understanding. We therefore attach great importance to cultural affairs and groups such as this one and propose that such matters be included in the list of concerns for the Economic and Social Council, of which we are a founding member. In matters of security, the trauma of being caught in the middle of a war which was not of our making impressed upon us the



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need to make the great powers more aware of the point of view of the small nations. We therefore recognized the sovereign equality of all law-abiding states. We accepted the jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice. As the first Asian government with colonial status to anticipate



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independence on an assured date, we felt it our duty to participate in the UN councils on behalf of dependent and non-self-governing peoples. From the early years, to our present outlook, which is one of speedy support tempered by experience and maturity, we have sent our ablest ministers and statesmen, in the hope that the meeting of great minds would add to the common pool of universal wisdom. We have been playing our role in emergency problems affecting the entire world or in the daily operations in the UN system. We continue our responsibilities in the ablest manner we are capable of. No task is too small, no sacrifice too great when it comes to the UN and its fields.

Meditation Group Members at Philippine Peace Events,
1993 Jan

Some members of the Meditation Group at the UN joined with students and friends of Sri Chinmoy for Peace related events in the Philippines during their visits to a number of cities there in January of 1993.

During his 30-day visit to the country, there were peace concerts in four cities and launch of peace runs through two provinces



1993-01-jan-04-philippines-peace-run-committee-intro-on-arrival-crp-01

Sri Lanka

Music of Sri Lanka Possibility in Part 3-07 Music, Song, Concert Programmes

On 3 February 1978 Sri Chinmoy Meditation at the United Nations held a programme on the musical heritage of Sri Lanka as part of a cultural series highlighting the music of individual countries or region. Mr. Nihal Rodrigo of the Permanent Mission of Sri Lanka to the United Nations spoke, and members of the Meditation Group performed some of the country's national music. Excerpt from Mr. Rodrigo 's talk:. The United Nations is meant to bring countries together, to make them understand each other better and to work out some practical means of avoiding a lot of strife and conflict in the world, and at these conferences we are trying to bring about some sort of peace or security. But this is not so easy. When you are in the very genteel and highly diplomatic world of the conference room, very often tempers do tend to get frayed. And even though people may be polite, they may be sitting with feelings or anger or suspicion and so on. So, for me personally, it has been a most wonderful surprise to find that within the very same building, there could be found an atmosphere like this.




<p>Sri Lanka Song -Words and Music by Sri Chinmoy</p> <p>Lyrics: Sri Lanka, Sri Lanka, Sri Lanka! You are mahanandam danka. Sri Lanka, Sri Lanka, Sri Lanka! Lord Buddha's august Grace, Vivekananda's victory-face You love and treasure beyond measure. O ancient singhal dwip, Your body-soul-beauty deep.</p> <p>- Composed on Feb. 3rd, 1978</p>	 <p>all stand for Sri Lanka National Anthem</p>	
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Sri Lanka Day 4 Feb 1979

On 4 February 1979, the thirty-second anniversary of Sri Lanka's independence) H.E. Mr. Nadarajah Balasubramaniam, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka to the UN, spoke about his country's history, its role in the UN and then treated the audience to an extremely beautiful and sensitive film. **Mr. Nadarajah Balasubramaniam:** Our recorded history goes back nearly 2,500 years. We have all the major religions of the world flourishing on the island. Sixty-five per cent of our people are Buddhists; about fifteen per cent are Hindus; eight per cent are Christians; and seven to eight per cent are Muslims. A sacred mountain in our country called Adam's Peak, is known by different names by the different religions. The Christians and the Muslims call this peak Adam's Peak because they believe that the footprint at the top of this peak is that of Adam, the first man. The Buddhists believe it is the footprint of the Buddha. Hindus believe that it is Shiva's footprint. So here Adam's Peak is a symbol of the universality of mankind. Sri Lanka believes in the principles of the UN Charter. For a small country, we don't have the strength to protect and defend ourselves against aggression, and the UN is the first and last bastion of defense from our point of view. The film is entitled "Meditation," which we thought was appropriate to show to an assembly like yours. It deals with the Buddhist ideal of renunciation. When I saw this film for the first time, I was speechless at the end. It doesn't have the same feeling as a touristic film. It makes you think about, shall I say, meditation.

Batik Art lecture and exhibit co-sponsored by Mission of Sri Lanka and Meditation Group 1980

<p>On 21 April 1980 a batik art lecture and exhibition was sponsored by the Permanent Mission of Sri Lanka to the UN and Sri Chinmoy Meditation at the United Nations) with introductory remarks by His Excellency Mr. Nadarajah Balasubramaniam, Deputy Permanent Representative of Sri Lanka to the United Nations. Mr w.. Vzpula Dharmawardena, a leading artist lecturer from Sri Lanka who has held many solo exhibitions and participated in fifteen world fairs gave a superb explanation and presentation of original art. Mr. Nadarajah Balasubramaniam, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka to the United Nations : Mr. Vipula Dharmawardena started life as an art teacher, and mastered the art so well that today his name is synonymous with batik in our country. He has held over seventy solo exhibitions in different parts of the world, and has participated in fifteen world fairs.</p>	
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His works adorn the headquarters building of the United Nations in Geneva as well as the World Bank and the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C. It is a privilege to be able to view a sample of his works today in this room. Vipula has been able to capture the exotic colours and the tropical beauty of Sri Lanka, using a wealth of detail. One sees the flora and fauna of Sri Lanka vividly portrayed in the striking works around you. One also sees the influence of the folk art of Sri Lanka in these works. Vipula has indeed succeeded in bringing a touch of Sri Lanka into this auditorium today and for that we are extremely grateful to him



Mr. Vipula Dharmawardena: Before the invention of silk screen printing or more sophisticated printing, this was the main method used by people for printing a piece of cloth. It originated in Egypt and in China and later its influence spread to Asia and Southeast Asia. In Sri Lanka we have samples dating back three to four hundred years, when batik was used for clothing for both men and women. (A technical explanation and discussion of some works on display was followed by a question and answer period.) The Peace Meditation Choir also performed at the event



Celebration of Sri Lanka's National Day 1981 Feb 04

Sri Lanka's national day was celebrated 4 February 1981 by the meditation group, with H.E. Mr. Ignatius Benedict Fonseka, Permanent Representative of Sri Lanka, serving as guest speaker. An excellent film on Ananda Coomaraswamy, an authority on the art of Sri Lanka and India, was also shown. Following are excerpts from Ambassador Fonseka's talk. "There are certain constraints or limitations on what any country can contribute to the U.N. Those constraints are understandably even greater when it comes to the smaller countries of the United Nations. Nevertheless, this organisation remains the only body in which all the countries of the world-irrespective of their size, their wealth and their power-can make their impact felt; can exercise their influence, however small or great that might be. The policy that the Government of Sri Lanka has followed in its relations with other states over the years is one that seeks friendship with all.



We will now see a film about one of the great Sri Lankan's, Ananda Coomaraswamy*. He was a man of scholarship, who delved deeply into the history and culture of his own country and went beyond to look into the history and culture of the people of that whole subcontinent and area.

*Note: [Ananda Coomaraswamy](#) (Ānanda Kentiś Muthū Kumāraswāmī; (22 August 1877 – 9 September 1947) was a Ceylonese Tamil philosopher and Metaphysicist, as well as a pioneering historian and philosopher of Indian art, particularly art history and symbolism, and an early interpreter of Indian culture to the West. In particular, he is described as “the groundbreaking theorist who was largely responsible for introducing ancient Indian art to the West.”



Australia


Honour Australia's Day, 27 Jan 1978:

On 27 January 1978 the Meditation Group hosted a programme marking the anniversary of Australia's admission to the United Nations, which also coincided with Australia's National Day. The

Australia Ambassador spoke, and members of the Group performed. **Ralph L Harry, Permanent Representative of Australia to the UN:** Long before Captain Cook found the east coast of Australia and long before Europeans came to Australia, the Australian people had developed a most interesting music for their rituals and for their life in general, and that Australian aboriginal music is still alive today. Of course, that tradition has an influence on our contemporary music. But the main stream of musical development in the last 190 years has come from Europe—from England, Scotland and



Ireland – and more recently from Germany, Italy, Greece, Spain and practically every part of Europe. At the same time that Australians have become world opera stars, a very vigorous folk music tradition has developed with themes and poetry from our own culture. Young composers have been traveling to Asia and the Pacific, bringing back new musical ideas, while at the same time in Australia we have been receiving musicians from our neighbouring countries and drafting their ideas and concepts into Australian compositions.

<p>Perhaps the samples that you will hear today will give you an idea of some of the music of Australia. You will remember that we are reaching back in to the past and reaching out to our friends. We believe that these trends are fully in accordance with the ideals of the UN, which we in Australia, as well as your Group, are seeking to foster.</p>	<p>O My Australia Composed by Sri Chinmoy on Feb. 20th, 1976</p> <p>Lyrics: O My Australia, Australia, Australia! I love your beauty's vastness green. I love your heart's sweet unseen cry. Your new soul knows no bondage-screen. It beckons your body's strength to fly. O my Australia, Australia, Australia! No foe have you, a matchless surprise! Your simple, soulful life of love, At God's express Hour Choice shall rise. Yours is the trumpet-triumph here and above. O my Australia, Australia, Australia!</p>	 <p>February 20, 1976 Words and music By Sri Chinmoy</p>
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Commerate Australia's 34th Year as member of UN - 1979

On 30 January 1979, the anniversary of Australia joining the UN January 1945 was observed by Sri Chinmoy Meditation Group at the UN in the Dag Hammarskjold Auditorium. The programme featured Ian James, Permanent Mission of Australia to the UN and an **exhibit of thirty paintings** done by Australian schoolchildren depicting their interpretation of a new song ("My Australia") recently composed by Sri Chinmoy. During the programme the Meditation Group singers performed seven songs by Sri Chinmoy about Australia and inspirational readings from the remarks of great Australians' at the UN. **Mr. Ian James:** "On behalf of the Australian Mission to the UN, I would like to express our appreciation to all of you. Thirty-four years ago, we were one of the original members of the UN. determined to establish a more equitable post-war world. We don't fall readily into a particular block. We find ourselves supporting the efforts of certain countries in economic matters, whereas in other matters our interests are quite divergent. Nevertheless, Australia has remained committed to the ideals of the United Nations, and that that commitment has only strengthened in 34 years.

Comments by **Mrs. James** on the prize-winning painting by Anick Le Brasse, age 12, of Dandenong High School, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia, entitled "Australian Flora": I have four children who have just started taking art, and I am trying to see the beautiful song through the eyes of a child. This picture seems to sum up the two lines: "Your new soul knows no bondage screen; It beckons your body's strength to fly." I see behind it a 12-year-old child who is not afraid to put down flowers – Australian flowers -which are beautiful, but rather strange. I feel there is a rather fearless depiction of the flora of Australia, and that is why I chose the painting.

Bangladesh

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Bangladesh 40th Anniversary celebrated at the UN 2014 Sep 26

Members of the Peace Meditation at the United Nations were present for the 40th Anniversary Celebration of Bangladesh joining the UN. The programme was hosted by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, 26 September, in a packed Conference Room 3 at the UN headquarters.. The Bhajan singers (which included some of the Meditation Group members) performed at the event and are seen here with some audience members; Main Programme UN Webcast at: <http://webtv.un.org/meetings-events/other-meetingevents/watch/40th-anniversary-of-bangladeshs-membership-of-the-united-nations/3808944931001>



The next day, 27 September, flowers were offered by the Peace Meditation group programme coordinator, Nilima Silver on behalf of the Bhajan singers to the Prime Minister for her birthday.



On the same day Nilima was also able to offer the best wishes to Prime Minister Modi of India, from the Peace Meditation Group at the UN



See also International Mother Language Day (IMLD) in 3-03 UN Anniversaries (related to Bangladesh History)

Japan and Italy Honoured 1978 dec 05

On **5 December 1978** a programme honouring the **anniversaries of Italy and Japan joining the United Nations** on 14 December 1955 and 18 December 1956 respectively, was sponsored by Sri Chinmoy Meditation at the United Nations in the Dag Hammarskjold Auditorium.



1978-12dec-05-Japan-Italy-UN-anniversary-group-front

Guest speakers were **Ambassador Piero Vinci of Italy** and **Ambassador Isao Abe of Japan**. The programme also included the performance:

- of two new songs written for the occasion by Sri Chinmoy, one in tribute to each of the countries,
- as well as the national anthems of both countries.





Excerpts from the programme follow.

<p>H.E. Mr. Piero Vinci, Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations: I'm very happy to be here with the Meditation Group, a group which, under the very outstanding leadership of Sri Chinmoy, is working to support the spiritual values at the United Nations. Spiritual values are always one of the driving forces among people. God's world has such a spiritual potential which needs to be awakened in order to fulfil the expectations and the aspirations of mankind...Italy's role and its actions at the United Nations have been much easier for us than perhaps for others, because we have had no national interest to defend, but rather we have tried to defend the principles and the purposes of the Charter of the United Nations</p>		<p><i>Writs and music by Sri Chinmoy</i></p> <p>December 5, 1978</p> <p>Composed on Dec. 5th, 1978</p> <p>Lyrics: Italy and Italy's Rome Own the world's fondness-home. Michelangelo, da Vinci, Mona Lisa and Vatican-tree, Lead the world to nectar-sea In sweet silence-secrecy.</p>
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1978-12dec-05-Japan-Italy-UN-anniversary-Piero-Vinci-Perm-Rep-Italy

I think we try to play our role with all the conviction and effort commensurate with the influence a country like mine can exercise. One instance that I might perhaps mention is in the peace-keeping operations in the Congo, where thirteen members of our Air Force gave their lives. Their names are inscribed on the wall along with Dag Hammarskjold's close to the Meditation Room. I think the names would be inspiring to you since you dedicate so much of your time and your thinking to meditation...

<p>H.E. Mr. Isao Abe, Permanent representative of Japan to the United Nations : Thank you very much for your warm welcome and for the very nice song. I think that is one of the nicest songs I have heard in the United Nations.</p> <p>As we have done in the past, we will continue to use only words, discussion-rather than force or violence-to deal with problems at the United Nations.</p>	 <p>1978-12dec-05-Japan-Italy-UN-anniversar-Amb-Isao-Abe-Perm-Rep-Japan-crp-scaled.jpg 559 KB</p>	 <p>♩ = 120 Moderate</p> <p>Za---pan, Ja---pan, Ja-----pan!</p> <p>A soul-ful flow-er - gar-ten!</p> <p>Clear-ly you see, Quick-ly you do.</p> <p>Si-lence - ec-stasy Your pro-erty true.</p> <p>Za---pan, Ja---pan, Ja-----pan!</p> <p>High Heav-en's hal-lowed plan! S.C. al fine with repeat.</p>
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<p>But we sometimes forget what is often said, not only in Japan but elsewhere, that “eloquence is silver, but silence is golden.” The real value of words exists in the true thinking behind them. For words to be really meaningful, they must be the outward expression of thoughts of inner value. I believe this is something your Group is striving to achieve. I think that more communication between men, often expressed by words, but more often by silence, could perhaps help us to understand each other more at the United Nations.</p>	<p>Lyrics:</p> <p>Japan, Japan, Japan! A soulful flower-garden. Clearly you see, Quickly you do. Silence-ecstasy Your property true. Japan, Japan, Japan! High Heaven's hallowed Plan.</p>	<p>Translation:</p> <p>Nihon, Nihon, Nihon! Tamashii no hanazono! Chiebukaku shunbin na, Chinmoku no hooetsu Shinjitsu no tamamono. Nihon, Nihon, Nihon! Tenkai no seinaru nagare!</p>
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International Thanksgiving at UN, 1978 Nov 20 –

<p>On 20 November 1978 Sri Chinmoy: the Peace Meditation at the United Nations sponsored the fourth observance of International Thanksgiving at United Nations Headquarters: Guest speakers included Ambassadors: Davidson L. Hepburn of the Bahamas, E. Owono Asangono of Equatorial Guinea, C. G. Maina of Kenya, Harald Rose of the German Democratic Republic, also Mr. Zaim Imam, Political Adviser of Kuwait and Mr. Christian Schmittlein, Third Secretary, from the Mission of the Federal Republic of Germany. Colonel Geiger was also present as a representative of the Swedish Mission to the United Nations.</p>	 <p>Ambassador Hepburn is pictured addressing the event. Many were impressed by his vision and “conviction that the fulfilment of the true values of peace and harmony with one’s fellow human beings and with one’s environment are within mankind’s grasp. And we hope that by sharing this belief with our colleagues here at the UN we can enhance the image of the organization by</p>
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	fostering better relations and strengthening the call for the maintenance of universal peace and security". More in Nov 1978 issue of "Meditation at the UN"
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UN Community Celebrates the African Spirit

14 Sep 1988, UN staff, delegates and NGO representatives celebrated the spirit of the African people on 14 September. The lunchtime programme, sponsored by Sri Chinmoy: the Peace Meditation at the United Nations, began with an introduction to the economic situation in Africa by Salim Lone of DPIs Africa Recovery office. Mr. Lone recounted how widespread drought and famine on the continent prompted the 1986 Special Session on African Recovery. Mr. Lone pointed out why national or regional reforms alone could not alleviate the depressed situation. "In spite of all limitations", the African people have the "courage, strength and vitality to live", noted featured speaker Nana Apeadu, a Ghanaian and Chairperson of the PanAfrican Human Rights Organization. With anecdotes that brought smiles of acknowledgement to many faces in the audience, Mrs. Apeadu described the sharing spirit, especially in the extended family, that supports many Africans through ongoing crises. She also emphasized the role of African women and the "inner belief in a higher power". She emphasized the all-important role the proper observance of human rights has in alleviating the refugee problem and preventing the loss of crucial human resources from Africa through the brain drain. Commenting from the audience, Banke Akerele of UNIFEM said, 'It takes real spirit to live under these conditions and not be part of the exodus. It is this spirit that keeps the continent alive.



2Nana Apeadu at the "Celebration of the African Spirit

Panama

14 Nov 1978 Programme for "Panama Day" – in honour 1945 join UN

Ambassador Jorge Illueca of Panama addressed the Meditation Group at a "**Panama Day**" programme in honour of **Panama's joining the United Nations on 13 November 1945**. The programme also included the performance of a **new song composed by Sri Chinmoy about the Ambassador**, as well as slides and music of Panama. An excerpt from Ambassador Illueca's talk: "Everything that is great and noble in this world is the product of meditation. Our modern world, with its technological prodigies and inter planetary adventures, has originated in the meditation of Copernicus, Galileo and others. If we move from the sphere of the concrete and tangible into the sphere of the great artistic creations, we find that meditation is the mirror of our mind and conscience, the world around us and our individuality. Then we understand more clearly that meditation is the essential creative power of the human being. Meditation is not something static. At the UN meditation is a prelude to action, because action is only justified when it is in harmony with the ideals of peace, social justice and economic development, which are a constant guide to our great family of nations."



1979 September 17th – Birthday of Ambassador Illueca – Visit by Sri Chinmoy

PANAMA MOTTO PERFORMED: Members of the Meditation Group joined with H.E. Jorge Illueca, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Panama to the United Nations, in his office to celebrate his birthday on 17 September 1979. The Group performed a newly composed song by Sri Chinmoy to the words of the motto of Panama. The Ambassador was then moved to present to the Group several works of art, made by Indian tribes in Panama. At the end of the visit Ambassador Illueca remarked: "There is something that I feel very deeply in my heart. You have really overwhelmed me with your kindness and feelings. I feel so pleased and so happy with your visit that really, I have no words."



1980 September 17 – Surprise meeting for Birthday of Ambassador Illueca of Panama.

Members of the meditation group joined Panama Mission staff and members of Ambassador Illueca's family for an impromptu and surprise birthday celebration in the Ambassador's office on 17 September 1980. In gratitude for Ambassador Illueca's kind encouragement, support and guidance, the group presented him with flowers and a cake, and sang "Birthday Is the Vision-Day," composed by Sri Chinmoy. The Ambassador in turn thanked the group for its friendship and spiritual good will. **Photo : Members of the meditation group and Mission staff with His Excellency Dr. Jorge Illueca, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Panama to the UN (centre) and the Ambassador's wife, son and daughter**



Panama Foreign Minister, Dr. Illueca honoured, 1981 Feb 17

The international diplomatic community honoured Panamanian Foreign Minister Jorge Illueca at a UN ceremony sponsored by the peace meditation group on 17 February 1981. Dr. Illueca has been associated with the UN since the second General Assembly in 1947, serving most recently as Permanent Representative of Panama for six years until his appointment as Foreign Minister. During his term, the Panama Canal treaties were signed and his country was elected to a seat on the Security Council. Ambassadors Rossides of Cyprus, Fonseka of Sri Lanka and Muwamba of Malawi and Sri Chinmoy spoke in honour of Illueca. Excerpt from Dr Illueca Response

"Sri Chinmoy has given new dimensions to the ideas proclaimed in the UN Charter. He has moved the kind feelings of many men and women of all ages in a most constructive manner. Sri Chinmoy Meditation at the UN is a magnificent evidence of his endeavours in promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms. They promote the principles of friendship and cooperation that are essential to have peace and good neighbourliness between states and individuals. Its members have dedicated themselves to constantly promoting peace, tolerance, understanding, friendship and cooperation, without demanding compensation in return. They are friends of humanity who have found a



place in our hearts and minds and give us more than kindness, something that is impossible to define, but shall always be shining in our souls."

Sri Chinmoy, Mrs. and Dr. Illueca..

Aug 1981: Panama Decoration presented to Sri Chinmoy

Foreign Minister Illueca of Panama presented Sri Chinmoy with his country's highest decoration, the Order of Vasco Nuiiez de Balboa in the rank of Great Cross, in recognition of his work toward world peace. The occasion was the fiftieth birthday salute to Sri Chinmoy held at the UN in New York, where Sri Chinmoy has been leading meditations for delegates and staff for the past eleven years. Dr. Illueca continuously offered his strong support to the ideals and activities of Sri Chinmoy Meditation at the UN while he served as his country's Ambassador. After his appointment as Panama's Foreign Minister in February 1981, Dr. Illueca continued to encourage the group in its efforts to serve the world community.



Above: Foreign Minister Illueca of Panama decorates Sri Chinmoy with the Order of Balboa, his country's highest decoration. Below: Dr. Illueca reads a proclamation from the President of Panama.



Panama Mission for a birthday celebration on 17 September 1981.

Members of the meditation group joined Foreign Minister Illueca of Panama and his family at the Panama Mission for a birthday celebration on 17 September 1981.

As an expression of his Friendship) Sri Chinmoy presented the Foreign Minister with a bouquet of flowers and a cake with Dr. Illueca's portrait etched in icing. While serving as his country's Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Dr. Illueca offered his strong support for the activities of the meditation group. Following are excerpts from the conversation on that occasion. Sri Chinmoy: My heart of love and my soul of oneness forever and forever are with you. Also, I pray to the Absolute Supreme on this most auspicious day to grant you His infinite Love and His infinite Blessings so that you can fulfill your mission most satisfactorily, as you have been doing all along, not only for your country but also for the entire humanity. To me you are most precious, for you have pleased your Inner Pilot. This is the goal of all human beings. We are all aiming at the self-same goal, the goal that you have already reached. We are all trying to please the Heavenly Father, which is what you have already done so soulfully, powerfully and perfectly.



Sri Chinmoy expresses his gratitude to Dr. Illueca when members of the meditation group joined with Dr. Illueca and his family at the Panama Mission to celebrate the Foreign Minister's birthday on 17 September 1981.

Dr. Illueca: You are overwhelming me. When I am with you, I have another personality. I don't have enough words to express my gratitude and appreciation. In fact, I feel with all humility that I don't deserve the feelings and kind of friendship and affection that you have given me. I hope that the Supreme Being will give me the opportunity to do something really meaningful.

Sri Chinmoy: My students and I will always be grateful to Panama. Panama is the pioneer country in giving me this kind of award. We are especially grateful to you because it is you who represent Panama-the soul and the



body of Panama. So for us it is your kindness and oneness that have come forward to appreciate us and what little we do for mankind. This appreciation we take as a blessingful gift, and with this gift we shall try to continue our journey. You have truly helped us considerably in the little effort for peace that we have been making in the world with our prayers and meditations. Your oneness with our aspiration has helped us and will continue to help us beyond your imagination. It is our greatest joy and honour that you have appreciated-not only appreciated but also increased-our capacity at the United Nations. Our soulful capacity has been increased enormously by your constant support and guidance in so many ways. In the United Nations you are one of our strongest supporters. In the

inner world we feel your strong support, and in the outer world we see it in all the activities that we do for the United Nations. In you we have found a true spiritual brother – a brother of fondness, a brother who has the illumination to guide his other brothers and sisters. My heart's feeling I am unable to express through mere words. My heart knows, my heart feels and my heart is able to express only in silence how deeply my students and I are grateful to you.

[Jorge Illueca Receives U Thant Peace award.1983](#)

When Dr Illueca received the U Thant Peace Award, his many friends and admirers were thrilled to see his smile captured in the *NY Daily News, Sunday, December 18, 1983* . (excerpt below)

“The president of the United Nations General Assembly, Jorge Illueca of Panama, received the U Thant Puce Award from Sri Chinmoy... Chinmoy, a meditation leader for members of the UN for the past 13 years, presented the award to Illueca ‘for his work exemplifying the spiritual values for which the former UN Secretary General U Thant is remembered,’ ‘Chinmoy called Illueca a ‘roaring lion of the United Nations, and said the Panamanian serve as an ‘unparalleled brother in answering humanity’s sorrowful cries.’ “ see also a-moments-peace-newsletter-amp1983-05-sep-dec-1983/



Dr. Jorge Illueca Lifted (add photos) 1990's?

In Programme “Lifting up the World with a Oneness Heart” – Dr Illueca was lifted by Sri Chinmoy in Garden Park – Adjacent to the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) Building in New York. The Executive Director of UNICEF, James Grant, had been lifted in the same space on an earlier date.



Chose story across years and best photos

Will also be 3-03”anniversaries as Pres of GA celebrating UN day, and Med Goup anniversaries and honoring individuals in 3-06 Honoring individuals with U Thant Award and Lifting up the World.

On 15 May 2001, Dr.Illueca came to Queens with his daughter Marta to be lifted by Sri Chinmoy in our meditation garden, along with **other former Presidents of the General Assembly**. We were all so happy!



Jorge Illueca, President, Panama, and of UN General Assembly; daughter, Marta



The immortal picture of Marta and Dr. Illueca is an indication of our joy on that day and many other occasions with you.

Recommendation of Sri Chinmoy for Peace Prize to Nobel Committee by Dr. Illueca 31 Jan 2007

<p>Panama, January 31, 2007 Distinguished Members of the Norwegian Nobel Committee, I wish to Nominate Sri Chinmoy for recognition in 2007 by your Committee. Having know of Sri Chinmoy's work for over two decades I believe I have a special perspective to share for your deliberations. During the time I was the President of the 38t UN General Assembly and President of the U.N. Security Council (Nov. 1976 & Aug. 1981). I was very happy to be able to</p>	
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participate in the activities Sri Chinmoy encouraged to strengthen support for the highest goals of the organization. Many years earlier, I first met Sri Chinmoy when I served as my country's Permanent Representative to the United Nations. During that time I saw him inspiring many wonderful programmes in that UN community. Over the years I also became more familiar with his other encouraging activities around the globe to support and foment peace and harmony. I trust the committee has already received many descriptions and examples of Sri Chinmoy's art, music, sports, honorary meetings and the many additional creative endeavors which he uses to encourage individuals and communities to better direct their efforts towards peaceful pursuits. In my career, I have been a **university professor, president of the national bar association and newspaper director** as well as a diplomat. Therefore as an **educator in the broadest sense I am in good positions to appreciate Sri Chinmoy's unique approach to increase understanding that encourages respect among people. I believe this deeper understanding of situations based on calm reflection is often times key to discovering peaceful resolutions to problems.** I was a **member of our national legislative assembly** and after serving as ambassador to the United Nations for many years I then became my **country's Foreign Minister and President of the Republic.** During this time, I was personally **encouraged by Sri Chinmoy's example and much appreciated our continued correspondence.** I also continued to work in the international community in various other ways, for example, as a member of the **Permanent Court of Arbitration at The Hague** and as a member of the **United Nations International Law Commission.** Therefore based on my **long-term personal experience and knowledge of Sri Chinmoy's work and the practical effect it has had,** I sincerely believe that choosing him for your prestigious award would be most appropriate. His perseverance and spiritual approach is most commendable. This selection would **encourage others consistently working in various countries to build sustainable communities and inclusive approaches to peace.** Please accept my deep appreciation for your efforts. Sincerely Jorge Illueca, Republic of Panama



2012 Oct 26, Visit of [Dr. Illueca to resting place of Sri Chinmoy.](#)

We were all greatly touched that Dr. Illueca came personally one morning before leaving NY in 2007, with his grandson Diago to visit Sri Chinmoy's resting place. He shared with many of us most sensitively and compassionately his words of encouragement and consolation during that first difficult month.



1958 Early Message of Jorge Illueca of Panama to the Secretary General of the United Nations,

Discovered by the Meditation group when researching a programme on Pablo Casals:
Press Release UND/592, 27 Oct 1958.

(Dag Hammarskjold was then Secretary General) 1958 **UNITED NATIONS DAY MESSAGE FROM JORGE ILLUECA.**

Chairman of the delegation of Panama to the UN General Assembly. "This new anniversary of the United Nations is the occasion for spiritual rejoicing for humanity because it brings into relief the prodigious labors carried out by the organization in its pledge to establish international order based on Peace. The delegation of Panama takes this occasion to reaffirm its faith in the work of the Organization and has the greatest pleasure in extending to Your Excellency its most cordial congratulations. At this time the delegation also expresses its wish that the international economic and social cooperation taking place under the aegis of the United Nations be pursued each day with renewed impetus toward the realization of the ideal of the Charter -- to create the conditions of stability and well-being in the world necessary for peaceful and friendly relations among nations."

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Bahamas

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TRIBUTE TO THE BAHAMAS At the UN on 11 Sep 1979

In Honor of the Bahamas entry into the UN in 1973, songs dedicated to Bahamas by Sri Chinmoy were performed. H.E. Davidson L. Hepburn, spoke about his country; it's relationship to the UN ; and entertained the audience with a colorful slide presentation. Videotape of programme was later shown on Bahamian television Dr. Hepburn noted "the dedication and devotion to peace, justice and the preservation of human dignity by Sri Chinmoy and everyone connected with the association{

"I am sure the event has helped establish understanding among nations and strengthened existing links of friendship and unity

Songs Dedicated to the Bahamas

Song **Motto of the Bahamas** set to Music by Sri Chinmoy in Sep 1979 Score and Lyrics of Song: **“Forward, Upward, Onward, Together.”** Presented to Ambassador Hepburn during the Meditation Group meeting 21 November 1979:



O Grand Bahama Song dedicated to the Bahamas by Sri Chinmoy performed 05 Sep 1980. Lyrics:
 “O grand Bahama, Bahama, Bahama grand!
 Great multiplicity in good oneness land.
 Here we swim and sail,
 No Nature’s bondage jail.
 Bahama, Bahama, Bahama, Bahama,
 O sleepless, O breathless panorama!

Tribute concert to the Bahamas - 05 Sep 1980

UN Dag Hammarskjold Auditorium: Musical Programme featuring Amb . Hepburn of Bahamas, performing “Let There Be Peace on Earth”, & two spirituals, “Balm in Gilead” and “When I Feel the Spirit ,”. Meditation choir sang the new “O Grand Bahama, Grand!” Sri Chinmoy dedicated to the Bahamas. Dr. Hepburn said he does not consider himself a professional singer: “some months ago when asked to say a few words on this occasion, I hastily said, “I prefer to sing.” ... because he interpreted that literally. I thought I should fulfill my promise .” It was Dr. Hepburn’s first concert at the UN.



1980 Tenth Anniversary of Peace Meditation at the UN - D. Hepburn’s kind note.

“...yesterday gave me unequalled calm and relaxation ..never experienced such freedom from tension... I left knowing I could face any challenge with confidence ...” I am convinced, more and more that (the) meditation group is rendering an invaluable service to the community and indeed the world .”.. “May the decade bring about a greater sense of spiritual awareness and a more concerted effort to promote unity, peace and universal stability”



UN Charter Day 26 Jun 1981 , Commemorated by Delegates and staff with Meditation Group at UN Headquarters.

“sometimes I tend to lose hope that we’re going to make any head way in achieving peace in our life time. But ...I have the feeling that maybe somewhere we will find a method by which we can do this. “ “After listening to the beautiful songs performed today and to the poems that were recited, one tends to get a sense of peace, a

sense of calm, that I think is necessary for us these days - H.E. Davidson Hepburn. Permanent Representative of The Bahamas to UN.

Birthday Letter to Sri Chinmoy from Amb . Hepburn 10 Aug 1981: Those of us who know you can attest to your dedication and humility. You symbolize an "oasis" in a "desert" of conflict and discontent. Your life has been an example to many and be assured that your work will not be in vain.

Birthday observed at Church Center for the UN. On 20 Aug 1981: Ambassador D. Hepburn: " There is a spiritual text that says, "He who would be great among you, let him first serve." I think you can all say that of Sri Chinmoy. He loves to serve, because he realises that it is for this purpose he was called. May God bless him and may we continue to do the work that he is trying to teach us. Dr. Hepburn noted Sri Chinmoy's humility, his love for mankind, his search for peace, and his desire to promote love among human beings ...Your presence here today shows your love, admiration and respect ...for what he has done. ... that he has set an example for you to emulate as you interact with you fellow men.

Song in Honour of Ambassador Davidson Hepburn by Sri Chinmoy, 27 Sep 1985

Lyrics to song:

Ambassador Davidson Hepburn!
To brighter light and higher height,
To deeper depth and further length,
Your oneness heart's sleepless cries
turn.

Bahama's vision -glory -song.
Your Life's goodness-smile
Long live. Long! "



Ambassador Hepburn with Sri Chinmoy at Jharna Kala Art exhibit in Manhattan: Sep 13 1985A new version of song about United Nations: O Body of the World by Sri Chinmoy, was sung in all 6 official UN languages.

Bahamas (Dec 1997): receiving a surprise Birthday Cake from Sri Chinmoy

Ambassador Hepburn (in 2012) shared how he experienced that occasion: "Here is one simple thing that my friend Sri Chinmoy did: We had a meeting in the Bahamas when we were trying so hard to get the Harmony Run going, and having some difficulties ... I was sitting in the hotel, and Sri Chinmoy had brought a big chocolate cake for my birthday. I was really moved, even though I don't like chocolate! [Laughter] That was the first time that I had a slice of a chocolate cake and really enjoyed it





Last Visit with Sri Chinmoy Jul 2007


Dr. Hepburn came to be with his long time friend Sri Chinmoy and members of the Meditation Group at the UN. They sang songs, he spoke and enjoyed Sri Chinmoy's presence.

Song: **Ambassador Hepburn, Brother Davidson!** Words and Music by Sri Chinmoy 08 Jul 2007: "Oneness-heart Hepburn, God-lover Davidson. Goodness, your inner name. Greatness, Your outer frame. You we admire, you we love. You are a special gift from Summit above.



Dr. Hepburn elected President (2009 –2011) of General Conference of the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)

During his presidency he offered many statements supporting the Oneness -Home Peace and World Harmony runs founded by his dear friend Sri Chinmoy in 1987. Two of the most notable were video messages: 2010 and 2011


<p>excerpts from 2010 message:...(the) Torch, passed from hand to hand, has encouraged millions of individuals to aspire for a world of oneness and peace. I am reminded of the message of my dear friend Sri Chinmoy, founder of the Run, which can strengthen us on our way forward. He said that world harmony and world peace are "the realities, divine realities and supreme realities." Dynamic activities such as yours have demonstrated the reality of peace across the globe. Your support of the UN and UNESCO's goals ... significantly engaged many NGOs, civil society groups and individuals. This broad support is critical to our success.</p>	<p>Excerpts continued: As future activities are identified, the participants will play a significant role in providing opportunities for local expression. Many schools and camp programmes eagerly participate in the Run. By encouraging young people to express their aspirations for harmony today, the ...Run is surely building the foundation for a culture of peace tomorrow. I was delighted to see the Run visit a number of UNESCO World Heritage Sites... drawing attention to the efforts of the international community to protect so many cultures around the world. Initiatives such as the ...Run contribute significantly to the realization of one of UNESCO's principal mandates: mutual understanding and our shared determination to build and strengthen a culture of peace and harmony.</p>	 <p>The screenshot shows a formal letterhead with the UNESCO logo and the text: "Message of the President of the Global Committee of UNESCO, Davidson Hepburn, to all participants of the World Harmony Run, 2011 and beyond". The message discusses the 25th anniversary of the World Harmony Run and expresses support for the Run's goals of promoting peace and harmony.</p>
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Dr.Hepburn receives the Torch Bearer Award -St John’s College –Nassau, Bahamas 17 Feb 2010

<p>Dr.Hepburn receives the Torch Bearer Award -St John’s College –Nassau, Bahamas 17 Feb 2010 Davidson Hepburn introduced the Run and Jharna Kala World Harmony Paintings exhibit at the Bahamas Governor General’s Residence.’ 17 Feb 2010</p>	 <p>St. Johns Principal, Ms. Saunders, joined Dr. Hepburn to hold the torch.</p>	 <p>Dr. Hepburn presented Governor-General Hanna with the World Harmony Run Torch-Bearer Award for his lifetime of leadership and service to his nation.</p>
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Run 25th Anniversary and Beyond” Video Message translated for sub-titles in 25 languages



Illustrated video with example clips and images from around the world identifies a number of activities the World Harmony and Peace Run has undertaken or inspired: Excerpts: “global citizens are eagerly looking toward the next decade and beyond -as a time of great progress and striking change. It is imperative that we work together to build a true Oneness-World. Among recent initiatives to strive toward this goal, the Run is one of the most remarkable and far-reaching. Launched in 1987, it continues to grow, advancing important ideals of UNESCO and of the entire United Nations community. I hope these activities can be expanded and in the coming decade.

<p>Dr. Hepburn highlights activities the Run has inspired that he hopes can be further expanded and enriched.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Visit World Heritage Sites 2. Perform Music 3. Create or Display Art and Poetry 4. Value Diversity 5. Support Interfaith Acceptance 6. Honour Role Models 7. Discover New Possibilities 8. Finally, Never Give Up! <p>Details: worldharmonyrun.org/25.html</p>	
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April of 2012, Dr. Hepburn joined 3 events in New York with members of the Peace Meditation Group

<p>at Aspiration Ground Meditation Garden in Queens to Celebrate the 42nd Anniversary of the Peace Meditation at the UN and 25th anniversary of Peace and World Harmony runs. He also received the Sri Chinmoy “Culture Light” and “Friend of World Harmony Paintings” Award.</p>		
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<p>at “ Can Poetry Save the Earth?” programme in honour of UN Conference on Sustainable Development and National Poetry Month, UN Headquarters 11 April 2012</p>		<p>Dr. Hepburn has interest in Poetry, Climate Change Education and Development. He also hosted UNESCO’s Experts Meeting on Climate Change Education for Sustainable Development and Adaptation in Small Island Developing States (Sep 2011, Nassau, Bahamas) during his presidency of UNESCO General Conference.</p> 
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<p>•main speaker at the 25th anniversary -Oneness-Home World Harmony and Peace Run - Global Launch . 12 Apr 2012 Ceremony across from the UN in NY at Dag Hammarskjold Plaza. worldharmonyrun.org/usa/news/2012/week01/0412.html</p>		
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Kazakhstan

Kazakhstan 20th Anniversary of Joining the UN, 2012

Meditation Group Members join events in Astana for **East-meets West 2012 World Harmony and Peace Runs final event.**

Some members of the Peace Meditation at the UN were able to travel to Kazakhstan in 2012 to be on hand for a number of events in the Capital, Astana including: Welcoming the: “World Harmony and Peace Run.” An International Torch Relay **Run from Europe meeting up in Astana with the team from Asia- Pacific- Oceania.** The two teams had begun in their respective regions many months before. Celebrating the **20th Anniversary of Kazakhstan joining UN. A Main speaker was Dr. Davidson Hepburn.** He had recently (2009 – 2011) been the President of the United Nations Educational , Scientific and Cultural organization (UNESCO) , when he had offered a video message in support of the 25th Anniversary of these runs which was translated into 25 languages. It was also a special treat for many because Dr. Hepburn had first begun attending the events of the Peace Meditation at the United Nations when he served as the Permanent Representative of the Bahamas for a decade during the 1970’s and 80’s. The anniversary of his country joining the UN had also been celebrated with the meditation group there many years ago. **Dr. Hepburn: “Kazakhstan ... should be proud of its Relationship with the UN, – first 20 years ago – and today.** “I was very privileged to be able to serve for more than a decade as my countries permanent representative to the UN and I saw firsthand the *benefit many countries receive by meeting together, sharing their ideas and aspirations.* ...,”“We all know that the world is not a perfect place. But were it not for the UN that included in its charter, the clause: *‘to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war.* – this world would be in worse shape. "In the same vein, UNESCO, where I also served, has for its mandate the preservation of Peace and Harmony in the World. So you see, ... the international torch runs for peace and world harmony are linked to ... strengthening of the cooperative spirit of the international community.”



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Cambodia

Meditation Group Members in Cambodia visiting UNESCO World Heritage Site 2018

Dr. Davidson Hepburn also joined members of the Peace Meditation group and others on a visit to Cambodia from **18 to 31 January 2018**. When he was the President of UNESCO 35th Governing Council (2009 -2011) he encouraged many to visit World Heritage sites around world. ... He explained why in messages he sent to the Sri Chinmoy Oneness- Home World Harmony and Peace Runs which he has experienced in his native Bahamas, Kazakhstan, Malta and other location

"I was delighted to see the Run visit a number of UNESCO World Heritage Sites... drawing attention to the efforts of the international community to protect so many cultures around the world. Initiatives such as the ...Run contribute significantly to the realisation of one of UNESCO's principal mandates: mutual understanding and our shared determination to build and strengthen a culture of peace". Therefore he was especially happy and grateful to be with members of Peace Meditation at the UN and World Harmony and Peace Runners from around the world at Angkor World Heritage sites in Cambodia. **Photo:**

Dr. Hepburn in January 2018 under a sign celebrating the 25th Anniversary of Angkor as a World Heritage site in Siam Reap, Cambodia.



Dr. Hepburn January 2018, under a sign celebrating the 25th Anniversary of Angkor as a World Heritage site in Siam Reap, Cambodia

Mongolia

Mongolia May 2007

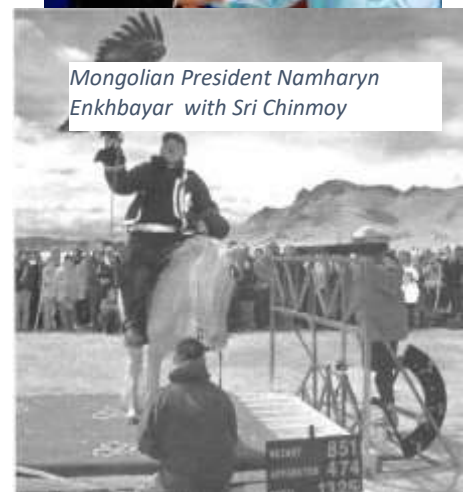
Members of the Peace Meditation at the UN accompanied Sri Chinmoy to Mongolia in May of 2007 for a visit which included: a **presidential welcome**; opening of an eight day **Art Exhibition** in Ulaan Baatr; a **poetry lecture** at the government palace; **World Harmony Concert** at the Ulaan Baatar Palace; an **Art Lecture**; inspiring "**Lifting Up the World**" events with recognition of Mongolians over 100 years of age and white horses and an U Thant Peace Award Presentation.

U Thant Peace Award to Pres. Enkhbayer of Mongolia 2007 May 22

Towards the end of the visit on May 23rd, Mongolian President Enkhbayer was presented with the **U Thant Peace Award** from Sri Chinmoy and the Peace Meditation at the UN. Accepting the Award on behalf of the Mongolian people, the President said: "Sri Chinmoy is a real teacher. ..teaching us not to conquer others but ourselves.. .to become a better person."



Mongolian President Namharyn Enkhbayer with Sri Chinmoy



White Horses Lifted in Mongolia

Some Meditation Group members were present when Sri Chinmoy lifted 58 white Mongolian horses over a two-day period during his visit to Mongolia, symbolically raising what the nomadic people consider the "wind horse" or inner spirit of their nation. The 75-year-old spiritual teacher lifted 17 horses on May 19 and another 41 horses four days later. The horses were led onto a wooden platform, mostly in groups of two or three, and raised by means of a modified calf-raise machine. Both lifts took place out on the steppes - the first on the grounds of the Hotel Mongolia in the Gachuurt region, the second in Terelj National Park.

Photo: Sri Chinmoy lifts a white horse and Mongolian rider, with an eagle perched on his arm, on May 23. At a previous lift 4 days earlier, one of the nomadic riders resented Sri Chinmoy with a white racing stallion, as well as a white mare. The horses will remain in the country representing the spiritual leaders spirit there..

Some details editors might consider as background See full in Anhata Nada May 2007

MONGOLIAN PRESIDENT HONORS SPIRITUAL LEADER - Mongolian President Namharyn Enkhbayar welcomed Sri Chinmoy to his country May 16, presenting him with the nation's "Medal of Friendship" in the Government Palace. "I think that your message ... will be very carefully listened to and heard here," the President said.

EIGHT-DAY ART EXHIBIT OPENS IN ULAAN BAATAR - Sri Chinmoy on May 17 inaugurated an eight-day exhibit of his paintings and bird drawings at the Art Gallery of the Union of Mongolian Artists. "Each and every human being is an artist, because God has created each human being in His Dream, and in each Dream of God is indeed a new form of art," he said in a short introductory talk.

CONCERT IN MONGOLIA - A World Harmony Concert was offered by Sri Chinmoy on May 20 at the Ulaan Baatar Palace. The event was introduced by the renowned Mongolian composer N. Jantsannorov.

SRI CHINMOY AWARDED HONORARY DOCTORATE - The Rector of the Mongolian University of Culture and Arts, Dr. D. Tsedev, presented Sri Chinmoy with an honorary doctorate degree on May 21 "for his great contribution to the development of human peace and enlightenment."

CENTENARIANS HONORED - Nine Mongolians who were over 100 years of age got the experience of a lifetime May 22 when Sri Chinmoy lifted them into the air - some physically, others just symbolically. The men, wearing their war or job medals, and the women, dressed in their finest boots and robes, ranged in age from 100 to 104. Five were actually lifted with one arm by the spiritual leader as they stood on an overhead platform; four others, too frail to mount the platform, only received the "Lifting up the World with a Oneness-Heart" medallion. During the program, Sri Chinmoy also lifted 7-foot-5-inch-tall Mongolian basketball player Ragchaa Deedenjid, the country's tallest man.

PRESIDENT RECEIVES U THANT PEACE AWARD ULAAN BAATAR - Mongolia's President Enkhbayar was presented with the U Thant Peace Award by Sri Chinmoy when he visited the spiritual leader's Kala art exhibit on May 23.



United States of America

Bicentennial Meditation in NYC Central Park: On, with, for America, 1976 Jul 04

NEW YORK- Sri Chinmoy conducted a 13-hour meditation in New York's Central Park on July 4, culminating an 18-month Bicentennial offering to the American nation. Some Members of the Peace Meditation at the United Nations joined in the event for the Host Country of the UN Headquarters in NY..

*The Meditation on America/
Meditation with America/
Meditation for America*

Began at midnight July 4 and continued until 6 p.m. that evening. It consisted of four sessions, each lasting three or four hours. It was the first time in memory that New York officials permitted an overnight function in Central Park.

Over the previous year and a half, Sri Chinmoy inspired his students to form two Bicentennial groups- The Sacred Fire and Liberty Torch - to honour their country's 200th birthday in every possible way. Some of their achievements included a 9,000-mile run through all 50 states (which some members of Peace Meditation Group at the UN Participate on personal leave) and an assault on Mt. McKinley, North America's highest peak. The students had also given a number of musical and dramatic performances on American themes, and published a book of reflections on the meaning of America by the nation's political leaders.

Sri Chinmoy himself has written several songs, poems and plays about America.

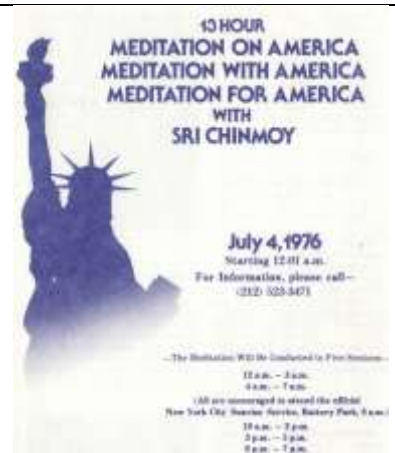


America! Great You Are, Good You are

Composed on Nov. 28th, 1974

Lyrics:

America, America, America!
Great you are, good you are,
Brave you are, kind you are.
O my America, America.
Your Heaven-freedom is earth's aspiration-
choice.
With you, in you, is God-Hour's Victory-
Voice.



————— IN HONOUR OF AMERICA'S BICENTENNIAL —————
TO INVOKE THE SPIRIT OF AMERICA WHICH WAS RESPONSIBLE
FOR OUR COUNTRY'S INDEPENDENCE.

You are cordially invited to join us during any or all of the sessions.
Admission free. Promptness, clean and comfortable clothing and a small
pillow are recommended.

Sri Chinmoy's disciples around the world will be joining us in this Independence Day birthday offering by holding a meditation in their own cities. If you are unable to attend, we would be grateful for your inner participation.

Norman Rockwell: Artist of Americana 1978 Nov 10 Memorial Tribute

On **10 November 1978** Sri Chinmoy paid the following memorial tribute to the American artist Norman Rockwell during a meeting of the Meditation Group in the Dag Hammarskjold Auditorium: "Let us for a minute offer our prayerful meditation so that the **artist of Americana, Norman Rockwell**, may receive the universal Peace and transcendental Bliss which his soul so rightly and richly deserves. He not only saw America's simplicity-life and America's happiness-heart, but he also became simplicity and happiness in the purest sense of the term. No matter what ultra-modern science has made of America, no matter what the modern intellectual giants have made of America, in the depths of America's heart and life there shall always dwell three virtues: **simplicity** – a childlike simplicity; **happiness** – a child's happiness; and **satisfaction** – a child's constantly blossoming satisfaction that comes when America becomes and offers to the world what the child in it has. No virtue that America has can ever diminish or vanish, for virtue is an immortal gift which God Himself grants to aspiring souls and aspiring nations. **America's vastness the world knows. America's oneness only a soul like Norman Rockwell could feel.** We the seekers shall always feel in him America's oneness-loving life and America's satisfaction-distributing heart. Norman Rockwell embodies the Reality's revealed dream.

Song: Norman Rockwell,

Composed by Sri Chinmoy on November 10, 1978

Norman Rockwell, Norman Rockwell, Norman Rockwell!

Your good America's simplicity-life,

Your kind America's happiness-heart

Forever in your fondness-memory shall dwell.

O illustrator supreme,

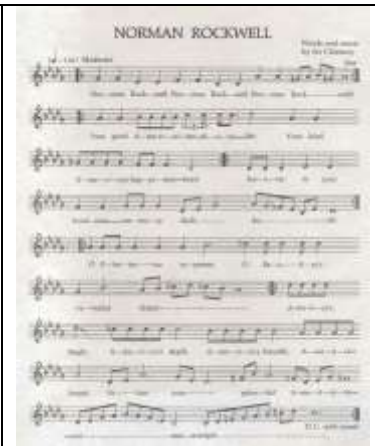
O Reality's revealed dream,

America's height, America's depth,

America's breadth, America's length

Salute your splendid Americana-oneness-strength.

Note: Birth name Norman Perceval Rockwell; Born Feb 3, 1894, New York City, USA; Died Nov 8, 1978 (aged 84); Stockbridge, Massachusetts



Background Note: A number of years later, in 1985 the **Thanks-Giving Foundation** headquartered in Dallas Texas, arranged and financed the creation of the mosaic "**The Golden Rule**" by **Norman Rockwell**. This was a [gift of thanksgiving for the United Nations on the occasion of its fortieth anniversary](#). It was made on behalf of the people and government of the United States of America to the people of the World."

Meditation Group singers Perform at Valley Forge 200th Anniv. USA first thanksgiving. 1977

On 18 December the Meditation Group Singers were invited to open an historic commemoration of the 200th anniversary of America's first Thanksgiving Day, which was observed by George Washington and his soldiers at Valley Forge on 18 December 1777. The singers performed Sri Chinmoy's songs "World Gratitude" and "O My America" for the programme, in which members of the armed forces, the clergy and the international community participated. Text from a letter of appreciation received by the Meditation Group is reproduced here **Thanks Giving Square - National Thanksgiving Foundation** - 16 Jan 1978 Dear Sri Chinmoy,

The Meditation Group singers at Valley Forge started the national celebration of the 200th anniversary of America's First Thanksgiving as a nation. We wanted to express our thanks to you as leader and also to the Singers as a body for the beautiful words and music that were received by those attending. As the leader, you have given continual support to the spiritual tradition which have made America great and good. You are giving inspiration to your students and to the world at large through the songs that we received - "America" and "World Gratitude". For this beautiful moment we owe you personal thanks because your support made it possible. At Valley Forge, at the moment of beginning of the deepest spiritual tradition we enjoy as a nation, we were rewarded with a vision of the people from many countries over the world who have joined with others on the American continent in serving the highest goals of the New World. Sincerely, National Thanksgiving Foundation, Peter Stewart, President



The Institution of the National Thanksgiving Commission at Valley Forge in the Washington Memorial Chapel, concluded with a benediction by Jewish, Christian and Islamic representatives, symbolizing mankind's oneness in gratitude to God. -Photo from Center for World Thanksgiving Brochure





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 With you, in you, is God-Hour's
 Victory-Voice.



Lyrics: Composed on Sep. 21st, 1977
O World Gratitude Day!
 I pray for you, I pray.
 Man's feeble climbing ray
 Is one with God's Vision-Play.
 Compassion: highest gift.
 Gratitude: fastest lift.
 Only satisfaction-seed
 Can feed man and God's need.



Play Performance: Sacred Fire. Sri Chinmoy's history – spirit America 1984 Jun 21

 <p>THE SACRED FIRE SRI CHINMOY</p>	<p>Performance of the play, The Sacred Fire. Sri Chinmoy's dramatic tribute to the history and spirit of America</p> <p>A unique tribute to America, written by Sri Chinmoy, presenting an inner view of America's historical efforts beginning with</p>	 <p>a personified family quarrel between England and America, with the world attempting to play referee.</p>
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See text of play at: <https://www.srichinmoylibrary.com/scf>

Possibly include some list of "Contents"

Admission is free – seating on a first come, first serve basis.

See text of play at: <https://www.srichinmoylibrary.com/scf>

1985 Gift from USA to UN for 40th Anniversary

<p>The mosaic entitled "<u>The Golden Rule</u>" by American artist <u>Norman Rockwell</u>, was presented to the <u>United Nations</u> as a gift by Nancy Reagan (the then First Lady) on behalf of the United States and is installed on the third floor of the conference building. Rockwell wanted to illustrate how the Golden Rule was a common theme of all the major religions of the world, and depicted people of every race, creed and color with dignity and</p>	<p>Norman Rockwell Mosaic "The Golden Rule"</p>
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respect. It was executed by Venetian artists specializing in mosaic works.

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The Mosaic depicts people of different nationalities standing together with the words "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you" inscribed on it. United Nations, New York. Photo # 31379

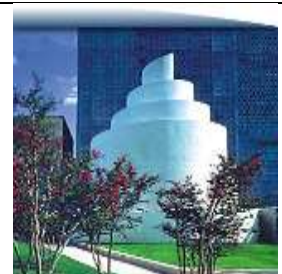


The mosaic contains the inscription "**Do unto others as you would have them do unto you**". The mosaic was presented to the UN on behalf of the US in honor of the 40th Anniversary of the UN in 1985. The Golden Rule" was also reproduced on the 50-cent definitive stamp issued on 11 September 1991

Photo is Detail from "The Golden Rule" (UN-Photo-7139927-Rick Bajornas).



Representatives of the Thanks Giving Foundation and the World Center for Thanksgiving participated in a number of International Days of Thanksgiving at the UN coordinated by the Meditation Group beginning in 1975. Members of the Meditation Group also represented Sri Chinmoy and the Meditation Group at: the Inauguration of Thanks-Giving Square and Chapel in 1976, the 200th Anniversary of USA Thanksgiving at Valley Forge 18 December 1978, the opening of the Hall of Thanksgiving in Dallas Texas as well as at other inter-faith programmes there over the years.



ThanksGiving Square and Chapel

Some details for consideration

4 February 2014, Rededication of Norman Rockwell “Golden Rule” Mosaic

Following major renovation of parts of the UN Headquarters complex, a mosaic based on a painting by the American artist Norman Rockwell was rededicated on 4 February. Entitled “The Golden Rule”, the mosaic was produced by Venetian artists and has the inscription, “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.” Presented to the UN in 1985 as a gift by the United States, it depicts people of different nationalities gathered together, and has become a symbol of diversity, inclusion and understanding. Speaking at the rededication ceremony, Deputy Secretary-General Jan Eliasson ascribed the popularity of the work to its embrace both of multiculturalism and the idealism at the core of the United Nations. “It reflects humanity – the wondrous mix of nationalities, creeds and colours,” Mr. Eliasson said. “But it also reflects the very essence of our mission as set out in our Charter,” he added. “At its core, the work is about narrowing the gap between the world as it is and the world as we want it to be,” he said.



Deputy Secretary-General Jan Eliasson speaks at the rededication of “Golden Rule” mosaic event sponsored by the Permanent Mission of the United States to the UN. 04 February 2014; UN Photo/Evan Schneider # 579110

A (historical) perspective of Sri Chinmoy: the Peace Meditation at the UN and Thanksgiving Programmes.

This Rockwell mosaic is a Gift of the USA to the people of the world in thanksgiving for the spirit and goals of the UN. The original sketch for the mosaic was as a backdrop to the Security Council meeting room. The people in the painting are looking out at the delegates making decisions that will affect everyone’s life. Sri Chinmoy leader of the Peace Meditations at the UN Expressed to us that the spirit behind the creation of the United States of America, was similar to the spirit behind the creation of the UN. He felt the next step or evolutionary goal would be a “Oneness-World”. When we look at this painting, this mosaic, we sense the feeling of a oneness world. We can see diversity of races, religion, gender and age. Yet all are looking together in the same direction, pensive but hopeful.

Peter Stewart, a main facilitator behind this Gift of the USA to the UN, first attended thanksgiving programs organized by the Meditation Group at the UN in the 1970’s. Many others joined to assist the Thanksgiving journey at the UN and are present in our gratitude hearts: a) First, **Mrs. Betty May Stewart**, a graceful and positive presence beside Peter in their marathon effort. We met her in the 1970’s, initially on a peace meditation member’s first trip to Dallas. Her smile and accepting loving heart others experienced when she came to the UN. b) We remember **Ambassador Hepburn** of the Bahamas and the interfaith leaders who presented to the Secretary-General outside the Meditation Room the 1982 (and first) Declaration of World Thanksgiving. This marked the 25th anniversary of Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld’s redesign of the “Meditation- Room of Quiet” in the public lobby. c) **Ambassador Chowdhury** of Bangladesh and **Father Louie Dolan** worked to bring the NGOs and the delegations together in support of resolutions for the 2000 Year of

Peace and 2000 Year Thanksgiving. They facilitated a wonderful presentation to the Secretary-General of the "1996 Declaration of World Thanksgiving" in front of this Golden Rule mosaic. d) **Sri Chinmoy** was the assuring presence behind, the first interfaith prayer observance at the UN in July 1975. This brought the Peace Mediation Group and the UN Community in touch with Peter Stewart and his colleagues of the Thanks-Giving Square foundation. It led to Peace Meditation member's trips to Dallas and of Thanks-Giving Square representatives presence at thanksgiving and other related events here at the UN and for example, **Robert Muller's** early visit to Dallas before he was Assistant Secretary-General. Sri Chinmoy encouraged us with songs and inspiring messages about gratitude and by telling us that Peter Stewart was truly a noble soul and we should assist him and his colleagues in their beautiful work. For all these and those in the future who will continue to believe in the power of gratitude and the vision of a oneness-world we are most thankful.

The UN has been called "the **Heart-Home of the World-Body**". This gift was from the heart of the USA. It is important that this "**Do unto others**" mosaic resides inside this UN Heart-Home. Like the meditation room of quiet, it is a special reminder and encouragement for those who aspire to move us closer to a thanksgiving and gratitude filled "Oneness-World".

3 November 1978, "Liberia Day" Celebration of join UN. 2 Nov 1945

On 3 November 1978 Sri Chinmoy Meditation at the United Nations sponsored a **programme in honour of Liberia on the anniversary of its joining the UN on 2 November 1945**. The "Liberia Day" celebration featured guest speaker Ambassador David M. Thomas **Permanent Representative of Liberia to the UN** and a short film about a human settlement project in Liberia **Sri Chinmoy** led the **opening meditation and played on the Flute in front of the UN and Liberia Flags**. The meditation choir performed and all stood for the Liberia National Anthem.

3 alternative photos to consider




Excerpt from Ambassador Thomas' talk "In the midst of the many complex problems with which the United Nations is confronted, it is good that there is an opportunity for meditation. It is my firm conviction that since man as a human being is also spiritual, it is necessary for him to keep in touch with the Supreme Being, the Source of life and all the blessings that may be bestowed upon it. It is necessary also to seek guidance and help from this Source of spiritual power. As a Christian I firmly believe in the Golden Rule which was enunciated by Jesus. Regardless of whatever religion one may espouse, it is my belief that unless the United Nations as well as all other organisations adopts the principle of the **Golden Rule**, "Do unto others what you would have them do unto you," I am afraid that it will fall short of the goal it has set for itself: to maintain peace and security.. Although the United Nations has not found a remedy and solution to all the international crises and

problems that have arisen from time to time, yet, it has done well in containing them. We still believe that at present it offers the best hope of the peoples of the world to discuss and peacefully resolve their differences. To this Liberia is firmly committed.”

India Honoured – Anniversary of Joining the United Nations

On 31 October 1978, Sri Chinmoy Meditation at the United Nations sponsored a **programme in honour of the anniversary of India joining the United Nations (on 30 October 1945).**

<p>The programme was opened with silent meditation and a musical dedication on the Indian esraj by Sri Chinmoy. Members of the Meditation Group singers then performed the song “Welcome”, first in Bengali and then in English. The guest speaker was Mr. Ghandikota Subba Rao, head of the new energy programme of the UN Department of International Economic and Social Affairs. Other vocal and instrumental pieces followed.</p>	<p>Welcome Song</p> <p>Lyrics:</p> <p>Welcome sister, welcome brother, welcome! Let us beat hard our our sweetness, oneness-drum. We love our soulful life’s translucent tree. We fly beyond the blue sky’s vastness free.</p>	
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Excerpt from **Mr. Ghandikota Subba Rao:** The ancient country India, was called “Bharat,” The word “Bharat” actually means “the land of love of the splendour of God.” Its spiritual heritage is the heritage of humanity. “Bharat” does not refer to that geographical or territorial concept or entity as we know of India today. Every person, according to the Indian philosophy, is a unique entity. Similarly, each nation has certain special features. That is why Sri Chinmoy has called the United Nations “[a Garland of Nation-Souls](#).” Each nation has its own role to play in this world system. In that world orchestra for peace and bliss each nation must sing its own tune, must deliver its own message, based on its own perceptions or visions. Today we are sharing some of the thoughts which have arisen out of the great stream of Indian culture, whose roots go back to ancient days. That stream of spiritual disciplines for the discovery of the fulfilment of man has run for many ages in India. Here we see an expression, an embodiment, a personification of that stream, in Sri Chinmoy.

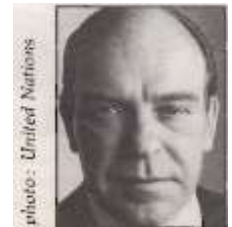


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Finland: Champion of Independence – Music Tradition Celebrating UN Anniversary 15 Dec 1977

On 15 December 1977 the Meditation Group at the United Nations sponsored a programme highlighting the musical tradition of Finland, in recognition of Finland's sixtieth year of independence and in celebration of the twenty-second anniversary of Finland's admittance to the United Nations. The programme included a slide show, performances of Finnish folk music, works by Jean Sibelius and the National Anthem of Finland. His Excellency Mr. Ilkka Olavi Pastinen, Permanent Representative of Finland to the UN addressed the gathering, and special guest artist, Ms. Laura Penttinen entertained the audience by playing the kantele. The programme was warmly received, especially by the Finns at the United Nations, including Assistant Secretary-General Helvi Sipilä, who praised the warmth and charm of the function. **Ambassador Pastinen:** For Finns, independence is a deeply felt national commitment which is anchored in everyday reality... Finnish music and particularly the music of Sibelius is closely interwoven with our aspirations for independence. Now I find no better way of describing the particular message that this music conveys to us than by quoting a very beautiful thought which is found in one of the Meditation Group bulletins: " **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. Peace we feel. Love we become. Oneness we manifest..[*1]** " These are very much thoughts that I believe inspire the Finnish people. And as we celebrate their independence, we find music perhaps as an instrument to convey those feelings, as a messenger of those feelings.



Mrs. Linda Chandika Serlin of UNICEF commented on the music of Sibelius:

"During his lifetime, Sibelius commanded more universal respect in the music loving world in general than perhaps any other person in musical history. Sibelius's music, particularly his early work, tells of his home, Finland – the Finnish land and its people-its strength and its love of freedom.



Finnish guests enjoy homemade native sweets

We love Sibelius's music. In celebrating the respect for the individual that is native to Finland, Sibelius was declaring, "We love our way; it is best for us. You too have your way, and your way must be right for you. As long as the way is made of strength and beauty and respect for human beings, as long as it permits each man to be the man he wants to be, then it must be right, no matter what the pattern of it may be."



Chandika at entrance to the UN in Regional Dress.

Move up towards top of programems – Regional implications

New World Conference – "Nuevo Mundo" Spiritual and Cultural Solidarity in Latin America Nov-1977

On 2 November 1977 the Meditation Group at the UN sponsored a programme on spiritual and cultural solidarity in Latin America. Brief excerpts from the series of lectures given in Spanish by U.N. dignitaries, which were simultaneously translated into English follow:

Mrs. Emilia Castro de Barish, Minister Plenipotentiary of **Costa Rica**:
This topic of American **solidarity reminds me of Simon Bolivar**, whose thoughts and philosophy were embodied and established by the Panama Congress which he set up 200 years ago. When this anniversary was celebrated last year at the United Nations, it was underscored at that time that Bolivar's idea was that our peoples should be united as one, as a whole, in order to work together and overcome problems and attain Latin American solidarity and peace. This is why I would like to thank the organisers of this conference and wish them the greatest success in attaining their goals.



Dr. Miguel A. Albornoz, Permanent Representative of Ecuador:

"International organizations-now have a new dimension.

Today we have the imperative of integrating our peoples. We have the need to have a common market, to have solidarity in international forum, in order to build a peaceful world free of fear, free of needs, a world which will prevent a nuclear holocaust and lead to a new and more just international order among peoples and among individuals



Editor Note: May be only use top 2 quotes - and just mention the other 2 country speakers?

Dr. Alfonso Moreno-Martinez, Permanent Representative of the Dominican Republic: Latin Americans are very closely bound by our Spanish origin, which is, our path towards universality. ...not barriers between us or the rest of humanity.

Dr. Ramon Mancilla-Hernandez, Director of Venezuelan G.M.A.

Scholarships: We had to initiate a gigantic task and were sustained by our inner spiritual resources. We have distributed throughout many countries of the world more than 12,000 students. More than 85 per cent of those young people come from the least favoured economic classes. We believe that our effort will be crowned with success in the path which we undertook at first as only a dream



Tribute to Simon Bolivar: The Liberator 2 March 1984

2 March 1984 in the UN Dag Hammarskjold Auditorium, ambassadors and representatives from Colombia, Ecuador, Venezuela and Peru attended a programme honouring Simon Bolivar. sponsored by "Sri Chinmoy: The Peace Meditation at the United Nations.



Ambassadors and Representatives with Guests



Mr. Kamalakanta Nevis introducing



Sri Chinmoy bows to Simon Bolivar image

2 World Family Days – in Connecticut for UN Family (to place in WHICH Section?)

1984 May 27 + July 15 (mention both dates and locations - but merge descriptions into one summary.

May 27. UN DELEGATES, WIVES, and CHILDREN TO WORLD FAMILY DAYS!

Come to the **beautiful countryside of Connecticut** for an afternoon of fun and joy at the Old Greenwich Civic Center, from noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday Admission is free. There will be entertaining circus acts from Medal Circus, musical performances of Blue Grass music by the Tubbs Family Band and music for peace played by Tomorrow’s Heart instrumental group. There will be **meditation lessons**, as well as **instruction in hatha yoga, karati, vegetarian cooking and tennis – all without charge**. For the **athletically minded**, a volley ball tournament and series of grand prix foot races will be held. In the grand prix, contestants will accumulate points according to how they place in the 1/4, 1/2 and 2 mile distances. Prizes will go to those with the highest point totals in their age categories. **Booths** will sell handcrafted jewelry, Bonzai plants and spring nursery stock, designer stationery, candies and various vegetarian dishes and more~ For the children there will be running events, games and supervised play; (parents will be able to participate in the fun~)



“World Family Day” is being offered as a community service by:

- Sri Chinmoy: the Peace Meditation at the United Nations.
- In cooperation with: Sri Chinmoy Centre; Greenwich, Connecticut

15 July 1984, 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. Sunday afternoon,

WELCOME~ UNITED NATIONS FRIENDS AND FAMILIES TO WORLD FAMILY DAY! – at Silvermine School, Perry Avenue, Norwalk Connecticut. Come to the beautiful countryside of Connecticut for an afternoon of fun and joy Admission is free. There will be **entertaining** circus acts from Medal Circus, musical performances of Blue Grass music by the **Tubbs Family Band** and **music for peace** played by Tomorrow’s Heart instrumental group. There will be meditation lessons, as well as instruction in hatha yoga, karati, vegetarian cooking and tennis – all without charge. For the **athletically minded**, a volley ball tournament and series of grand prix foot races will be held. In the grand prix, contestants will accumulate points according to how they place in the 1/4, 1/2 and 2-mile distances. Prizes will go to those with the highest point totals in their age categories. **Booths** will offer sales of handcrafted jewelry, Bonzai plants and spring nursery stock, designer stationery, candies and various vegetarian dishes and more! **For the children** there will be running events, games and supervised play~ (parents will be able to participate in the fun~) **“World Family Day”** is being offered as a community service by Sri Chinmoy: The Peace Meditation at the United Nations in cooperation with the Sri Chinmoy Centre; Greenwich, Connecticut.

- Question on Peace Corps Anniversary Celebration – a common peace ideal with UN Volunteers – under un orgs 03-04, Permanent Representatives of **Ghana** and Permanent Representative of **Malaysia**: Congressman Christopher John Dodd of Connecticut, **USA: move from in orgs to multi country category and /or USA?**
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- U Thant Peace Award – Presentation to Ganesh Man Singh
- U Thant Peace Award 1991 (b) Professor de Marco’s of **Malta** life and contributions
- Bajan Singers – Spring Concert – PR **Iceland** Invite
 - (Various countries’ Permanent Representatives to the UN have co-sponsored these concerts
 - See Part 3-07 Music, Song, Concert Programmes)
- A Meeting with **Indian** Prime Minister Desai

See also <https://www.srichinmoypeacemeditationatun.org/category/country-related-events/>