

# ONENESS-ARRIVAL-SHORE

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## MANY WAYS TO HONOUR UN DAY

The world is gearing up for UN Day, and some groups are planning to spread their celebrations over several days.

At UN Headquarters, a peace walk, a one-mile run, two concerts, a reading from the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and seven minutes of silence devoted to peace will be among the inspiring festivities.

### STEPS FOR PEACE

Whether one walks or runs, two upcoming UN Day events offer the world community an opportunity to take a step for peace.

#### Peace Walk

The annual Peace Walk - a contemplative, nation by nation relay walk through an area of the North Garden - will be held from 12-1:15 PM, Thursday, Friday and Monday, 20-24 October. Each group of participating nationals, sometimes led by their Ambassador, will carry the preamble of the United Nations Charter during a two-minute procession through the Rose Garden. An international lap at 1:15 PM on 24 October will unite nationals of all countries in a tribute to the UN's aspirations for peace. The Peace Walk is co-sponsored by the heads of delegations of a number of UN Missions in cooperation with Sri Chinmoy: The Peace Meditation at the UN.

For your nation's scheduled time or for information in case of rain, please call Ms. Rijuta Tooker at 963-8554.

The Final Ceremony of the Peace Walk will take place at 1:30 PM on 24 October. Representatives of three nations will read from the Preamble to the UN Charter and other representatives will offer brief remarks. Sri Chinmoy,



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leader of the Peace Meditation Group, plans to celebrate UN Day - as he did the opening of the General Assembly - by physically lifting staff and delegates on a special platform.

#### One-Mile Peace Run

For UN walkers, joggers and 1992 Olympic hopefuls, the next UN ONE-MILE PEACE RUN will be held Thursday, 27 October at 1:15 on the East River Promenade in the UN Garden. Prizes are given to age-category (male and female) winners as well as to the fastest team (dominated to date by OGS) and the largest team (DTCD edged out UNJPF last running). Good sport, good companionship and good refreshments abound. Race registration is at 1:00 PM day of race. UN Peace

Run T-shirts, always a popular item, will be available.

#### Seven Minutes of World Peace

On UN Day, individuals, groups and organizations around the world simultaneously join in seven minutes of silence to share the spirit of peace on earth. This initiative, now in its fifth year, is called Seven Minutes of World Peace. Around the globe, the observance corresponds to 1:00 to 1:07 PM Eastern Daylight Time at UN Headquarters (18:00 to 18:07 Greenwich Mean Time). Seven Minutes of World Peace will be observed at Headquarters in the Rose Garden, before the international lap of the Peace Walk.

Seven Minutes of World Peace was inaugurated in 1984 by Sri Chinmoy: The Peace Meditation at the UN with

the participation of groups in some 40 countries. The initiative has continued to spread, and the observance can now be said "to have a life of its own". In 1985-1987, ceremonies and observances were held around the world, and messages of support were received from several Heads of State, as well as mayors of many principal cities. The country with the most enthusiastic participation undoubtedly has been Sri Lanka. Through the efforts of the United Nations Association of Sri Lanka, over 70,000 people joined in 1986, and even more in 1987.

### UN Day Concerts

The traditional evening UN Day Concert, intended primarily for delegates and senior staff, features Dame Joan Sutherland with the Sydney Symphony Orchestra. The concert will be broadcast over public television on Wednesday, 26 October. An afternoon concert, presented by the Cultural Society, is open to all and features pianist Suzanne McCormick. It will take place in the Dag Hammarskjöld Auditorium on the 24th from 1-2 p.m.

### UN Day Themes

While no one theme has been selected for this year's UN Day, some organizations plan to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the signing of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The UN NGO Liaison Service has centred much of its attention on this theme and, as one result, the Southern New York Division of UNA-USA is hosting a public UN Day observance in the Visitors' Lobby on 26 October at 12:00 noon. Mrs. Mario Cuomo, First Lady of New York State, will read a portion of the Declaration of Human Rights. All staff are warmly invited to attend this observance.

The Education Information Programmes Section of DPI has focused on the Africa Recovery Programme. A large and colourful ten-page information hand-out, marked "United Nations Day, 24 October 1988, *Africa: Recovery, Development and the United Nations*", is addressed to students from the Secretary-General, and has been sent to schools around the world.

### More Programmes

UNA-USA has been particularly active in planning UN Day Activities.

Nearly 1,000 communities around the United States are planning UN Day observances. Complementing the community observances, a National Sabbath for Human Rights is scheduled for 22-24 October. During the weekend, religious organizations and houses of worship are being asked to conduct a special service dedicated to human rights and the UN's efforts for this cause. Mr. Stanley Pace, Chairman and CEO of General Dynamics Corporation, is this year's US National UN Day Chairman.

Close to Headquarters, the Holy Family Church Society of the UN Community cordially invites all UN personnel to a special mass on the occasion of UN Day, 24 October at 5:30 PM. Holy Family Church is located at 315 E. 47th Street.

### Computer literacy, anyone?

For those who wish to gain basic computer literacy, only to discover that the UN's "Introduction to Personal Computer and PC DOS" course is booked solid through the end of the year, all is not lost. The Training Service has established a personal computer self-learning lab, located in Room GA-36A, which is open to staff by appointment. It operates Mondays and Wednesdays 11 AM-2 PM and is equipped with both IBM and Wang PC work-stations and self-paced learning programmes on computer diskettes or videotapes. Tutorial packages available include basic computer familiarization, the disk operating system (DOS), dBase III plus, Lotus 1-2-3, Multimate word processing and an overview of desk-top publishing. For professionals who wish to stop writing in longhand and start tackling their PCs, a typing and keyboard skills tutorial is also available. On order, but not on hand, are tutorials on the desktop publishing systems Ventura and PageMaker.

For information or appointments, call 3-7059.

Staff outside of UNDP may be unaware of the excellent newsletter LOGON, intended for UNDP computer users but of value, and available, to staff throughout the UN system. LOGON, which comes out every two months, has information for both technical experts and those just plunging into the computer world.

Topics covered in the current issue include desktop publishing, tips on managing a hard disk, the amount of DOS knowledge necessary to perform various tasks, and WordPerfect 5.0.

Copies of LOGON may be requested from Lynn Wallis, Manager, DMIS, Room FF-584.

### YOU COULD BE THE ONE

This story appears in *New Fables (Thus Spoke the Caribou)*, by Kurt Kauter.

"Tell me the weight of a snowflake," a coalmouse [a small bird] asked a wild dove.

"Nothing more than nothing," was the answer.

"In that case, I must tell you a marvelous story," the coalmouse said. "I sat on the branch of a fir, close to its trunk, when it began to snow - not heavily, not in a raging blizzard - no, just like a dream, without a wind, without any violence. Since I did not have anything better to do, I counted the snowflakes settling on the twigs and needles of my branch. Their number was exactly 3,741,952. When the 3,741,953rd dropped onto the branch, nothing more than nothing as you say, the branch broke off." Having said that, the coalmouse flew away. The dove, since Noah's time an authority on the matter, thought about the story for awhile, and finally said to herself, "Perhaps there is only one person's voice lacking for peace to come to the world."

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