

I. SERVICE AT THE UNITED NATIONS

For over two decades, Sri Chinmoy has been supporting the United Nations in an unprecedented way. Through meditations, lectures and special programmes at UN Headquarters, he has helped many members of the UN community to harmonize their day-to-day work with the goals of peace, freedom and world unity. His writings on the United Nations have helped countless people inside and outside the organization to appreciate and value the special role it plays in the world.

In 1970, UN staff members invited Sri Chinmoy to serve as leader of a meditation group then starting up at UN Headquarters. The Group, now called "Sri Chinmoy: The Peace Meditation at the United Nations", is an association of UN delegates, staff members and non-governmental representatives who believe that the quest for world peace must encompass not only political, economic and social issues but also a broader, spiritual dimension. The group focuses on the spiritual values inherent in the UN Charter and the opportunities for all of us, through meditation and inner reflection, to serve them.

The "Sri Chinmoy Centre", Sri Chinmoy's world-wide non-governmental organization, is recognized by the UN Department of Public Information. Students of the non-profit Sri Chinmoy Centres, located in some one hundred and twenty-five cities in thirty-five countries around the world, offer free programmes for the public, including musical performances, meditation classes, athletic events and programmes in support of world peace, human development and the United Nations.

The late Secretary-General, U Thant, a lifelong practitioner of meditation, warmly praised Sri Chinmoy's efforts. At one of their meetings, he said to Sri Chinmoy:

"Whoever speaks to me about you is all appreciation and admiration, and I personally feel that you have been doing a most significant task for the United Nations."

1. Meditations at the United Nations and Special Meditations for Peace

i. Regular Meditations

Under Sri Chinmoy's direction, the Peace Meditation group sponsors twice-weekly meditations at UN Headquarters. The hour-long sessions, led by Sri Chinmoy, consist of periods of silent meditation, interspersed with meditative music and inspiring aphorisms (for a selection of aphorisms see Section VI.1.iv), offering participants a unique opportunity for inner reflection and personal rededication to the UN ideals. Sri Chinmoy has conducted these meditations regularly since April 14, 1970.

ii. Special Meditations

In addition to leading regular meditations at the United Nations, Sri Chinmoy has also conducted many special meditations in which he pays tribute to a noble cause or a particular individual. The following is a list of special meditations given at the United Nations, the US Congress and the British Parliament. (The information in the lists of Part I is, for the most part, obtained from "Sri Chinmoy: A Student of Peace", Aum Publications, 1988.)

1975

Sri Chinmoy invited to lead the opening meditation at a Spiritual Summit Conference at the United Nations, sponsored by the Temple of Understanding.

October 24

1976	Practical instruction on meditation offered to the UN community. Meditation for Dag Hammarskjöld on the anniversary of his death.	March 24 September 17
1977	Sri Chinmoy invited to meditate and offer a musical performance by the organization which originally proposed the construction of a meditation room at the United Nations.	August 10
1979	Special emergency prayer and meditation service for the Iranian hostage crisis and talk on meditation in the Islamic religion, in conjunction with the International Day of Thanksgiving.	November 16
1981	Prayer service for Pope Paul VI. Prayer service for President Anwar El-Sadat of Egypt after the assassination attempt against him.	May 14 October 6
1982	Meditation programme for the diplomatic community. Prayer session for the success of the UN Second Special Session on Disarmament.	February 5 June 7
1984	Inauguration of the Peace Meditation at the US Congress in Washington, D.C. conducted by Sri Chinmoy. Seven Minutes of World Peace observed at UN Headquarters and around the world, sponsored by the Sri Chinmoy Centres. Special meditation with staff members of the Internal Audit Division who participated in a daily meditation group in their office.	March 1 October 24 October 30
1985	Peace Meditation at the US Congress to pray for the release of American hostages in Iran. Seven Minutes of World Peace observed at UN Headquarters and around the world.	June 18 October 24
1986	Participation in National Prayer Breakfast, along with US President Reagan, members of the US Cabinet, Judiciary, and Congress and the diplomatic corps, with Sri Chinmoy as invited clergy. Memorial prayer service held for New York Congressman Joseph P. Addabbo, one of the founders of the Peace Meditation at the US Congress. Prayer breakfast for the International Day of Peace and the opening of the 41st session of the General Assembly. Inauguration by Sri Chinmoy of a regular period of meditation at the Palace of Westminster for Members of the British Parliament. End-of-the-year concert and Peace Meditation at the US Congress.	February 6 May 6 September 16 November 13 December 2
1987	Prayer breakfast for the International Day of Peace and the opening of the 42nd session of the General Assembly. Meditation at the Peace Monument in the Nagasaki Peace Memorial Park. Meditation at the Peace Memorial Park in Hiroshima. Seven Minutes of World Peace observed at UN Headquarters and around the world. Special meditation and talk about peace given in the UN Office of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation.	September 15 September 25 September 26 October 24 November 13
1988	Peace Meditation with special guest Harry A. Cahill, Minister-Counsellor of the US Mission to the United Nations. Special meditation with Rikhi Jaipal, Indian delegate to the UN Special Session on Disarmament. Special Peace Meditation for members of the US Department of Defense, at the	February 2 June 17

invitation of the Pentagon Meditation Club, Washington, D.C.	July 8
Peace Meditation and luncheon for members of the Japanese Consulate, New York City.	September 16
Prayer breakfast for UN delegates and staff on the occasion of the opening of the 43rd session of the General Assembly.	September 20
Prayer and meditation on the occasion of the awarding of the Nobel Peace Prize to UN Peace-Keeping Forces, hosted by Greta Zepos, wife of the Ambassador of Greece to the UN, New York City.	October 19
Peace Meditation and meeting with Pentagon officials, Washington, D.C.	October 21
Peace Meditation for Members of Parliament, Palace of Westminster, London, England.	November 29
1989	
Peace Meditation with special guests Robert Muller, former Assistant Secretary-General, and Avon Mattison of Pathways to Peace.	March 28
Peace Meditation at Battery Park, Manhattan, opposite the Statue of Liberty to begin the Sri Chinmoy Oneness-Home Peace Run '89.	April 21
Meditation commemorating the 44th anniversary of the signing of the UN Charter, held at London's Westminster Methodist Central Hall.	June 26
Peace Meditation with special guest UN Staff Union President Lowell Flanders.	July 18
Peace Meditation with special guest Jorge Illueca, President of the 38th session of the General Assembly.	July 21
Peace Meditation with special guest Indian High Commissioner to Canada, Surbir Jit Singh Chhatwal.	September 12
Peace Meditation with special guest Professor Nissim Ezekiel of the University of Bombay.	November 3
1990	
Peace Meditation at the Senate Russell Building, Washington, D.C.	August 1
Opening Meditation for the World Citizens Assembly Conference at the Penta Hotel, New York City.	October 11
Peace Meditation in honour of the late Maestro Leonard Bernstein.	November 6
1991	
Special meditation with guest speaker Robert Muller, former UN Assistant Secretary-General and current Chancellor of the University for Peace.	February 1
Peace meditation with Pir Vilayat Inayat Khan as special guest.	April 30
Peace meditation with special guests from the Sri Aurobindo Ashram, Pondicherry, India.	June 11

Special meditations have also been held through the years on or near the anniversary of the Peace Meditation group.

2. Lectures at the United Nations and Special Lectures on Peace

Sri Chinmoy has given numerous lectures on the United Nations and world peace. (The lectures and lecture series listed below were presented at UN Headquarters in New York unless otherwise indicated.)

1968	
Lecture entitled "The Song Universal" at the Church Center for the United Nations.	November 26
1969	
Lecture on "The Secret of Inner Peace" at the University of Connecticut (Storrs).	April 19
1970	
Start of series "Talks from the Peace Room".	May 12
Lecture on "The Garland of Nation-Souls" to the United Nations World Youth Congress.	July 15
Lecture on "Margaret Wilson", daughter of Woodrow Wilson.	September 8

1971	Dag Hammarskjöld Lecture Series, in honour of the late Secretary-General, start of series.	February 12
	Lecture on "Peace Is Our Birthright: How Can We Have It?".	May 31
	Lecture on "Spirituality: The Fount of World Peace".	July 1
	Lecture on "A Spiritual Goal for the United Nations: Is It Practical?"	August 5
1972	Dag Hammarskjöld Lecture Series.	On-going
	Lecture on "God's Compassion and the United Nations' Dedication".	March 2
1973	Dag Hammarskjöld Lecture Series.	On-going
	Lecture on "The Inner Message of the United Nations".	January 4
	Lecture on "The Soul-Love of the United Nations".	February 1
	Lecture on "The Heart-Peace of the United Nations".	March 1
	Lecture on "No Nation Is Unwanted".	April 5
	Lecture on "Each Nation In Its Place Is Great".	May 3
1974	Dag Hammarskjöld Lecture Series.	On-going
	Lecture on "Peace" at the University of Toledo.	February 12
	Lecture on "The United Nations as an Instrument of Human Unification".	May 9
	Lecture on "What is the United Nations Really Doing for Humanity?".	May 31
	Lecture on "The United Nations Can Teach Us How to Share".	June 6
	Special talk on the UN General Assembly, dedicated to the opening of its 29th session.	September 17
	Lecture on "The United Nations and World Union".	October 18
1975	Talk to delegates about the philosophy of meditation.	October 6
	Lecture on "Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of UNICEF's Trick-or-Treat".	October 30
1976	Lecture on "Peace" at Wayside Chapel, Sydney, Australia.	March 6
	Lecture on "The United Nations Secretaries-General".	May 11
	Lecture on "Dag Hammarskjöld".	September 17
	Lecture on "Inner Flames at the United Nations".	September 20
1977	Talk to staff members of the United Nations Gift Shop.	February 11
	Lecture on "World Gratitude Day".	September 12
1978	Lecture on "President Roosevelt".	January 31
1980	Lecture on "Peace" at the University of Vermont.	January 19
	Lecture on "Peace" in Honolulu, Hawaii.	March 17
	Address on the "Inner Role of the United Nations" to the "Open Forum" of the US Department of State in Washington, D.C.	June 6
	Lecture on "The Inner Role of the United Nations" at the UN in Geneva.	June 16
	Lecture at the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations in Rome.	June 18
	Lecture on "Inner and Outer Peace".	June 20
1986 (International Year of Peace)	Talk entitled "A Peace Message" given in Hiroshima.	January 4
	Talk on "Peace: God's Dream-Reality's Oneness-Boat, Fulness-Shore" at Tokyo University.	January 10
	Lectures on peace given during Peace Concerts at the following universities: Cornell (January 24), Columbia (January 25), Princeton (January 31), Brown (February 2), Harvard (March 7), New York University (March 31), Fairleigh Dickinson (April 3),	

Rutgers (April 3), University of Connecticut (April 19), Technical University in Berlin (June 6), Technical University in Vienna (June 9), Stuttgart University (June 10), Technical University in Zurich (June 11), University of Geneva (June 12), Uppsala University (July 17), University of Stockholm (July 17) and Helsinki University (July 18).

January-July

1987

Lecture on "The United Nations: God's Oneness-Dream", Office of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation, UN Headquarters.

November 13

Lecture on "Meditation", Office of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation, UN Headquarters.

November 13

1988

Lecture on "The Heart's Oneness-Power", Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

October 21

Lecture on "The Memory of U Thant", Manhattan Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand.

December 18

1989

Lecture on "Lifting Up of Humanity's Aspiring Consciousness", Holiday Inn, Kuching, Malaysia.

January 1

Lecture on "The Bridge of Oneness", during the inauguration of the Sri Chinmoy Peace Bridge, Cumberland, Rhode Island.

April 24

1990

Lecture entitled "Smile, Love and Claim".

July 20

3. Special Programmes

In addition to meditations and lectures, Sri Chinmoy and the Peace Meditation group have conducted literally hundreds of other programmes at the United Nations. These programmes are offered to serve the UN community, honouring those who have made significant contributions to the United Nations and world peace (such as Dag Hammarskjöld, U Thant, and others), transmitting Sri Chinmoy's message about the spiritual significance of the United Nations and the need for individual inner commitment as a basis for world peace.

The following is a selection of programmes the group has offered in recent years:

- Observing special occasions such as UN Day and Human Rights Day;
- Honouring inspirational leaders such as Martin Luther King, Jr., Albert Einstein and Simon Bolivar, and organizations such as the International Red Cross and World Health Organization, for their outstanding contributions to international co-operation;
- Addressing crisis situations, with "emergency prayer sessions" and other programmes;
- Highlighting the unique national identity and culture or artistic contributions of different countries;
- Providing regular instruction in meditation.

The Peace Meditation group at the United Nations, under the direction of Sri Chinmoy, sponsored the programmes listed below, unless otherwise indicated. (Occasionally programmes were held away from UN Headquarters, as indicated. The Jharna-Kala gallery is one of the venues at which Sri Chinmoy's paintings, which he collectively calls "Jharna-Kala", Bengali for "Fountain-Art", have been exhibited. Special programmes, not listed here, are held annually on or near April 14 to honour the anniversary of the Peace Meditation group).

1972

Benefit concert for Bangladesh featuring the Mahavishnu Choir.

October 6

1973	Premiere of Sri Chinmoy's play about the life of the Buddha, with U Thant as special guest of honour, held in Harrison, New York.	May 25
	Programme in honour of Mahatma Gandhi.	October 2
	Tribute to Two Great Leaders: Kennedy-Nehru.	October 26
1974	Memorial for Secretary-General U Thant.	November 26
1975	Performance of scenes from "The Son", a play by Sri Chinmoy about the life of Christ.	March 24
	Tribute to the Prophet Mohammed.	March 25
	Poetry readings to focus on the significant concepts of the Charter of the United Nations.	May 2, 9, 16, 23
	Programme to honour the Buddha.	May 22
	Observance of the National Day of Prayer.	July 24
	Ceremony commemorating the opening of the 30th session of the General Assembly.	September 12
	Performance of scenes from "The Sacred Fire", Sri Chinmoy's dramatic and musical tribute to the history and spirit of America.	October 6
	Benefit bazaar for UNICEF.	October 16
	Meditation Group members invited to perform at the UN International School as part of UN Day celebrations.	October 24
	Evening of classical music dedicated to world peace.	October 28
	Programme for UN staff and their children in honour of the 25th anniversary of UNICEF's "Trick-or-Treat" programme.	October 30
	Observance of the International Day of Thanksgiving.	November 25
	Tribute to the non-governmental organizations associated with the UN.	December 9
	Reception and Christmas carol singing for UN staff.	December 12
1976	Classical concert for members of the UN community.	February 25
	Film on meditation for the modern world.	March 4
	Benefit luncheon for UNICEF.	March 10
	Benefit concert for UNICEF, with guest artist Vasant Rai.	March 31
	Observance of the World Day of Prayer.	April 5
	Programme honouring the World Health Organization.	April 8
	Reception for the UN community at the Jharna-Kala Gallery in New York's Soho art district.	April 30
	Viewing of a film on Sri Chinmoy's art.	June 10
	Classical concert for members of the UN community.	June 24
	Benefit play for UNICEF, "At Home with the Lincolns", in conjunction with the US Bicentennial.	July 1
	Commemorative programme to honour Dag Hammarskjöld.	July 29
	Viewing of a film on Sri Chinmoy's art.	September 16
	Seminar held in conjunction with the opening of the 31st General Assembly.	September 20
	Panel discussion exploring the role of the Secretary-General.	October 1
	Classical concert for peace.	October 7
	Centennial tribute to Maestro Don Pablo Casals.	October 11
	Benefit party for Universal Children's Day, attended by UN community children and parents, with proceeds going to UNICEF.	October 29
	Observance of the International Day of Thanksgiving.	November 22
	Commemorative tribute to U Thant.	November 23
	Meditation Group invited to inauguration of Thanksgiving Square in Dallas, Texas.	November 25
1977	U Thant memorial programme on the anniversary of his birth.	January 21
	Reception for the UN community at Annam Brahma restaurant in Queens, New York.	February 8

Presentation to Sri Chinmoy by Robert Muller of a bust of U Thant by sculptor Domenico Mazzone.	February 18
Painting for World Peace by Sri Chinmoy unveiled at the Jharna-Kala Gallery—the start of its "goodwill tour" around the world.	May 3
Programme to honour the UN Security and Safety Service and meeting with its chief, Colonel H.A. Trimble.	June 7
Members of the Meditation Group invited to perform for the United Nations International School.	June 15
Concert played on the Indian esraj for the UN community.	July 22
Commemorative tribute to Dag Hammarskjöld.	July 29
Celebration of World Gratitude Day at the United Nations.	September 12
Members of the Meditation Group invited to participate in the opening of the Hall of World Thanksgiving, Dallas, Texas.	September 14
Dedication ceremony on U Thant Island, with U Thant's family as guests of honour.	September 16
Programme marking the opening of the 32nd session of the General Assembly.	September 19
Observance of World Gratitude Day at World Gratitude Day headquarters in New York.	September 21
Observance of the 80th birthday of Pope Paul VI.	September 23
Reception and concert for UN delegates and staff at the Jharna-Kala Gallery in Grand Central Station in Manhattan.	September 26
Programme in honour of US President Jimmy Carter.	October 4
Concert and reception for the Indian community of the United Nations.	October 11
At the request of Mrs. Aye Aye Myint-U, daughter of U Thant, Meditation Group members perform at Festival of Lights programme, held in Riverdale, New York.	October 15
Concert at Carnegie Hall, with members of the UN community as special guests.	October 18
Programme on the "Model UN", a workshop designed to teach young people about participation in the United Nations.	October 21
UN reception for international marathon runners. Sri Chinmoy and the Meditation Group were invited by UNA-USA and the New York Road Runners Club to open the programme with meditation and music.	October 22
UN Day International Fair held on the Dag Hammarskjöld Plaza, in cooperation with various UN agencies and non-governmental organizations.	October 23
UNICEF benefit bazaar.	October 31
Seminar on cultural solidarity in Latin America.	November 2
Members of the Meditation Group were invited to be keynote speakers and to offer a presentation on behalf of the Secretary-General, at the 25th anniversary of "Model UN", at Gannon College, Pennsylvania.	November 11, 12
Observance of the 20th anniversary of the UN Meditation Room.	November 15
International Day of Thanksgiving observance.	November 21
Memorial tribute to John F. Kennedy, televised.	November 22
Tribute to Martin Luther King, Jr., with his wife, Coretta Scott King, as special guest speaker.	November 29
Human Rights Day programme.	December 9
Reception to honour the Meditation Group by the Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See to the United Nations.	December 9
Meditation Group members invited to perform in a UNICEF benefit at Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts.	December 11
Programme to celebrate universal brotherhood, "Oneness-Earth", filmed by CBS-TV and broadcast on Christmas Day.	December 14
Programme to honour Finland on the 22nd anniversary of its entrance into the UN.	December 15
Meditation Group choir invited to open historic commemoration of the 200th anniversary of America's Thanksgiving Day, in Valley Forge, New York.	December 18
Christmas carol singing for UN staff, with guest hostess Coretta Scott King.	December 19
1978	
Concert and reception for staff of the UN Accounts Division.	January 6
Participation in the World Day of Peace celebration, at the invitation of the Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the United Nations.	January 23
Concert in honour of India's 28th Republic Day.	January 25
Tribute to Australia on its 190th founding anniversary.	January 27
Programme to honour Donald Keys, President of Planetary Citizens.	January 31

Cultural programme on the musical heritage of Sri Lanka.	February 3
Tribute to Abraham Lincoln.	February 10
Dinner in honour of International Women's Day for women working in world affairs.	March 9
Commemoration of the 17th anniversary of the Peace Corps.	March 15
Musical lecture-demonstration of South Indian classical music by C.V. Narasimhan, Under-Secretary-General for Inter-Agency Affairs and Co-ordination.	May 30
Memorial service for Pope Paul VI.	August 8
Prayer ceremony for Pope John Paul I.	September 11
Reception at the Jharna-Kala Gallery for members of the UN community.	September 11
Observance of UN Day.	October 24
Programme to honour India on the anniversary of its entrance into the UN.	October 26
Programme to honour Liberia on the anniversary of its entrance into the UN.	November 3
Programme to honour Panama on the anniversary of its entrance into the UN.	November 14
International Day of Thanksgiving observed.	November 20
Commemorative programme for Eleanor Roosevelt.	December 1
Programme to honour Italy and Japan on their respective anniversaries of entrance into the UN.	December 5
Observance of Human Rights Day.	December 8
Programme to honour Austria on the anniversary of its entrance into the UN.	December 15

1979

Commemorative programme to honour Woodrow Wilson.	January 12
Tribute to Swami Vivekananda.	January 19
Programme to honour the International Red Cross.	January 23
Programme to honour Australia on the anniversary of its entrance into the UN.	January 30
Meeting with Muhammad Ali, who was honoured by UN officials at a reception.	January 30
Memorial tribute to Nelson A. Rockefeller.	February 2
Farewell programme for U Thant's family.	March 16
Observance of the centennial of Albert Einstein.	March 20
Reception in honour of the International Year of the Child (IYC). The Ambassador of India presented a painting by Sri Chinmoy to Assistant Secretary-General Estefania Aldaba-Lim, Special Representative for the IYC project.	March 27
Meditation Group choir invited to perform in a celebration of the IYC at Riverside Church in Manhattan.	April 30
Meditation Group choir invited to perform for a benefit for the Special Olympics, with New York State Governor Hugh Carey as special guest of honour.	May
Meditation Group invited to join with the US National Parks Service in a reception and tree planting ceremony at the National Visitors' Center, in honour of the IYC.	May 23
Start of two month exhibit of Sri Chinmoy's painting dedicated to the IYC, sponsored by the Parks Service, in the National Visitors' Center in Washington, D.C.	May 23
Observance of UN Charter Day.	June 27
Memorial observance of the birth of Dag Hammarskjöld.	July 31
Concert of Indian devotional music.	August 1
Concert featuring the folk music of Sweden and the Philippines.	August 13
Reception at the Jharna-Kala Gallery, hosted by Ambassador Jorge Illueca of Panama, in honour of the IYC.	August 14
Programme to mark International Literacy Day.	September 4
Seminar discussing the role of the international civil servant at the UN.	September 7
Programme to honour the Bahamas on the anniversary of its entrance into the UN.	September 11
Seminar on issues facing the 34th General Assembly.	September 17
The US National Park Service and the Meditation Group dedicated a plaque to the IYC, which was placed in President's Park in Washington, D.C.	October 4
Programme to honour the Federal Republic of Germany on the anniversary of its entrance into the UN.	October 16
Programme to honour women working in international affairs during the 34th General Assembly.	October 19
Tribute to the Philippines on its 34th anniversary of joining the UN.	October 23
Celebration for UN Day.	October 24

Programme to honour Spain on the anniversary of its entrance into the UN. Congressmen serving on the US delegation to the UN hosted a reception in the US Capitol Building to honour senators and congressmen who served on the US delegation to the United Nations—in cooperation with the Meditation Group.	October 28
Special emergency prayer and meditation service for the Iranian hostage crisis, in conjunction with the International Day of Thanksgiving and talk on meditation in the Islamic religion.	November 13
Presentation of the Peace Meditation group's Human Rights Award to Salim A. Salim, President of the 34th session of the General Assembly.	November 16
	December 10
1980	
Tribute to Martin Luther King, Jr. and his philosophy of non-violence.	January 15
Celebration of Sri Lanka's 32nd Independence Day.	February 4
Reception honouring International Women's Day.	March 10
Memorial service for Allard Lowenstein, former Ambassador of the United States to the United Nations and Congressman from New York.	March 21
Programme to celebrate the independence of Greece.	March 24
The Mission of Panama and the Meditation Group sponsored a free concert at the UN by popular musician Carlos Santana.	April 7
Batik art lecture and exhibit co-sponsored by the Mission of Sri Lanka and the Meditation Group.	April 21
Commemorative tribute to the late Olympian and human rights champion, Jesse Owens.	April 22
Programme dedicated to Rabindranath Tagore on the anniversary of his birth.	May 7
Tribute to Johann Sebastian Bach.	May 22
Concert for the UN community.	July 11
Programme to honour the Bahamas on the 7th anniversary of its entrance into the United Nations.	September 5
Celebration of World Gratitude Day.	September 22
Celebration of UN Day.	October 24
Programme to honour Sudan on the 24th anniversary of its entrance into the UN.	October 31
Observance of International Day of Thanksgiving.	November 17
Member of the Meditation Group invited to National Thanksgiving Ceremony, Thanksgiving Square, Dallas, Texas.	November 27
Observance of Human Rights Day by the White House Meditation Group, inspired by the Peace Meditation at the United Nations.	December 10
1981	
Human Rights Award presented by the Meditation Group to Rüdiger von Wechmar, President of the 35th session of the General Assembly.	January 9
Special programme of thanksgiving in gratitude for the release of the US hostages in Iran.	January 21
Celebration of Sri Lanka's National Day.	February 4
Ceremony in which the diplomatic community honoured Jorge Illueca on his appointment as Foreign Minister of Panama.	February 17
Observance of International Women's Day.	March 9
One-mile "fun runs" for the UN community.	April 2 and 3
Programme highlighting the cultural traditions of Western European States.	June 10
Concert for the UN Accounts Division.	June 19
Programme to commemorate UN Charter Day.	June 26
Programme highlighting the cultural traditions of the Latin American States.	July 7
Programme highlighting the cultural traditions of the Asian States.	July 14
Programme to honour supervisors and senior colleagues within the UN Secretariat.	August 7
Ceremony in which Sri Chinmoy was awarded a national decoration of Panama, the "Order of Balboa", by Foreign Minister Jorge Illueca, on behalf of President Royo of Panama.	August 20
One-mile fun runs for the UN community.	October 2 and 4
Observance of UN Day.	October 23
Programme to celebrate Universal Children's Day.	October 29
Observance of UNESCO's 35th anniversary.	November 10
Observance of International Day of Thanksgiving.	November 20

1982

Programme dedicated to Secretary-General Javier Pérez de Cuéllar. Centennial tribute to US President Franklin D. Roosevelt.	January 18 February 2
Programme to honour Ambassador Zenon Rossides of Cyprus on his birthday.	February 19
Thirteen-Day Run for Peace by Meditation Group member Kirit Makita.	April 1-14
Concert for peace at Carnegie Hall, with members of the UN community as special guests.	April 7
Programme to congratulate Robert Muller on his appointment as Assistant Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs.	April 23
Sri Chinmoy invited to participate in a religious conference organized by the Movement for a Better World.	April 27
Programme to honour Japan on the occasion of Emperor Hirohito's 81st birthday.	May 3
Observance of the National Day of Prayer.	May 7
The Tagore Society of New York and Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan invited Sri Chinmoy to be guest of honour at a programme marking the birthday of Rabindranath Tagore.	May 8
Programme to honour Yvette Ripplinger on her retirement.	May 10
One-mile fun runs for the UN community.	June 11, 13
Concert and luncheon for women in the international community, with guest speaker Margaret Y. Catley-Carlson, Deputy Executive Director (Operations) of UNICEF.	June 21
Talk on disarmament by Ambassador Zenon Rossides. Members of Vermont Peacemakers, a Christian youth organization, joined the Meditation group for the occasion.	June 28
Luncheon for women in the diplomatic community at Annam Brahma Restaurant, Queens, NY.	July 13
Concert for the diplomatic community.	August 5
Concert with Ambassador Davidson L. Hepburn of the Bahamas.	September 14
Meditation Group invited by Delegates' Wives Club to give a concert and meditation.	October 7
U Thant Peace Award presented to Ambassador Zenon Rossides of Cyprus.	October 7
One-mile fun runs for the UN community.	October 8, 10
A forum for original poetry, with Ambassador Rossides as honorary host.	October 12
Symposium commemorating UN Day.	October 22
Programme in honour of Mahatma Gandhi's birthday.	October 29
Celebration of International Day of Thanksgiving.	November 23
Celebration of the 17th anniversary of UNDP.	November 29

1983

Presentation by Robert Muller, UN Assistant Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, of his book, "New Genesis", to Sri Chinmoy.	February 4
Celebration of the Bicentennial of Thailand.	February 25
One-mile fun runs for the UN community.	May 20, 22
Peace Walk in honour of UN Charter Day, co-sponsored by Permanent Representatives from 10 Missions. Over 40 Missions and several hundred staff and delegates representing about 70 countries participated.	June 24, 25
Concert for peace in honour of UN Charter Day.	June 27
Presentation by Delegates' Wives Meditation Group to Sri Chinmoy of Peace Award for his contributions to world peace.	June 27
Performance at UN Headquarters of "The Son", a play by Sri Chinmoy about the life of Christ, performed by the Kettledrum Theatre Company of London.	August 16
Performance by the Song-Waves international choir of the "Hiroshima/Nagasaki Cantata", a work by French composer Haridas Greif based on Sri Chinmoy's music.	September 13
One-mile peace runs for the UN community.	October 14, 16
UN Day balloon release, presided over by the President of the General Assembly, Jorge Illueca.	October 28
Commemorative tribute to John F. Kennedy.	November 21
Celebration of the eighth anniversary of Suriname's independence.	November 29
U Thant Peace Award presented to Jorge Illueca, President of the General Assembly.	December 3
Concert to welcome the New Year for UN delegates and staff.	December 8

1984

Programme to celebrate the anniversary of Japan's founding.	February 10
Tribute to Simon Bolivar ("The Liberator").	March 2
Programme to honour India's Ambassador to Argentina, L.L. Mehrotra.	May 16
One-mile peace runs for the UN community.	June 8 and 10
Performance of the play "The Sacred Fire", Sri Chinmoy's dramatic tribute to the history and spirit of America.	June 21
Peace Walk in honour of UN Charter Day.	June 25 and 26
Meeting with the President of the 38th General Assembly Jorge Illueca.	June 28
Programme to honour Security Officer Bernard Factor on his retirement after 32 years of service to the UN.	June 29
Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, an Indian cultural organization, honoured Sri Chinmoy.	July 5
Sri Chinmoy invited to open the final day of the tenth World Hindu Conference, held in Madison Square Garden's Felt Forum, with a silent meditation.	July 8
Concert by flutist Ronald Snijders of Suriname.	August 3
Meditation Group members invited to perform at 20th anniversary celebration of World Gratitude Day.	September 21
One-mile peace runs for the UN community.	October 5 and 7
Peace Walk in honour of UN Day.	October 23 and 24
Balloon release to mark the 39th anniversary of the UN.	October 24
Memorial tribute to Indira Gandhi.	November 2
Concert for Peace for the UN community.	December 3
Programme to honour the founder of the Temple of Understanding, Judith Hollister.	December 7

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Tribute to the Mohicans, a group of UN staff members, employed and retired, who joined the UN at its inception.	February 25
Programme honouring Ambassador Zenon Rossides of Cyprus for his 25 years of tireless efforts for world peace.	March 5
Presentation of the U Thant Peace Award to the United Nations Development Programme, in a ceremony on U Thant Island.	March 19
Concert of new age music for the 40th anniversary of the United Nations held in co-operation with WNYC radio.	April 18
UNDP honours the Peace Meditation group.	May 24
One-mile peace runs for the UN community.	May 31 & June 2
"Songs for a Peaceful World"—vocal and instrumental performance.	June 11
Peace Run in honour of the United Nations 40th Anniversary, 18-mile commemorative relay run from the site of the first UN Headquarters at Lake Success, Long Island, to New York Headquarters in Manhattan.	June 23
Peace Walk in honour of UN Charter Day.	June 25, 26
Performance of scenes from "The Sacred Fire", a play written by Sri Chinmoy.	July 17
Tennis tournament for delegates' wives.	August 3
Performance of the "Hiroshima/Nagasaki Cantata", an arrangement of Sri Chinmoy's compositions, by the Song-Waves Choir to observe the 40th anniversary of the atomic bombing.	August 29
Members of the Meditation group invited to participate in World Gratitude Day ceremony.	September 21
Programme to honour Meditation group member Adhiratha Keefe of UNICEF for his English Channel swim in tribute to the United Nations' 40th anniversary.	September 24
One-mile peace runs for the UN community.	October 3, 5
Seven Minutes of World Peace observed at UN Headquarters and around the world.	October 24
Peace Concert in honour of the 40th anniversary of the UN, held at Avery Fisher Hall in the Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, New York.	October 28
Peace Walk in honour of the United Nations 40th anniversary.	October 29, 30
Tenth anniversary of the observance of the International Day of Thanksgiving, held in Washington, D.C., in co-operation with the Peace Meditation at the US Congress.	November 21
Programme to honour Ambassador Davidson Hepburn of the Bahamas.	November 26
Presentation of the UN 40th Anniversary Medal to Sri Chinmoy by Robert Muller, Assistant Secretary-General for the 40th Anniversary of the United Nations.	November 26
Peace Concert for the International Year of Peace, held in the General Assembly Hall Lobby.	December 8

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- Inauguration of a series of "Peace Swims" by members of the Peace Meditation Group to focus attention on the United Nations International Year of Peace, held on Miyajima Island in Hiroshima, Japan. January 1
- Closing ceremony of 3,200-mile solo transcontinental peace run by a member of the Sri Chinmoy Marathon Team—first American sports event commemorating the United Nations International Year of Peace. January 24
- Participation in programme for National Day of Grenada. February 7
- Inauguration of first Sri Chinmoy Peace Mile running course, established by the Greater London Council in Battersea Park, London, to celebrate the United Nations International Year of Peace. Circles a Buddhist Peace Pagoda looking across the Thames River to the Houses of Parliament. March 15
- Programme in tribute to Bangladesh. June 3
- Participation in the Oneness-World Peace-Family festival, celebrating the International Year of Peace, held in West Berlin, Federal Republic of Germany. June 7
- One-mile peace runs for the UN community. June 20, 22
- Peace Walk in honour of UN Charter Day and the International Year of Peace. June 25, 26
- Peace Run in honour of the United Nations, 18-mile commemorative relay run from the site of the first UN Headquarters at Lake Success, Long Island, to New York headquarters in Manhattan. June 29
- Farewell tribute to UN Assistant Secretary-General Robert Muller. July 11
- "Peace-Oneness Run" for the International Year of Peace from UN Headquarters to Albany, and participation in the international bazaar. July 12, 13
- First Sri Chinmoy Self-Transcendence Award presented to "cardiac runner" Joe Michaels. July 13
- Participation in programme held by Indian Consulate to welcome Consul General P. A. Nazareth. September 13
- Seven-mile Peace Walk in honour of the International Day of Peace starting and finishing at UN Headquarters, held in conjunction with Peace Walks in over 50 cities around the world. September 16
- Inter-denominational Prayer Breakfast for the International Day of Peace. September 16
- Peace Concert in honour of the opening of the 41st session of the General Assembly, held in the General Assembly Hall Lobby. September 27
- One-mile peace runs in honour of the UN community. October 17, 19
- Peace Walk in honour of UN Day held in the UN garden. October 23, 24
- Programme to honour Humayun Rasheed Choudhury, President of the 41st session of the General Assembly and Foreign Minister of Bangladesh. October 31
- Presentation of the U Thant Peace Award to Russell Barber, highly respected religion editor at WNBC-TV, in a ceremony on U Thant Island and at UN Headquarters. November 6
- Programme celebrating the International Day of Thanksgiving. November 25
- Concert for peace and end-of-the-year luncheon for the UN community. December 3
- Peace Concert held at the United Nations Information Centre in Buenos Aires, Argentina. December 18
- Peace Concert held at the Headquarters of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) in Santiago, Chile. December 23

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- Press conference for the "Sri Chinmoy Oneness-Home Peace Run". February 3
- "The America Concert" held at the Manhattan School of Music, consisting of choral and orchestral arrangements of Sri Chinmoy's music, with members of the UN community as special guests. March 7
- Musical tribute to India at UN Headquarters, with P. A. Nazareth, Consul General of India, as special guest. March 13
- Sri Chinmoy Self-Transcendence Award presented to veteran champion swimmer, Jack Keefe. April 7
- Opening ceremony of the Sri Chinmoy Oneness-Home Peace Run, with several UN ambassadors and special guests Mokshagun Clarence Clemons, Narada Michael Walden and Carly Simon, held at the World Trade Center in New York. April 27
- Ceremony in honour of the Sri Chinmoy Oneness-Home Peace Run held at the Capitol Building, Washington, D.C., attended by members of the diplomatic

corps, the US Department of Recreation and AFS Intercultural Programs.	April 29
Special programme in honour of UNDP.	May 4
Classical recital by Meditation Group member Pramoda France Vacher, as a farewell after 40 years of service at the UN.	May 13
Presentation at UN Headquarters of film on the Sri Chinmoy Oneness-Home Peace Run, produced by AFS Intercultural Programs and later broadcast by some 250 PBS stations nation-wide.	May 14
Inauguration of the Sri Chinmoy Peace Mile in Oxford, England, and meeting with United Nations Association officials.	May 29
One-mile peace runs for the UN community.	May 29, 31
Peace Walk in honour of UN Charter Day.	June 25, 26
Peace Run in honour of the United Nations, 18-mile commemorative relay run from the site of the first UN Headquarters in Lake Success, Long Island, to New York Headquarters.	July 12
Festival inspired by Sri Chinmoy's philosophy of peace held on the grounds of the Washington Monument, Washington, D.C.	July 18
Concert for staff members of the Centre for Transnational Corporations.	July 29
Concert for staff members of the Department of Technical Co-operation for Development.	August 5
Final ceremony of the Sri Chinmoy Oneness-Home Peace Run, with UN ambassadors and members of the diplomatic corps, held in the Dag Hammarskjöld Plaza.	August 8
Concert for staff members of UNICEF.	August 12
Concert and reception for staff of the Publications Service, Department of Public Information.	September 14
Seven-mile Peace Walk in honour of the International Day of Peace, starting and finishing at UN Headquarters, held in conjunction with Peace Walks in over 50 cities around the world.	September 15
Inter-denominational Prayer Breakfast on the International Day of Peace.	September 15
Participation in a commemorative march and ceremony in honour of Mahatma Gandhi's birthday, starting at UN Headquarters.	October 2
One-mile peace runs for the UN community.	October 16, 18
Special UN Day celebration with Ambassador and Mrs. Zenon Rossides of Cyprus as special guests.	October 24
Concert for members of UNDP, Office for Projects Execution.	November 24
Peace Concert at Carnegie Hall, with members of the UN community as special guests.	December 13
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Concert for members of the UN Department of Technical Co-operation for Development.	February 25
Tribute to former Secretary-General U Thant.	March 4
Sakura Concert in honour of Japan's National Day with koto performer Fusako Yoshido.	April 28
Tennis tournament for the UN community.	April 30
Meeting with members of the "Direct Connection" Youth Conference.	May 20
Forum on the occasion of the Third Special Session of the General Assembly on Disarmament, with guest speaker Ambassador Navajas-Mogro of Bolivia to the United Nations.	May 26
Peace Run in honour of the United Nations, 18-mile commemorative relay run from the site of the first UN Headquarters in Lake Success, Long Island, to New York Headquarters.	June 12
Peace Walk in honour of UN Charter Day.	June 23-24
One-mile peace run for the UN community, at UN Headquarters.	July 15
Programme focusing on world hunger, with guest speaker Peter Mann, Project Co-ordinator for World Hunger Year.	July 22
Concert for members of the UN Department of Technical Co-operation for Development.	July 27
Concert by French vocal and instrumental ensemble Song-Waves.	August 12
Celebration of the spirit of the African people, with special guest speaker Nana M. Apeadu, Ghanian Chief and Chairperson of Pan-African Human Rights Organization.	September 14
Special exhibition of Sri Chinmoy's "Jharna-Kala" art and reception held by "The	

New Yorker" Magazine and "Classical Keyboards", with special diplomatic guests C.V. Narasimhan, Arthur Lall and A. Choudhury, New York City.	September 15
Participation in UN Staff Day observance.	September 16
Seven-mile Peace Walk for the International Day of Peace starting and ending at UN Headquarters, held in conjunction with Peace Walks in over 50 cities around the world.	September 20
"Lifting Up the World with a Oneness-Heart" programme in honour of the International Day of Peace.	September 20
Inter-denominational Prayer Breakfast for the International Day of Peace.	September 20
Participation in the World Gratitude Day Celebrations, New York City.	September 21
Concert by Akasha, New Age music group from Sweden.	September 23
Special reception in Sri Chinmoy's honour hosted by A. Matsumoto, Chairman of the Japan Democratic Association.	September 27
Special reception for the UN community at the "Jharna-Kala" exhibition, Buchman Hall, New York City.	September 29
Peace Walk in honour of UN Day, held in the UN garden, with a special closing ceremony, "Lifting Up the World with a Oneness-Heart".	October 20-24
Peace Meditation and meeting with Pentagon Officials, Washington, D.C.	October 21
Celebration of the 40th anniversary of Declaration of Human Rights, with Ambassador Dame Nita Barrow of Barbados to the UN as guest speaker, co-sponsored by the Pan African Human Rights Organization.	November 18
Presentation of U Thant Peace Award to Edward Winchester, President of the Pentagon Meditation Club.	December 9
Participation in UNDP Human Rights Day observance.	December 12
Concert and luncheon for the New Year.	December 12

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Concert for members of the UN Department of Technical Co-operation for Development.	February 2
Programme in honour of the UN Development Programme, with guest speaker Uner Kirdar, Director of the Division of External Relations and Governing Council Secretariat, UNDP.	February 7
Concert by Akasha, New Age music group from Sweden.	April 11
Presentation of U Thant Peace Award to Abbot Luang Por Eed of Wat Khao Takiab Temple, Thailand, in a ceremony at UN Headquarters.	April 14
Concert celebrating the 19th anniversary of the Peace Meditation at the United Nations, with guest performer Addwitiya Roberta Flack.	April 17
Opening ceremony of the Sri Chinmoy Oneness-Home Peace Run '89 at the World Trade Center in New York City with several UN ambassadors in attendance.	April 21
Tennis tournament for members of the UN community, Queens, New York.	May 6-14
Lecture about youth programmes for peace by Msgr. Thomas Hartman, Director of Communications for the Archdiocese of Rockville Center.	May 16
Peace Run in honour of the UN community, held in the UN garden.	June 9
Peace Run in honour of the United Nations, 18-mile commemorative relay run from the site of the first UN Headquarters in Lake Success, Long Island, to New York Headquarters.	June 17
Peace Walk in honour of UN Charter Day, held in the UN Garden.	June 23 and 26
Peace Concert and programme in co-operation with the Oneness-Home Peace Run '89, UNESCO, Paris.	June 23
Programme in honour of the 44th anniversary of the UN Charter, held in the Methodist Central Hall, Westminster, the site of the first UN General Assembly in 1946.	June 26
Closing ceremonies of the Sri Chinmoy Oneness-Home Peace Run '89 at Dag Hammarskjöld Plaza, with participation by UN ambassadors.	August 7
Concert on the occasion of the Bicentennial Year of the French Revolution.	August 21
Concert for peace with special performers Addwitiya Roberta Flack, Narada Michael Walden and Sri Chinmoy.	August 28
Participation in Gandhi Peace Walk from the United Nations to the Gandhi Statue at New York's Union Square.	September 3
Participation in UN Staff Day observance.	September 15
Seven-mile Peace Walk for the International Day of Peace, starting and ending at UN Headquarters, held in conjunction with Peace Walks in over 50 cities around the world.	September 19

Inter-denominational Prayer Breakfast on the International Day of Peace.	September 20
Participation in the World Gratitude Day celebrations, New York City.	September 21
"Lifting Up the World with a Oneness-Heart" programme with special guest Uner Kirdar, Director of UNDP Division of External Relations and Governing Council Secretariat, New York City.	
Peace Walk in honour of UN Day, held in the UN garden.	September 24
Gifts of flowers presented individually to staff members on UN Day.	October 23 and 24
Peace Run for the UN community, held in the UN garden.	October 24
"Remember: The Hostages", tenth anniversary seminar, with panelists Moorhead Kennedy of the American Forum for Global Education, and Lowell Flanders, President of the UN Staff Union.	October 30
"This I Believe", programme with guest speaker Dr. Ramalingaswami, Special Advisor to the Executive Director of UNICEF.	November 6
Celebration of the International Day of Thanksgiving, dedicated to the developments between the Federal Republic of Germany and the German Democratic Republic; with guest speakers Robert Muller, former Assistant Secretary-General, and Moorhead Kennedy of the American Forum for Global Education.	November 21
Concert of Indian songs or bhajans for the Indian New Year and the Festival of Divali.	November 24
Presentation to Javier Pérez de Cuéllar of a book written by Sri Chinmoy about him.	November 28 December 6
1990	
Tribute to Trygvie Lie, the first Secretary-General, with his daughter, Guri Lie, as guest speaker.	March 9
Memorial tribute to Ambassador Zenon Rossides of Cyprus.	March 23
Peace Run for the UN Community, held in the UN garden.	March 26
Peace Concert by Sri Chinmoy to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the Peace Meditation group at the UN.	April 3
Peace Run in honour of the United Nations, 18-mile commemorative relay run from the site of the first UN Headquarters in Lake Success, Long Island, to New York Headquarters.	April 7
Concert of Indian songs or bhajans for the spring season.	April 17
Participation in commemorative programme in honour of Namibia's entry into the United Nations.	April 27
Participation in "Save the Children" 24-hour relay, with members of the UN Staff Recreation Council Athletics Club.	April 28
Programme to honour expert mountain climber and coach Kurt Winkler.	May 11
Tennis tournament for the UN community.	May 12, 19-20 & June 2
Concert by the Soweto Teacher's Choir, co-sponsored by the UN Centre Against Apartheid and the UNSRC Music Appreciation Club.	May 31
Peace Walk in honour of UN Charter Day, held in the UN garden.	June 25-26
Programme to honour Ambassador Lamuel A. Stanislaus of Grenada.	June 29
Dinner for members of the UN Security and Safety Service.	July 13
Peace Meditation and "Lifting Up the World with a Oneness-Heart" programme at the US Congress, Washington, D.C.	August 1
Concert for the Office of Project Services, UNDP.	August 8
Classical recital by Swiss pianist Andre Desponds.	August 13
Programme to honour Peter Wilenski, Ambassador of Australia to the UN.	September 2
Participation in UN Staff Day observance.	September 7
Seven-Mile Peace Walk for the International Day of Peace, starting and ending at UN Headquarters, held in conjunction with Peace Walks in over 50 cities around the world.	September 18
Inter-denominational Prayer Breakfast for the International Day of Peace.	September 18
Participation in the World Gratitude Day celebration, New York City.	September 21
Concert of Indian songs and bhajans for the Indian New Year and the Festival of Divali.	October 3
Sri Chinmoy invited to give the opening peace meditation at the annual World Citizens Assembly.	October 11
Peace Walk in honour of UN Day, celebrating the UN's 45th anniversary.	October 24
Gifts of flowers presented individually to staff members on UN Day.	October 24

Memorial tribute to Maestro Leonard Bernstein.	November 6
Readings from the poetry of Sri Chinmoy.	November 7
Programme and luncheon to honour UN ambassadors and diplomats.	November 24
Peace Concert and luncheon to welcome the New Year.	December 6
Musical recital by Sri Chinmoy in the Dag Hammarskjöld Auditorium.	December 6

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Concert for members of the UN Department of Technical Co-operation for Development.	February 4
Piano recital by Surashri Paradis of the UN Field Operations Division.	February 14
Programme with guest speaker Professor Charles Mercieca, Founder and Executive Vice-President of the International Association of Educators for World Peace.	February 22
Programme in honour of Nepal.	February 26
Participation in dinner and programme for Indonesia, sponsored by the Pan Pacific and South East Asia Women's Association.	March 1
Piano performance by renowned Japanese pianist Masanobu Ikemiya.	March 19
Programme with guest speaker Dr. Marcel Dingli-Attard-Inguanez, President of the Albert Einstein International Academy Foundation.	March 22
Presentation of the U Thant Peace Award to Pir Vilayat Inayat Khan, head of the Sufi order in the West.	April 5
Peace Run in honour of the United Nations, 18-mile commemorative relay run from the site of the first UN Headquarters in Lake Success, Long Island, to New York Headquarters.	April 7
Concert of Indian Songs or bhajans for the spring season.	April 11
Concert by the Manhattan Chamber Artists, dedicated to the 21st anniversary of the meditation group.	April 12
Peace Concert by Sri Chinmoy, piano performance to mark the 21st anniversary of the Peace Meditation group at the UN.	April 24
Programme and luncheon in honour of the President of the 45th session of the General Assembly, Guido de Marco.	May 1
Tennis tournament for the UN community.	May 11, 18-19, 23
Special programme featuring a video of the Sri Chinmoy Oneness-Home Peace Run in Moscow.	June 21
Peace Walk in honour of UN Charter Day, held in the UN garden.	June 26
Special programme featuring a video of the Sri Chinmoy Oneness-Home Peace Run in Japan.	July 9
Concert for the Office of Project Services, UNDP.	July 10
Slide presentation by Mr. John Isaac, award-winning UN photographer/photo editor.	July 23
Programme in honour of the third UN Secretary-General and current President of Austria, Mr. Kurt Waldheim.	July 26
Private performance by the "Little Singers of Tokyo", after their appearance at the United Nations and UNICEF.	August 3
An <i>a cappella</i> performance of Sri Chinmoy's Bengali and English songs.	August 8

Sri Chinmoy and the Peace Meditation group are continuing to sponsor special programmes in 1991 at the United Nations and around the world.

4. Other Activities

i. Meetings

Sri Chinmoy has held many private meetings with UN officials, including three Secretaries-General. These meetings are described in the Meetings Section (Part V) of this document.

ii. Writings on the United Nations and Peace

Sri Chinmoy has written prolifically on peace and the United Nations. A listing of books is presented in Part VI ("Other Contributions"). Under Sri Chinmoy's direction, the Peace Meditation

group has published a monthly bulletin, "Meditation at the United Nations" and a bimonthly newsletter, "A Moment's Peace".

iii. Peace Walks

Peace Walks at the United Nations are organized twice a year under the co-sponsorship of the Peace Meditation group and a number of Permanent Representatives to the United Nations. They are held on UN Charter Day (June 26) and UN Day (October 24). During these events, nationals of the UN Member States walk silently in the UN Garden, carrying a copy of the Preamble to the UN Charter, in a testimonial to the universal desire for peace and respect for the founding principles of the United Nations.

Peace Walks are also held each year in over fifty cities on six continents on the International Day of Peace, which is also the opening day of the UN General Assembly. Walkers carry the flags of their own nations or of the United Nations. Several Nobel Peace Laureates have recognized and endorsed the spiritual value of the Peace Walk.

Archbishop Desmond M. Tutu: *"I encourage participation in the Peace Walk. In order to end world suffering and division, we all must develop the inner qualities of brotherhood and selflessness."*

Adolfo Perez Esquivel: *"I support the Peace Walk, a world wide activity which contributes to peace. The path to peace is to liberate the consciences of the people. We have to disarm hunger and create new, more just and humane relations between people."*

Mairead Corrigan Maguire: *"I join you all in spirit and prayer that every step on your walk for peace will help bring the human family nearer its true destiny of love and respect for life and a refusal to kill one another."*

Dr. Linus Pauling: *"Because of the danger of nuclear destruction, every person has the obligation to do what he can to help the world move towards the goal of international cooperation, peace and brotherhood. I support the Peace Walk as a step toward this end."*

iv. Seven Minutes of World Peace and UN Day Observation

Like the Peace Walks, Seven Minutes of World Peace is co-sponsored by the Peace Meditation group, under Sri Chinmoy's direction, with the goal of increasing human awareness of the inner dimensions of peace and the relationship between inner peace and outer peace. The event takes place on October 24 (UN Day) in locations around the world. Other co-sponsors include a wide range of educational, religious, spiritual and peace organizations. Individuals or groups participate by silently meditating and praying for peace. If peace can reign on earth for seven minutes, it is hoped that someday it can and will endure for seven hours, seven days, seven years and even seven centuries. The response in some countries has been truly remarkable. For instance, through the efforts of the UN Association of Sri Lanka, over 70,000 people joined in 1986 and millions in 1987.

v. Awards Sponsored

The Peace Meditation group has for a number of years offered distinguished members of the international community its Human Rights Award and its U Thant Peace Award. Winners of the Human Rights Award include Salim Ahmed Salim and Rüdiger von Wechmar, Presidents of the 34th and 35th sessions of the General Assembly, respectively. The U Thant Peace Award is for contributions to world peace carried out in the spirit, and according to the spiritual ideals, of the late Secretary-General U Thant. The recipients and the years in which the awards were conferred have been:

Zenon Rossides, Ambassador of Cyprus to the United Nations (1982)
Jorge Illueca, President of the 38th session of the General Assembly (1983)
United Nations Development Programme (1985)
Russell Barber, highly respected religion editor at WNBC-TV (1986)
Edward Winchester, President of the Pentagon Meditation Club (1988)
Luang Por Ined, Abbot of the Wat Khao Takiab Temple in Hua Hin, Thailand (1989)
Ganesh Man Singh, Supreme Leader in Nepal (1991)
Pir Vilayat Khan, Leader of the Sufi Order in the West (1991)

The awards are sometimes presented at a ceremony on U Thant Island, which is a small island in the East River, opposite the UN Secretariat building. The Peace Meditation group arranged to have it renamed in 1982 in honour of the late Secretary-General who was himself a lifelong meditator.

vi. Other Special Activities

In 1986, under Sri Chinmoy's direction, four members of the Peace Meditation group completed 30 "Swims for Peace" to increase awareness about the International Year of Peace. The first swim was held on January 1 in frigid waters off Hiroshima, Japan, and five days later the four swam in Nagasaki Harbour. The final swim of the year was in Valdivia, Chile on December 31. Each team member had previously swum solo across the English Channel.