

The CONTINENTAL WALK NEWS



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INTRODUCTION

This newsletter is an attempt to facilitate communications among organizers of the Continental Walk. Since changes, new developments, and ideas are received at this office daily and since it is essential that this information be circulated as quickly as possible to organizers, we know of no other way than to put out this newsletter on a regular basis, fairly frequently.

An idea of having a weekly page in WIN Magazine instead of this newsletter is being explored as well. *Are there any feelings on that?*

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SUMMARY

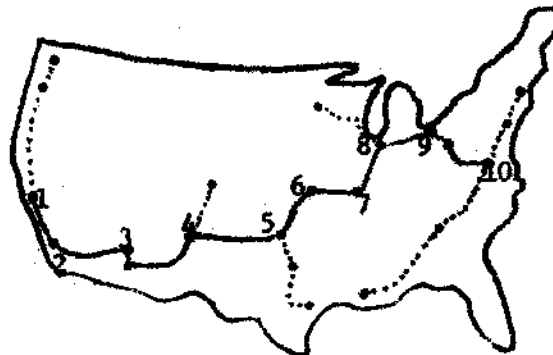
Two printings of the Call have been done. The first was titled "The Continental Walk for Disarmament & Peace" with orange ink and the second "The Continental Walk for Disarmament & Social Justice" with green ink. The two printings have resulted in about 35,000 copies in circulation, so far.

Since the second printing we have gotten the following new signers: Frank Zeidler, Chairman of the Socialist Party, USA, Beverly Woodward, Marcus Raskin, Institute for Policy Studies, and Larry Gara.

The number of people interested in organizing for the Walk is about 100 and 27 have expressed interest in walking a large part, if not the whole way, across the continent. Responses have come in from about 34 states.

The tentative schedule for the Walk is illustrated by the map below:

1 SF 1/30/76
2 LA 2/27
3 Phnx. 3/23
4 Albq. 5/6
5 OK 6/2



6 KC 7/7
7 St.L 7/23
8 Chi. 8/9
9 Cle. 9/1
10 DC 9/28

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The Dominican Community in Dubuque, Iowa, has expressed interest in organizing a branch of the Walk into Chicago.

REGIONAL ORGANIZING

Two regional conferences have been organized so far:

Western Region, October 18 in Isla Vista (University Methodist Church, 892 Camino del Sur, Isla Vista, CA 93017, 805-968-2610)

Texas Region, October 18-19 in Austin or Waco (write The Continental Walk, P.O. Box 7161, Austin, TX 78712).

Organizing efforts are proceeding in the Midwest (Kansas City, Columbia, St. Louis, and Chicago), New England (Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut), and the Mid-Atlantic (New York, New Jersey). There seems to be growing interest in the Pacific Northwest for doing a feed-in from Seattle. We have been making contact with the SCLC about doing a branch in from Atlanta to Washington, D.C. WRL in Atlanta and AFSC in High Point (NC) among others have expressed interest in working on a Southern route.

When regions get organized they should notify us of their mailing address (to be used on literature), names of their representatives on the Walk Steering Committee (one or two), and try to organize a regional conference of organizers.

NEWS

Dan Ellsberg, having just returned from Australia for the summer, is enthusiastically interested in aiding the efforts of the Walk. He intends to go on speaking tours during the Fall and Spring encouraging people to join the Walk.

Blaine Metcalf of Palo Alto is planning to accompany the Walk the full distance and be a photographer for the Walk.

MANUAL

Mary Robinson (608 Oakland, Austin, TX 78703) is coordinating the assembly of a Continental Walk Organizers Manual which is scheduled to be completed in December (perhaps sooner?). The basic outline of the Manual begins with an Introduction giving an overview of the Walk and the politics, Nonviolent Discipline, Mechanics of the Walk, Legal problems, the Local Campaign, Publicity, Fund Raising, Follow-up, Reading List. The chapters are written by different people and drafts of some of the crucial chapters will be circulated to organizers for criticism.

READING

For Walk organizers or those who plan to do long distance walking, there are three books that should prove very valuable:

*+You Come With Naked Hands Brad Lyttle \$4.25 246 pp.--the most complete source on the 1961 SF to Moscow Walk by the primary organizer of that Walk

*+We Walked to Moscow Jerry Lehmann \$1 88pp.--by one of the ones who went the whole way

+Manual on Peace Walks Paul Salstrom 45c 27 pp.

* available from WRL National Office

+available from Art Harvey, Greenleaf Books, Weare, NH 03281.

You may be able to find Lyttle's book in a library, but it is unlikely that the others would be there.