

The CONTINENTAL WALK NEWS

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SCLC JOINS

The Southern Christian Leadership Conference has joined the list of sponsoring organizations for the Continental Walk. Rev. Ralph Abernathy and Rev. Bernard Lee have joined the list of signers of the Call as have

Sissy Farenthold	Studs Terkel	Sid Peck
Shirley Lens	Brad Lyttle	Honey Knopp
Sid Lens	George Walk	Anne Braden
Michael Anania	Robert Bly	Norma Becker
Daniel Ellsberg	Dorothy Healey	Harry Boyte
Millen Brand	Joe Chaikin	Michael Harrington
Mimi Farina	Muriel Rukeyser	Allen Ginsberg
Robert Alpern	Congressman Ron Dellums	Dwight MacDonald
Marcus G. Raskin	James Haughton	Joe Miller
Larry Gara	Beverly Woodward	
Congressman Andrew Young	Frank Zeidler	

These names are in addition to the ones on the second printing of the Call.

DAN ELLSBERG is planning to join the walkers for alot of the California route. He spoke at a Holly Near concert pushing the Walk. A phone number set up to receive calls from interested people as a result of that concert was flooded with inquires.

EUROPEAN WALK?

The Italian section of War Resisters' International has proposed a walk across Europe for Disarmament to coincide with the one here.

ARTICLES

GRASS ROOTS, the journal of the Peoples Party carried an article on the Walk in its October/November edition. The September NEWSLETTER of the Episcopal Peace Fellowship (EPF), EARTH NEWS, the September PEACEWORK, the October FELLOWSHIP, and the September/October WRL NEWS also carried articles. EPF is considering co-sponsorship of the Walk.

Please send us copies of magazines and journals which do mention the Walk and--more important--try to get the Call (or some portion of it) printed in newspapers and magazines you have contact with.

CORRECTION from the Walk NEWS issue 1: Blaine and Alison Metcalf intend to walk the full distance across the country. Alison will be taking photographs along the way, and they intend to write a book about the Walk. The number of people interested in walking the full way or some long distance has risen to 50.

ORGANIZING

Steve Ladd reports that responses from interested individuals in the SF Bay Area is proceeding well, in fact so well they're worried that they may be over run with people. If you're out west, write to the Continental Walk, 1380 Howard Street, San Francisco, CA 94103.

A number of people seem to be seriously interested in begin part of a feed in route from Seattle to San Francisco.

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Discussion has begun in the South concerning a route from Atlanta (or even New Orleans) up to Washington, D.C. The AFSC office in High Point (NC), the WRL offices in Atlanta and Chapel Hill, as well as a number of individuals have expressed interest in organizing a Southern route. Some dialog has begun with SCLC on this route.

Organizers in Michigan are discussing a possible feed in route from Ann Arbor or Detroit to Toledo.

Lewisberg, PA, organizers are also contemplating a feed to the main route.

Jeff Sather from Norman, Oklahoma, is the first person from that state to express interest in organizing and walking alot.

Lani Gerson, Joe Gerson, and Jon Markoulis of Phoenix will oversee the Walk through Arizona. They will greet walkers at the California/Arizona border and then meet them again on the edge of Phoenix to see them through the rest of Arizona.

Are there any other attempts to organize branch routes that haven't been mentioned in this issue or the previous one of the Walk NEWS?

THE WALK ORGANIZERS' MANUAL

Drafts of some chapters on the organizers manual have been written. Please send ideas for graphics for the Manual to Mary Robinson (608 Oakland, Austin, TX 78703) who is coordinating the assembly of the Manual.

POSTER

Stephanie Camilleri has developed several designs for a Walk poster. If you have ideas, forward them to her c/o FOR, Box 271, Nyack, NY 10960.

IDEAS

It has been suggested that walkers plant seeds all along the way.
Comments?

One possibility for followup after the end of the Walk would be to focus on shipments of arms and possible blockading of those arms shipments.

THE FINALE IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

Gail Pressberg (AFSC in Philly) is working on a scenario for the end of the Walk. Meanwhile, Stephanie Camilleri has suggested that the finale in Washington, D.C., be a five day event involving a political film festival, Gandhi birthday celebration, music festival, candlelight parade to Arlington National Cemetery, religious services and prayer meetings, speeches, circulating leaflets and petitions, etc.

Most suggestions so far include focusing on the Pentagon; also suggestions have been targeting on the White House, Congress, or even the IRS, HEW, Labor Dept., and so forth. A full day or multi-day event could include marching to various targets with a rally, music, etc., then ending with a "siege" on the Pentagon (perhaps similar to the October 1967 event), maybe trying to block all traffic leading to the Pentagon. The events would be divided so that those who did not want to participate in civil disobedience, for example, would not have to be involved in that event.

Please send in other ideas that you might have.

HOLDING HANDS

A group of people met in Rosemont, Illinois, recently to propose that 5 million people stand side by side holding hands on July 4, 1976, to link both coasts. Their route is similar to the Walk route.

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