

The CONTINENTAL WALK NEWS

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NEW PHONE NUMBER

The Continental Walk National Office has a new phone number: 212-677-5455. Although the address is still 339 Lafayette, the office has moved within the building.

NEW IDEAS

New signers to the Call include Julian Bond, Robert McAfee Brown, William Sloane Coffin, Martin Duberman, Barbara Ehrenreich, James Forest, Donald Kalish, Walter Lowenfels, Stewart Meacham, Eve Merriam, Charles Rangle, Paul Sweezy, Jean Claude van Itallie, Margaret Wright, Ron Young. Due to a typographical error, George Wald's name was misspelled in issue 2 of the Walk NEWS.

STATISTICS

Approximately 80 people have expressed interest in walking a long distance, if not the whole way. In addition, there are about 150 people interested in doing organizing work on the Walk. So far, the number of Calls that have been put in circulation are 50,000.

ORGANIZING

Walk organizers in Syracuse held a meeting October 22 and will have another November 6. They will be stressing the Bicentennial/revolutionary theme, direct action (as well as education), the effects of militarism in our society and nonviolent response. Write to KC/Bob Russell (713 Otisco Street) for more information.

Organizers in western New York state and north western Pennsylvania have expressed a lot of interest in the Walk. In fact there has been some discussion of a feed-in from Toronto to Buffalo to Erie (PA) and into Cleveland. Contact Arnold Matlin of Genesee Valley Citizens for Peace (POB 253, Geneseo, NY 14454) and the Pax Center (c/o Mary Lou Kowacki, 345 E. 9th, Erie, PA 16503).

A New England walk organizing meeting will be held November 20. Contact Ed Lazar at New England AFSC (864-3150 or 48 Inman Street, Cambridge, MA 02139) if you are interested in helping develop a Boston to DC link to the Continental Walk.

A regional meeting for Missouri (and surrounding states) will be held in Columbia in early December. Contact Pat Lacefield (813 Maryland Avenue, Columbia, MO 65201) or Michael Haight (3950 Rainbow Blvd., Kansas City, KS 66103) for more information.

A southern branch route apparently will begin in Montgomery (Alabama) going through Atlanta on the way up to Washington, DC. SCLC has expressed interest in being heavily involved with other groups in doing that route.

Organizers in Ukiah (David Patton, 81/ Cypress Ave., CA 95482) and Santa Rosa will be organizing a preliminary part of the Walk feeding into San Francisco.

Tom McLean (c/o Soup & Salad Rest., 40 Lower Pike P. 98201) in Seattle and Lyn Gordon (4312 SE Stark 9/215) in Portland are working in their areas for a feed-in to Ukiah (which, of course, goes into San Francisco).

The first West Coast organizing meeting for the Walk was held on October 18 in Isla Vista (the next will be December 6 at a so far undetermined place). Twenty to 25 people from Los Angeles to Portland attended this meeting. A route and preliminary time table has been set up. Discussion ranged from fund raising to coordination and logistics to literature and symbols. Dan Ellsberg will be aiding organizing efforts by speaking in Ukiah (November 18), Santa Rosa (November 19), SF (November 20 & 21), Palo Alto/San Jose (November 22), Santa Cruz (November 23), Santa Barbara (November 24 & 25), Los Angeles (November 28). Two organizers will be chosen (a man and a woman; one from northern California and one from southern

California) to be communications liaisons between local organizers and the regional committee. During the Walk, these coordinators will do advance work and go with the Walk to coordinate day to day events. A lot of the discussion involved organizing details and anticipated problems.

Local organizing meetings for the Walk have been held in LA, SF (several), Ukiah, and Santa Cruz.

A regional meeting for Texas was held in Waco on October 18. A rough time table was set up. Mary Robinson is putting together a slide show on disarmament, Texas, and the Continental Walk to use on organizing efforts. Jeff Sather (Norman, OK) reports that he has 35 people willing to walk in that area of Oklahoma.

IDEAS

It has been suggested that a giant inflated balloon accompany the Walk. For example, a balloon shaped like a dove or a peace symbol which would attract attention from great distances. *Reactions?*

Grace Medemann suggested that each long distance walker (particularly those who intend to walk across the continent) might be set up with a sponsor who would pay for her or his food and housing expenses. And that the walker would write personal messages to the sponsor all during the Walk. *Reactions?*

Bill Wood (New Orleans) has expressed interest in investigating the possibility of several people floating down the Mississippi from Minneapolis to New Orleans raising issues similar to the Walk. The "continental float" might intersect at St. Louis just as the Walk is passing through.

ARTICLES

The October/November *CALC Report* and the November Syracuse Peace Council *Peace Newsletter* have carried items mentioning the Walk. *Are there others?*

THE CALL

Stephanie Camilleri at FOR has redesigned the Call for the Walk. Although the text remains the same, she has added new graphics, additional signers, etc. When they are printed, we'll send them out to all organizers.

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