

# The CONTINENTAL WALK NEWS

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## NEW SIGNERS

New signers to the Call include Congressman Parren Mitchell, Albert Bigelow, Ed Sanders, and Berkeley City Councilwoman Ying Lee Kelley.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The International Fellowship of Reconciliation (based in Brussels) has endorsed the Call to the Continental Walk. They have announced plans to coordinate an international walk which will happen August 1976 in Verdun, France, the area of World War I battleground.

The national budget for the Continental Walk has been revised with expenditures in the neighborhood of \$102,000. We assume the income will be comparable.

The Morgantown (West Virginia) Socialist Party has endorsed the Walk.

There are people in 44 states plus Washington, D.C., who have expressed interest in the Walk. The main route cuts through 13 states plus DC. With branch routes added, the number of states touched increases to 32 plus DC.

EDS:AL

Barbara Monteleone (CHVA/AFSC in Waterbury, CT) suggests that organizers around the country might set up an organizing meeting and conference January 31 in solidarity for the beginning of the Walk and to begin to develop local or regional organizing committees.

Originally, we had planned to make buttons with the nuclear disarmament symbol on the foot print in the center and "The Continental Walk for Disarmament & Social Justice" around it. However, people at the California regional meeting were strongly opposed to the ND symbol and footprint. Use these other ideas!

## CORRECTION

The speaking schedule listed in issue #3 of the Walk NEWS for Dan Ellsberg was a mistake. That schedule is for David McReynolds. Dan Ellsberg is speaking November 20 at San Francisco State and December 3 with Malvinia Reynolds at Berkeley Community Theater.

APC:CLP

The October/November Catholic Worker carried a note by Robert Ellsberg on the Walk. Articles on the Walk were also carried in regional publications such as the Washington (DC) Peace Center Newsletter, PAX (newsletter of the Missouri Peace Studies Institute in Columbia), the Dayton (Ohio) AFSC newsletter, and the WRL South Central newsletter. WIN magazine is planning a special issue on the Walk which should come out in mid-December.

## NATIONAL COORDINATING OFFICE STAFF

Joanne Sheehan, Ed Hedemann, and Larry Erickson hold down the daily operation in the Walk office. Gail Pressberg (who is taking over coordination of the long distance walkers and nonviolence training) operates as a part time member out of the AFSC office (1501 Cherry Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102). Grace Hedemann will probably be operating part time out of the WRL office beginning in January. We hope to have other sponsoring organizations lend a staff member in the near future. In addition, the office is developing a series of volunteers.

## ORGANIZING

### CONTINENTAL

A lot more of Bill Doyle's people, I think, are going to be walking through Seattle, Portland, then Idaho for the continental walk to San Francisco. There may be a feed-in caravan from Spokane to Seattle as well. Contact Tom MacLean (Soup 'n Salad, 40 Lower Pike Pl., Seattle, WA 98101) or Lyn Gordon / Elizabeth Gorman-Prumty (AFSC, 4312 SE Stark, Portland, OR 97215). At a meeting on November 15 it was decided to emphasize the transnational aspect and involve the Trident submarine issue as well as others.

### CALIFORNIA

Peter Klotz has been chosen as the northern California coordinator of the Walk. The first issue of the California Continental Walk newsletter was just issued. For those interested in getting a copy, write the Continental Walk, c/o Humanitas, P.O. Box 2324, Santa Cruz, CA 95063. The next regional meeting will be December 6 in Santa Cruz.

A Continental Walk women's meeting was held in the Bay Area November 3 and 17. There was a lot of discussion on doing a leaflet linking Feminism and disarmament, and showing the relationship between sexism/patriarchy and militarism. Plans are under way to organize a women's festival with music, dancing, films, theater as a benefit and promotion event. For more information contact Ann Gonski, The Continental Walk, 1360 Howard Street, San Francisco, CA 94103.

November 29 a meeting of southern California organizers will be held at 3359 Canyon Crest Road. Contact Mandy Carter at 213-797-8973.

Organizers in Shasta, California, are holding a meeting November 22. Contact John McIntyre (P.O. Box 115, Shasta, CA 96007).

### MONTANA?

We've received a few indications of strong interest from people in Montana about doing a feed-in to the main route. It's not clear whether the route would go West or East.

### NEBRASKA? AND IOWA

Rev. Chester Guinn (1701 Willis Box 237, Perry, IA 50220) reports that a feed-in branch from Lincoln, Nebraska, through Omaha, Des Moines, and into Chicago is under investigation.

Already there are plans for a branch from Dubuque, Iowa, into Chicago.

### OKLAHOMA

Jeff Sather (Norman, OK) reports that he has already rounded up 35 individuals interested in walking. We've also gotten interest from Stillwater and Tulsa.

### COLORADO

Pam Solo of the Colorado area office of the AFSC (1428 Lafayette Street, Denver, CO 80218) reports there are plans for feeder marches throughout Colorado. A meeting is scheduled soon with a community of activists in Colorado Springs. Groups in the San Luis Valley are interested. The UFW, Environmental Action and others will be invited to a Denver planning meeting.

### OHIO

Larry Gara (21 Faculty Place, Wilmington, OH 45177) and the Dayton AFSC office (915 Salem Ave., Dayton, OH 45406) are working on a feed route from southern Ohio to the main route in northern Ohio. A meeting will be held in December.

### CRITICISM

We encourage people to send in whatever ideas they may have to share with other organizers of the Walk. We also encourage criticism of those ideas (e.g., "This idea has such-and-such good points, but it might not work if so-and-so occurs"). But criticism should not be made on a level so as to discourage those who are working creatively to develop these ideas. Please deal sensitively with ideas raised by other people. It might help if it were made clear when criticisms are made whether opposition is principled or based on strong feelings. An idea that doesn't seem so terrific in one area of the country might be just the ticket in another.