

The CONTINENTAL WALK NEWS



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Three important dates to remember:

JANUARY 1--a car caravan from Vancouver, British Columbia will start a trek down the West Coast, through Seattle and Portland. This caravan will reach Ukiah (California) around January 21. If you want to participate in the caravan, contact the Portland or Seattle organizers (see below).

JANUARY 23--people will walk from Ukiah to San Francisco. Contact organizers in Ukiah if you want to be a part of the leg.

JANUARY 31--the Walk begins in San Francisco with a rally, etc. Contact the Bay Area office for details on the activities surrounding beginning.

Please send ideas for what you plan to do in your region or community to hook up with the Walk (actions opposing proposed nuclear power plant, etc.). We will carry these plans in the NEWS to help give ideas to people in other areas. More important, we hope to put some of these ideas in the MANUAL, which may go to the typesetters by December 10.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Montana farmer, Ernal Hansen, put 50 bushels of wheat in storage for the Continental Walk. He points out that this donation may not even be worth its cost of production thanks to the Ford-Kissinger dealings, but of course is worth a lot to the Walk.

National War Tax Resistance has joined the list of co-sponsoring organizations. There are two or three other organizations that are close to sponsoring.

Anne M. Bennett and Albert Bigelow have joined the list of signers of the Call.

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IDEAS

Greg Green (Iowa) suggests using the following quote from George Lakey's Manifesto for a Nonviolent Revolution to help make a case for disarmament:

The Norwegian Academy of Science found that there have been since the 5th century B.C. 1656 major arms races. All but 16 of these ended in war, the other 16 ended in economic collapse.

Jeff Sather (Norman, Oklahoma) reports that they are sponsoring a contest in the Art Department at the University of Oklahoma for a logo to put on Continental Walk T-shirts.

Please send us what ideas you have for T-shirts and slogans for bumperstickers.

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PETITION

The San Francisco office of the Walk has suggested that two petitions be done: a *general* petition making a brief general statement about the urgency for disarmament and need to shift priorities, then listing several specific demands; a *walker's* petition signed only by those who have joined the Continental Walk stating "we feel more must be done than just being for disarmament. that is why we have gone out to join this" Both petitions are currently being worked on; the first has been through a couple of drafts so far. The next issue of the Walk NEWS which will be forwarded to Vancouver start of the caravan.

NEW ENGLAND

Interested people and organizers from Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut attended a regional meeting of the Walk in Cambridge November 20. Nuclear power plants will be the main focus of the Walk through New England. Connecticut organizers have already gotten together 2 or 3 times concerning the Walk through their state. Another regional meeting will be held in the middle of December.

CALIFORNIA

The next regional meeting is December 6 in Santa Cruz.

Twenty-six people met in Ukiah to discuss the organizing and beginning of the actually walking set for January 23. David McReynolds, who was passing through on a tour of the West Coast gave a talk.

Mandy Carter reports that a tentative scenario has been set up for the Los Angeles part of the Walk. On Friday, March 5, the Walk should reach LA. Mimi Farina will give a concert 8 pm at the Loyola-Marymount University. Saturday, March 6 there will be a 10 am rally at the LA Federal Building, and at 11 am the Walk begins again. Mandy suggests that each area do up a day-to-day itinerary indicating cities (and targets) and mileage, as an aid to get people involved.

SOUTHWEST

David McReynolds will be finishing up his West Coast swing of speaking engagements and meetings December 2 in Los Angeles. From there he'll go to Phoenix/Tucson on December 3, Austin December 4, and then Montgomery December 5-7 for the 20th anniversary of the Montgomery bus boycott, where SCLC is expected to officially initiate involvement in a southern branch of the Continental Walk.

MICHIGAN

Jaffray Cuyler of the Grand Rapids AFSC reports on interest in doing a feed-in route from Grand Rapids to South Bend (Indiana). Already there are plans for a feed-in walk from Ann Arbor or Detroit to Toledo.

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LONG DISTANCE WALKERS

The number of people who have expressed interest in doing long distance walking has risen to about 100. A preliminary questionnaire was sent out around January 20 to those walkers. We have received responses from 30 so far and encourage the others to please send back the questionnaires immediately.

Gail Pressberg (AFSC, Philadelphia) in conjunction with the New York office will be coordinating the training, etc., of these walkers. She will be in the San Francisco Bay Area round the middle of January through the first couple of days of the Walk. A special training session for long distance walkers will be held from about January 22 to 26. There will be more details later.

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LIST OF REGIONAL ORGANIZERS

Below is a list of groups or organizers in regions which have been set up or under-way towards establishing a regional Walk office. Please notify us if there are any corrections. There are organizers and groups in other regions, but it is less clear to us now which ones should be listed or what their status is. Please let us know if you've set up a regional organizing structure or such a structure is under way.

WASHINGTON--Tom MacLean, c/o Soup & Salad Rest., 40 Lower Pike Place, Seattle, WA 98101, 206-623-5700

OREGON--Elizabeth Gorman-Prumty, 2032 SE 11 Street, Portland, Oregon 97214

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

North of Bay Area--David Patton, 817 Cypress Avenue, Ukiah, CA 95482
707-462-0421

San Francisco Bay Area--The Continental Walk, 1380 Howard Street, San Francisco, CA 94103, 415-626-6976

South of Bay Area--Peter Klotz, The Continental Walk, 127 Franklin Street #3, Santa Cruz, CA 95060, 408-425-0436

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA--Mandy Carter, The Continental Walk, 3359 Canyon Crest Road, Altadena, CA 91001, 213-797-8973

ARIZONA--Lani/Joe Gerson, 1114 Maple, Tempe, AZ 85281, 602-967-8431

TEXAS/OKLAHOMA--Mary Robinson, The Continental Walk, 1713 W. 11 Street, Austin, TX 78703, 512-474-5155

KANSAS/MISSOURI--Mike Haight, The Continental Walk, 3950 Rainbow Blvd., Kansas City, KS, 66103, 816-432-0350

CHICAGO AREA--The Continental Walk, c/o Women for Peace, 2240 N. Lincoln, Chicago, IL, 314-929-6690

MASSACHUSETTS--Ed Lacey, AFSC, 42 Roman Street, Cambridge, MA 02139 617-864-3150