

let's walk for PEACE

- WE ARE ordinary people --housewives, farmers, students, business and professional people-- concerned with the future of the world. We are people who strongly oppose the arms race policies of the United States and the Soviet Union, which threaten all our lives. We represent no political or religious group, and we welcome all people who share our aims and will accept the discipline of non-violence.

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- WE BELIEVE that only disaster can arise from the arms race policies of the United States, the Soviet Union, or any nation relying on nuclear weapons. We agree with Bertrand Russell and the Committee of 100 in England that: The nuclear powers of East and West are holding the people of the world to ransom. Hitler tried to wipe out a whole people. Today the nuclear tyrants of East and West threaten the entire human race with extinction.

We believe in the necessity of total world disarmament and advocate that the United States begin to disarm immediately, thus gaining moral leadership in the world. We would strengthen the world community and the values we want to defend, values which can no longer be defended by war threats and militarism.

But since we recognize the possibility of totalitarian invasion we do not advocate appeasement or surrender. Rather we advocate nonviolent non-cooperation against tyranny. History shows that neither armies nor governments can endure in the face of determined refusal to cooperate with tyranny. As we work against militarism we are demonstrating some of the techniques of nonviolence and solidarity which can enable Americans and men everywhere to resist tyranny and invasion.

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- WE ARE WALKING TO SPREAD OUR MESSAGE AMONG ALL PEOPLE --from Kittery, Maine, to New York City where we will protest at the U.N. Missions of the Soviet Union and the United States. We expect to arrive there on April 2--Easter Sunday--to symbolize our hope for a new and better world.

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- THIS PEACE WALK IS SPONSORED BY the New England Committee for Non-violent Action, which also sponsors Polaris Action, an attempt to wake people to the immoral and suicidal nature of Polaris-missile submarines. In New York City we will be greeted and joined by Fellowship of Reconciliation, War Resisters League, Student Peace Union, and the New York Committee for Nonviolent Action.



Not all of us will act in the same way, but here are some of the things concerned persons and groups are doing --and that we hope you will consider doing:

1. Speaking out. Presenting the facts to friends and neighbors, to newspapers and forums; circulating petitions to stop nuclear tests; organizing discussion groups, and public meetings; taking part in educational demonstrations like this Walk for Peace.
2. Refusing to make, bear, or transport arms. In the last war, even before the H-bomb, there were over 75,000 conscientious objectors of draft age. There is an organization of scientists who have announced that they will not work on military projects. Men and women in a variety of trades are refusing to do war work.
3. Refusing to pay war taxes. In 1776 the New England colonists refused to pay taxes to King George III; in 1845 Thoreau refused to pay taxes to support the Mexican War. TODAY there is a movement of people who refuse to pay part or all of their federal income taxes because over 80% of the federal budget is devoted to military expenditure.
4. Refusing to cooperate in civil defense drills.
5. Sharing worldly goods. In order to strike at the roots of war in industrial and commercial rivalry, groups are working in various ways for economic sharing. Others are planning for a national conversion to an economy not dependent on armaments. This economy would enable us to build more schools, hospitals, homes, roads, to offer more technical foreign aid, and to send food to hungry people abroad --for example, to China where famine threatens millions of people today.
6. Learning more about nonviolent resistance. This method, which helped free India, is spreading throughout the world. Norwegians and Danes used it against the Nazis. Men like Martin Luther King are using it to gain equal rights for negroes in the South. This is a force which can effectively oppose hatred and fear.

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