

CALL

TO A

3-WEEK

WALK

FOR

PEACE

All over the world human beings are awakening to the urgency of the crisis in human affairs which threatens the extinction of all life. Stirrings of conscience and the instinct for survival are arousing people to think and act for themselves, to reject plans and actions of their national leaders which can lead only to mass destruction.

In Japan every year, thousands of people make the long trek to Hiroshima, and this past year they demonstrated for days in the streets, in opposition to treaties establishing nuclear bases. In Europe, people are walking and demonstrating for peace, opposing nuclear arms production and slaughter in Algeria. In Africa, thousands have demonstrated against nuclear testing in the Sahara.

Last Easter, thousands of people walked from Aldermaston to London, England, where 100,000 gathered on Easter Monday. This year the English march is expected to be larger, and immediately upon its completion, many will begin walking to Holy Loch in Scotland to participate in demonstrations and civil disobedience against the establishment of a Polaris submarine base there.

In the United States, first nation to use a nuclear weapon, people have been slower to awaken to the dangers to mankind proceeding from that first nuclear holocaust. Gradually, however, they are facing reality. The Transcontinental Walk from San Francisco to Moscow has brought forth unprecedented response from the "man in the street". Nonviolent direct action projects such as the Vigil at Fort Detrick and Polaris Action are receiving increased public and press notice. Acts for Peace and other peace education programs are reaching farther out in their communities.

At Easter time this year, peace groups in all parts of the country are planning observances—walks, vigils, rallies, meetings—to protest against the arms race and to call for disarmament and constructive measures to bring world peace.

In conjunction with these nationwide and regional plans, with the annual Aldermaston March in England, with the Transcontinental Walk as it nears Chicago, and in unity with the longing of our fellow human beings all over the world for peace and human brotherhood, we issue this call to a three-week Walk for Peace through New England.

