

Peace Runners promote spirit of oneness

By Dave Chmara

Rain or shine, night or day, the 14 runners (seven men and seven women) of the Sri Chinmoy Peace Run take to the road.

Monday, June 5 saw the runners pass through Schreiber and Terrace Bay and they were greeted by citizens and local politicians.

In Terrace Bay, Reeve Jim Ziegler presented the runners with town pins and crests and the runner who was carrying the Torch of Peace at the time, Jeff Street, presented the torch to Ziegler.

The torch was then passed around to those in attendance following the short ceremony.

Street said the Peace Run is being held to promote, "world peace and a spirit of oneness throughout the world."

"This is a great experience to see Canada. It's a great place to live," said Street.

The Sri Chinmoy Peace Run is being held simultaneously in 70 countries throughout the world.

Ashama Clost, a member of the set-up team, said, "the goal of the run is to promote world and inner peace. By bringing individual peace within the heart and

creating a spirit of oneness with people, it's easier to bring peace on a larger scale."

Clost mentioned the runners have become sick recently. "About three-quarters of the girls and half the guys are sick," she said.

Clost speculated the runners had drank some tainted water somewhere along their route.

She said the other runners are taking up the slack and noted citizens running with the torch also give the runners a bit of a break.

The team runs an average of 175 km each day with the women running from 6:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and the men running from 3:00 p.m. to midnight.

Each runner carries the torch for 10 to 15 km before handing it over to the next runner.

The first Sri Chinmoy Peace Run was held in 1987. The response to the runs (in 1987 and this year) have been so positive that the Peace Run will now be held every two years.

If the run goes according to the planned schedule, the runners, along with the Torch of Peace, will be in Ottawa July 1 to take part in the Canada Day celebrations.

Northern Developments



By Maurice Fenelon
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This is the first of a two part article dealing with employment factors for Ontario Students.

At the Marathon Office of the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines we receive numerous inquiries regarding employment of students. This two part article will provide some basic information which may help Ontario students with some of the most common questions asked.

On-the-job safety and minimum wages and working conditions in Ontario are governed by provincial and federal legislation. The Ontario law applies to most workers in the province.

The minimum wage for students working in Ontario is \$3.90 per hour. This applies to students under 18 who work 28 hours or less in a week or who work during school holidays. A student 18 years or older must be paid the minimum rate of \$4.75 per hour.

In construction you must be at least 16 years old or older depending on the type or work while, in logging you must be 16 years old or more. In a factory other than logging operation you must be at least 15 years and in a work place other than a factory you must be at least 14 years.

Students in general industry

must be paid at least 1 1/2 times their regular rate for all hours in excess of 44 hours in a week. Special overtime provisions have been established for certain industries and students working in such industries shall be paid overtime rates for all excess hours based upon these conditions.

Qualified employers are entitled to seven public holidays with pay: New Years Day, Good Friday, Victoria Day, Canada Day, Labour Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. To qualify the workers must be employed three months immediately preceding the holiday, earn wages on 12 days of the four weeks preceding the holiday and work the regular work day preceding and following the holiday.

Employees are entitled to vacation pay at the rate of four percent of all monies earned. No minimum period of employment is required for qualification.

Workers must receive written notice of termination of employment if they have been employed for three months or more. The length of notice depends on the employee's length of service.

However, termination notice does not apply under certain conditions - including dismissal for wilful misconduct or disobedience or on the completion of a specific term or task for which the employee was hired.

Next weeks column will cover work conditions and certain benefits and rights. If you have any questions on the subjects covered in this column, contact the Ministry of Labour in Thunder Bay at 1-800-465-5016 or the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines at 2 Stevens Ave., Box 280, Marathon, Ont., P0T 2E0. Or call 229-1153, for areas outside of Marathon ask your operator for Zenith 33160.

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One of the Sri Chinmoy's Peace Runners, Jeff Street, brings the message of world peace to Terrace Bay as Reeve Jim Ziegler looks on during a short ceremony. The runners passed through Schreiber and Terrace Bay June 5 as part of their cross country run. Photo by Dave Chmara

Ladies Auxiliary report

By Lillian Belliveau

The general meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary R.C. Legion Branch 223 was held on Monday, May 29 with Shirley Love presiding.

C. McDonald accompanied, at the piano, the singing of O Canada.

There were 17 members present. W. Martin, who has transferred from Schreiber, was welcomed by the group. Minutes of previous meeting was read by secretary, C. MacLeod. Our membership is now 82 members.

Correspondence consisted of; a thank you card; a report from N.W. Command on the Convention which will be held in Brandon, Man. on June 24 to June 28; a letter from the Township on Canada Day activities; information on Sports

Foundation and Athletic Camp.

Carolyn thanked the Ladies who made muffins for the K.C. Meeting on Pensioners last month.

The auxiliary convened the Branch Zone meeting Banquet on June 10. Workers were S. Love, P. Jones, L. Belliveau.

A donation was made to the local Figure Skating Club. Shirley asked for a General Convener for the Fall Bazaar.

Tickets on the quilt are available from L. Belliveau phone 3504. Also, if anyone needs wool, contact Marge Graham.

A 40 minute video on the Athletic Camp is being ordered. Winner of the Pot of Gold was Wanda Martin. After the meeting the Ladies enjoyed a friendly penny auction and a small lunch.



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June, Darlene & Jan