

International protesters walk to U.N. for anti-nuke rally

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NEW YORK — Saffron-robed Buddhist monks on the last leg of a 13,000-mile walk for peace led four groups of international protesters toward the United Nations for Monday's special session on nuclear disarmament.

Scott King, the widow of activist Martin Luther King, and others were to make a plea for worldwide nuclear disarmament. The Nipponzan Myohoji Japanese monks, some beating hand drums and carrying enormous peace banners, set off in four directions around the world in April 1981 on the march to support the U.N.'s

Second Special Session on Disarmament, starting Monday and continuing through July 9. Marchers left from San Francisco and Los Angeles on Oct. 24, 1981 bound for New York, and from New Orleans and San Diego on Jan. 1, 1982. Other walks began at Bangor, Maine, on April 1 and at Montreal on April 3.

When the children's walk ends on June 12, each child will leave a photograph of a friend at the U.N. for "safekeeping" and join the Saturday rally in Central Park in which an estimated 500,000 marchers are expected to participate. City officials estimate the rally will be the largest ever in the city, with more police officers

assigned to patrol than used during Pope John's visit to New York last summer. Pleas for peace rang from pulpits Sunday as Cardinal Cooke led more than 100 participants including U.S. representatives and Sen. Dan Claitor, D-N.Y., to St. Patrick's Cathedral.

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Upon arriving at Dag Hammarskjold Plaza, one of the monks was to hand a torch — lit on Mount Olympus last month and carried to the United States for the peace events — to a child who will take part in a five-day "Children's Walk for Life" around the United Nations.

At noon, church bells in New York, London, Moscow, Tokyo and Rio de Janeiro were scheduled to peal for 10 minutes on behalf of world peace and an end to nuclear proliferation.

March organizers said 1,000 children wearing white wings would perform the opera "A Thousand Cranes," inspired by the death of a 12-year-old Hiroshima victim.

At a welcoming rally at the United Nations, Mrs. Coretta

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Tuesday

WATERSKI CLUB: A general meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. in 302 Rudder. Everyone interested is welcome.

COLOR COMPUTER USER GROUP: An organizational meeting plus a short program will be held at 7:30 p.m. in 216 Milner.

MSC CAMERA COMMITTEE: The first general meeting of the summer will be held at 7:30 p.m. in 140 MSC.

Wednesday

CO-OP STUDENT ASSOCIATION: General meeting. The speaker will be Dr. Bill Adams and summer officers will be elected in 504 Rudder at 7:30 p.m.

EPISCOPAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION: Group meets for Holy Eucharist and Supper at 5:30 p.m. at the Canterbury

House, 902 Jersey St.

GRADUATE STUDENT COUNCIL: Meeting to be held 7 p.m. in the MSC Council Room.

MSC OUTDOOR RECREATION: Three canoeing films featured in meeting at 7:30 p.m. in 501 Rudder.

Thursday

CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST: A meeting will be held 7 p.m. in 308 Rudder.

SIERRA CLUB: Dr. Carls will discuss controversies over road vehicles on Cape Cod National Seashore at 7:30 p.m. at Brazos Valley Museum, Brazos Center.

TEXAS A&M ICE HOCKEY: A meeting will be held at 8 p.m. on the sixth floor of the campus library to discuss summer activities and fund-raising.

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Court refuses to overturn natural gas regulations act

United Press International
WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court Monday refused to take up a major challenge to the complex and controversial federal law that controls natural gas prices.

The justices rejected an appeal by Texas, Louisiana and

Oklahoma which had contested rulings that uphold the constitutionality of the 1978 Natural Gas Policy Act as it applies to natural gas sold inside the same state where it is produced.

The high court's refusal to review the controversy comes at a time when President Reagan is considering full decontrol of natural gas prices. Reagan, however, has agreed not to push Congress to act on decontrol until next year.

Congress passed the act in

1978 in an effort to ease a natural gas shortage by placing price controls on intrastate markets and by creating a unified national price for various categories of "new" gas found after February 1977.

The case before the justices began when the three states filed suit against the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, urging a federal district judge to declare the act unconstitutional.

The district court upheld the constitutionality of the act in all

respects — a decision that was affirmed by the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Denver.

The states argued to the Supreme Court "the Natural Gas Policy Act extends federal power into the state process and autonomy as has no other statute."

They claimed the act "threatens the states with economic punishment" if they fail to impose their pricing authority on intrastate gas sales.

"Only a temporary emergency to meet a national emergency will justify an interference with state governments like that enacted here," they said.

The three states said the act "simply takes over the state regulatory agencies and places them directly under the Federal and the courts of appeals."

In response, the energy commission noted the high court has held the constitutionality of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act.

The commission also told the justices the states erred in claiming they are coerced into making pricing decisions because natural gas industries operate within their jurisdiction and not continue to operate unless they could sell their gas at higher prices established under the act.

Congress allows states a written agreement with the regulatory commission, to waive authority and allow the federal commission to make price decisions on intrastate natural gas sales.

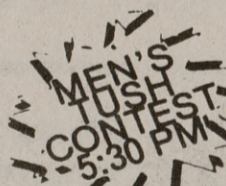


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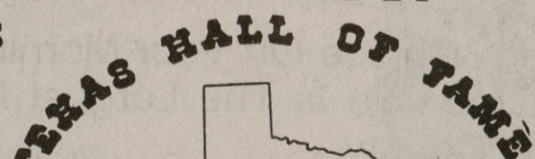
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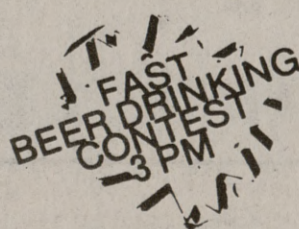
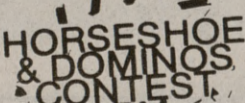
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