



AUSTRALIA EAST TIMOR JAPAN NEW ZEALAND PAPUA NEW GUINEA PHILIPPINES BANGLADESH CHINA INDIA IRAQ ISRAEL MONGOLIA NEPAL NORTH KOREA PAKISTAN PALESTINE RUSSIAN FEDERATION SOUTH KOREA TURKEY AUSTRALIA BELARUS BELGIUM BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA CROATIA CZECH REPUBLIC DENMARK ESTONIA FINLAND FRANCE GERMANY GIBRALTAR GREECE HUNGARY ICELAND ITALY LUXEMBOURG MACEDONIA NETHERLANDS NORWAY POLAND PORTUGAL RUSSIAN FEDERATION SERBIA SLOVAKIA SLOVENIA SPAIN SWEDEN SWITZERLAND TURKEY UNITED KINGDOM ALGERIA BENIN BURKINA FASO CAMEROON CÔTE D'IVOIRE R. OF THE CONGO EGYPT GAMBIA GHANA GUINEA BISSAU GUINEA CONAKRY KENYA LIBERIA MALI MAURITANIA MOROCCO MOZAMBIQUE NIGER SENEGAL SIERRA LEONE SOUTH AFRICA SWAZILAND TANZANIA Togo UGANDA ZAMBIA ARGENTINA BOLIVIA BRAZIL CANADA CHILE COLOMBIA COSTA RICA DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. ECUADOR EL SALVADOR GUATEMALA HAITI HONDURAS MEXICO NICARAGUA PANAMA PARAGUAY PERU UNITED STATES URUGUAY VENEZUELA ANTARCTICA

Silo speaks in Berlin

The founder of *Universalist Humanism* and the inspiration behind the *World March for Peace and Nonviolence* spoke of the possibility of constructing a *Universal Human Nation* in the 10th Summit of Nobel Peace Laureates.



from his thought and teaching and has implemented the methodology of active nonviolence in social, cultural and political field, through many social based organizations worldwide.

He has faced the many aspects of human life and the process of mankind, close to an unprecedented turn, in several writings in various styles: poetic prose, descriptive psychology, stories, letters, historiological discussions, studies on myths (<http://www.silo.net>). Silo has also received public recognition such as the honorary distinction of the Russian Academy of Sciences.

March Day 59 !

2nd October 2009
2nd January 2010

International Bulletin N° 15
30th November 2009
www.theworldmarch.org

"A march is crossing the world."

"It's the March for Peace and Nonviolence." This was the beginning of *Silo's* speech in the 10th Summit of Nobel Peace Laureates, where he spoke as founder of *Universalist Humanism* and the inspiration behind the *World March*.

He explained that the March was launched one year ago "with the clear intention of creating awareness of the dangerous global situation in which we are living", that "is not the sum of individual crises, but rather a picture that reveals the global failure of a system whose method of action is violence and whose central value is money."

He then said that we are considerably behind when it comes to concern over the issue of violence, compared with other issues such as the defense of the environment and the ecology. "The defense of human life and the most basic human rights have not yet taken root at a global and general level. It seems we are still apologists for violence when it comes to arguing that it is for defense, or even "preventive defense," against possible aggression. And even massive destruction of defenseless populations doesn't seem to horrify us. Only when violence touches us in our civic life through violent crimes do we become alarmed, but we still do not stop glorifying the bad examples that poison our society and children, starting in earliest infancy."

In only a few months, the *World March* has gained the support of thousands of people and inspired an enormous number of initiatives. It →

GERMANY After the ceremonies in commemoration of the 20th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin wall, *Silo* was the guest of honor at the summit.

Silo denounced the irresponsible interests of the world's nuclear powers and the madness of violent groups, in a world threatened by the high probability of conflicts and nuclear accidents, by the arms race and the violent military occupation of territories.

He also insisted on the necessity to awake a global awareness of peace and disarmament and to create a new sensibility that rejects not only physical violence, but all forms of economic, racial, psychological and gender violence. He cited some recent examples that show that this transformation is possible thanks to exemplary social actions.

When Mairead **Corrigan Maguire** presented the "Charter for a World Without Violence", *Silo* promised, in the name of the *Humanist Movement* and its affiliated organizations, to be emissaries for the Charter and to disseminate it widely during the *World March*, an unprecedented social mobilization that since October 2nd and for three months is crossing a hundred countries in six continents.

The *World March* will end on January 2nd 2010 with a great concentration in Punta de Vacas, Argentina, at the foot of Mount Aconcagua, which saw the thinker's first public speech 40 years ago.

Since then, without interruption, *Silo* has publicly denounced, in numerous meetings, conferences, seminars and public events the situation of escalating violence in the world and the need for active nonviolence. The *Humanist Movement* was born



Silo in the Summit. and, to the right, M. Corrigan next to the humanist spokesmen R. de la Rubia, T. Hirsch, G. Schultze.



Base-team international

These pages are only a brief overview of a large volume of activities, which can be expanded in www.theworldmarch.org.)

→ "calls on all people to join forces and to take into their own hands the responsibility to change our world, overcoming personal violence and supporting the growth of this positive influence in their immediate environment."

He said about the methodology of nonviolence that "they continue denigrating nonviolent action, arguing that beyond making declarations nothing more can be done in the face of the "real" powers that determine world situations". He illustrated how some exemplary social action had produced great progress. Among them, he cited what happened in the Czech Republic where, after years of protests, we obtained the postponement of the signing of the treaty and then its final suspension after Obama's inauguration.

Silo said: "Only such exemplary social action has the ability to bury the existing social structures and to produce a radical change in our world." And he added: "The true strength of this impulse is born in the simple act of one who, out of conscience, joins a dignified cause and shares it with others".

Full transcripts of Silo's intervention: www.silo.net

GALICIAN-PORTUGUESE ROUTE

The "gaita peregrina" is the symbol of peace that has accompanied the path that crossed numerous places in Galicia and Portugal, since its departure from Cape Finisterre on October 25th, until delivery to the international spokesperson in Madrid on 14th.



DENMARK

At the Conference on Peace (Copenhagen, October 30th), the WM is supporting the initiative "Alliance for Peace" for the creation of a Ministry for Peace. Thousands of candles skirted the shore of the river and the wall and hundreds of balloons lit up the sky.



NETHERLANDS

A march passed through Amsterdam, paid tribute in front of significant monuments for peace and ended with a performance of Lebanese belly dance.

CZECH REPUBLIC

Thousands of people broke the record for karaoke singing "Imagine" with the Harlem Gospel in Prague's Wenceslas Square, after three days with interviews and conferences with members of the Czech Parliament.



AUSTRIA

With cold and a soft snow, torches and songs of peace crossed the streets of Vienna on November 3rd.



HUNGARY

Fire eaters, dancers and singers enlivened the route to the Buda Castle in Budapest, where a silence for peace was maintained in a circle of torches.



BELGIUM

Brussels and Ypres showed their warmth and joy at the arrival of the Base Team. Besides the welcome by the authorities, there were ceremonies and festive events.

FRANCE

Paris became a party at the rhythm of nonviolence, with a large participation of organizations and hundreds of supporters.

FRENCH ROUTE

The "flame of Hiroshima" toured the nation from Paris to Perpignan, crossing the towns of Saintes, Saint-Pierre d'Oleron, Bordeaux, Agen, Cahors, Toulouse and Carcassonne from November 6th to 12th.



IRELAND

Shannon Airport, where the U.S. warplanes land, became a multicolored island of peace, coinciding with the vigil of November 8th that peace groups have been organizing since 1991.



GERMANY

The march passed twice through Berlin, for the events on November 7th and for the assistance to the Tenth Summit of Nobel Peace Laureates, on November 11th.



SWITZERLAND

The WM is promoting the "yes" to the November 29 vote to ban arms sales abroad; the Mayor of Geneva, Rémy Pagani, denounced it as an hypocrisy of the country.



Balkan Team

BALKAN ROUTE

It began in Turkey on October 28th and ended in Switzerland on November 9th. A team of 32 people crossed 10 countries and met organizations, activists and two heads of state, besides doing seven marches and forming three symbols of peace.

Editorial team

- Daniela Mencarelli (Italy), Coordination
- Anna Polo (Italy), English edition.
- María José López (Spain), Spanish edition.
- Giovanna Vascimino (Italy), Italian edition.
- Ángeles Segura (Francia) français edition.
- Matteo Gattoni (Italy), documentation
- Angelo Colella (Italy), design

Contact: worldmarch@theworldmarch.org



GREECE 28/10

Welcome to the University of Thessaloniki, symbolic march through the city and press conference attended by national television.



PRISTINA 2/11

In Kosovo, a province of Serbia for some, an independent country for others, the World March for Peace and Nonviolence denounced the separation of peoples and the use of war to enforce peace.

REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA 1/11

After the reception at the border with traditional folklore, "bread and salt, speeches, songs and dances, there were many events in the capital, Skopje, and other cities.

SERBIA 3/11

Press conference and events in Belgrade. In Jogodina, the City Hall and the schools organized a festival dedicated to the March.



BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA 4/11

A journey through the streets of Sarajevo with President Željko Komšić and the Mayor of the city.

CROATIA 5/11

During the reception in Zagreb, the President Stjepan Mesić expressed his desire for a united Europe, which includes all countries of former Yugoslavia.



SLOVENIA 6/11

Celebration of the 90th anniversary of the University of Ljubljana and the Faculty of Arts, with the hope that the centenary occurs in a world without wars.

www.theworldmarch.org
FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: