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July 17th 1986

The Honorable Mayor Sullivan
City Hall Cambridge Mass

Dear Mr Mayor,

I am writing to you as a long-time Cambridge resident and businessman, running aficionado and director of the Boston chapter of the Sri Chinmoy Marathon Team, to enlist your support for the establishment of a Sri Chinmoy Peace Mile on the Cambridge Common. This would be an accurately measured and marked one-mile loop (something of great value to runners), dedicated to the cause of world peace.

It would follow along the lines of the Sri Chinmoy peace miles already established in major cities including London, Geneva, Zurich and Berlin - (along the East-West Wall). They were financed and are maintained by the respective local Sri Chinmoy Marathon Team as a service to the running community and as a reminder to people everywhere of man's highest aspirations for global harmony. These peace miles are created in the true spirit of the Olympics, with no political overtones.

As a patriotic Bostonian, I'm especially eager that Boston -- birthplace of American Liberty -- be the first American city to implement this idea. Boston has already been a leader in promoting peace through running with the recent Peace Marathon, and I feel the establishment of a peace mile would be a welcome addition.

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The Sri Chinmoy Marathon Team, founded in 1972, currently sponsors over 500 races a year throughout the world, ranging from 2-mile speed runs to 1000-mile ultra distance marathons. In the Boston area, we currently organize weekly 2-mile speed runs in Cambridge; the Annual 12-Hour race in Arlington (4th year); regular races ranging from 5 miles to 10 kilometres through the year; and also we handle the Annual Inspiration Marathon at Hampton Beach (8th year).

Our motto, drawn from the writings of Sri Chinmoy, is: "Run and Become. Become and Run. Run to succeed in the outer world. Become to proceed in the inner world." It expresses our basic philosophy that the outer discipline of sports and the inner discipline of meditation and introspection are equally necessary for the development of the whole person. It is a philosophy aimed at encouraging progress and self-transcendence in all areas of life.

We, its adherents, try to provide our communities with opportunities in which people can make progress - by sponsoring races, by holding classes on self-development, and through various other projects such as donations to libraries of Sri Chinmoy's poetry and essays.

Sri Chinmoy has inspired countless people to bring out the best in themselves - people ranging from Olympic gold medalist Carl Lewis to some of the highest ranking officials at the United Nations, where he has been conducting peace meditations for the past 16 years.

Sri Chinmoy recently completed a global concert tour, bringing his non-political message of peace

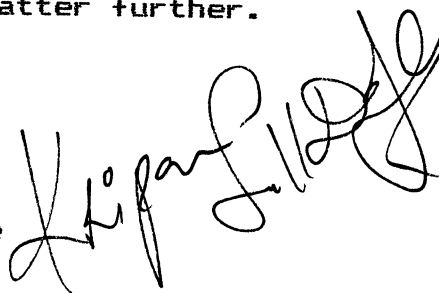
to large audiences in North America, Europe and the Far East. He is also well respected throughout the Boston area having performed several concerts here over the past few years; he has lectured at Harvard University; and "Sri Chinmoy Day" has been proclaimed on numerous occasions by more than 15 surrounding communities including Boston, Cambridge, and Medford, - also a resolution honoring Sri Chinmoy and his accomplishments was passed by the Massachusetts State Senate and the House of Representatives July 10 1982.

I believe a Sri Chinmoy Peace Mile, dedicated in the Olympic spirit to the cause of peace, would be a real benefit to the running community and stand as another example of the globalism of Boston's outlook. From a personal viewpoint, I would certainly be proud if Cambridge could be the first American city to go ahead with this, and I'd like to do all I can to bring this to fruition.

Thank you for your kind attention. I look forward to hearing from you and perhaps arranging for an meeting with you to pursue this matter further.

Yours truly

Kripan Doyle

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Kripan Doyle', with a stylized, flowing script.

c.c Mr. Paul Ryder
Parks & Recreation

Race is off with a bang

□ A GUN was fired at the inauguration of the Peace Mile in Battersea Park on Saturday — but only to get the runners going.

□ Cross-country champion Tim Hutchings led more than 100 of them on a run round the new route measured and marked out by the Sri Chinmoy Athletics Club, which meets and runs regularly in the park.

□ Guest of honour was Sri Chinmoy himself, the Indian meditation expert and athlete, whose name the athletics club took, and after whom the Peace Mile is named.

□ Mr. Chinmoy preaches that running speeds the way to a healthy body and peaceful spirit.

□ But he bowed out of the adults run at the Peace Mile launch — preferring to run in the special children's race instead.



● ABOVE... kids prepare for the start of the race. INSET... Sri Chinmoy.

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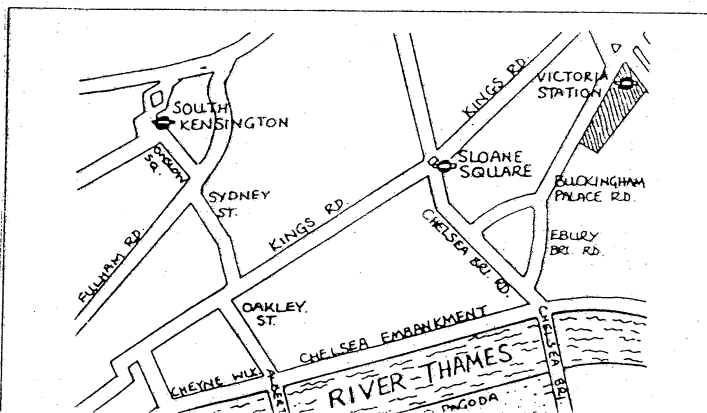
Why was
Sri Chinmoy
jogging
in the park?



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The measured course runs by the River Thames Embankment on the northside of the park and along the main Carriage Drive North passing the Peace Pagoda.



THE SRI CHINMOY Peace Mile, a measured loop set up by the Sri Chinmoy Athletics Club took place in Battersea Park on Saturday.

The Peace Mile on the north side of the park, near the River Thames, passes by the Peace Pagoda.

Permanent markings indicating the route have been provided by the GLC.

Sri Chinmoy AC aims to combine worldwide efforts for peace with running. A number of individuals and groups concerned with peace were invited to run, jog or walk the circuit at the opening ceremony.

RUNNING FOR PEACE

Tim Hutchings, the national cross-country champion, led the runners who included Hunger Project runners, world bike riders, earth runners, Sri Chinmoy and members of the East of 'Guys and Doll'.

Battersea MP Alf Dubs, Bishop Trevor Huddleston, the retired Dean of Westminster, Dr. Edward Carpenter, and Buddhist monks were also present.

Pictured is the Great Garibaldi with some of the younger runners.

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Peaceable Jogger



▷ Sri Chinmoy standing by the plaque in Battersea Park which bears his name. Sri Chinmoy was present at the inauguration ceremony to declare open the peace mile loop on March 15.

Running for peace

A permanently marked out one mile loop is to be established in Battersea Park by the Sri Chinmoy Athletics Club with the help of the GLC.

The facility will now enable athletes and aspiring athletes to keep track of the distance they have covered and also to compare their pace each time round.

Battersea Park is a favourite practice ground for athletes and the Sri

Chinmoy Athletics Club has held numerous races there in the past year on a course comprising a one mile loop.

The mile loop will pass by the Peace Pagoda and the Japanese garden and will be known as the Sri Chinmoy Peace Mile.

The inauguration will take place on March 15 with Sri Chinmoy attending the opening personally.

KENSINGTON & CHELSEA TIMES

Mile loop to be opened in park

SRI CHINMOY athletic club has held numerous races during the past years in Battersea Park on a course comprising a one mile loop. The races have varied in distance from one mile to full marathon but have all been held on an accurately measured one mile loop.

The club felt it would be beneficial for runners if they had the facility, at all times of the year, to run around a permanently marked out, measured, one mile loop. They would therefore be able to know how far they

had run and also to compare their pace each time round, a facility hitherto only possible on a 400 metre athletics track.

So, with the full assistance and co-operation of the GLC, such a facility will soon be a permanent feature in Battersea Park. The mile loop will be on the north side of the park by the river and the Peace Pagoda. There will be a map of the course on a plaque and full directions with easily visible marker signs at strategic points around the course. The loop will be named the Sri Chinmoy Peace Mile.

The official opening and inaugura-

tion will be held this Saturday, March 15th at 10.30am. Mr Sri Chinmoy, spiritual leader of the club, is personally coming to the opening along with many stars and sports personalities.

Everyone is welcome to participate on the day. There will be an initial race for the stars and personalities; mile races for different age groups, including children; a mass jog at the end for everyone; special commemorative souvenirs for all runners; no fee involved. For further information, telephone: 222-1314.

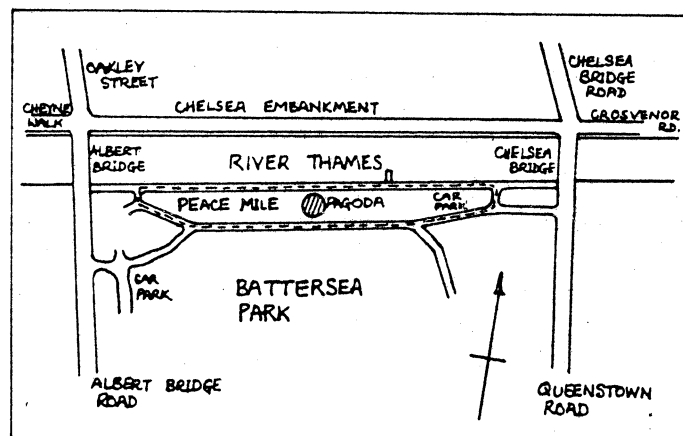
JOHN WASBROUGH

Athletics

Weekly

c. March 21, 1986

Mile Loop. Sri Chinmoy AC have felt for some time that it would be beneficial for runners to have a permanent, accurately measured loop in Battersea Park. This idea comes to fruition on March 15th with the opening of a permanently marked course named the Sri Chinmoy Peace Mile. With the assistance of the GLC, there will be a map of the course and easily visible marker signs around the north side of the park by the river and the Peace Pagoda. The official opening on March 15th at 10.30 am incorporates a number of races for star runners and personalities, and age-group races with special commemorative souvenirs for all. There are no entry fees and further information can be obtained from Tony Smith on 01-222 1314.



THE UNIVERSE

c. March 21, 1986

On the track of peace

☐ MARATHON man Fr Bernard McNally of Shooter's Hill, London, joined philosopher Sri Chinmoy and runners of many faiths at the opening of Battersea Park's new Peace Mile course on Saturday.

Funded by the Greater London Council, the course was set up for the International Year of Peace, and circles the park's Peace Pagoda.

Sri Chinmoy, a spiritual teacher and dedicated runner who holds meditations at the United Nations headquarters in New York for delegates and staff, flew to London for the occasion.

The ceremonies were also attended by Bishop Tripp, auxiliary in Southwark and well-known peace campaigner Anglican Bishop Trevor Huddleston.



Walter J. Sullivan
Mayor

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July 22, 1986

Kripan Doyle
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Dear Kripan:

I am in receipt of your letter of July 17, 1986 regarding a proposed establishment of a Sri Chinmoy Peace Mile on the Cambridge Common.

By copy of this letter, I am forwarding your correspondence to Joseph Connarton, the Acting City Clerk, with the request that it be communicated to the full membership of the City Council when formal sessions of same resume.

Such a proposal compels the consideration of the entire Council. Future inquiries regarding this should be directed to Mr. Connarton.

Sincerely,

Walter J. Sullivan
Mayor

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cc: (with enclosure)
✓ Joseph Connarton
Paul Ryder

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Please put
Mr. Doyle's letter
in the common list
Thanks,
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Comm. from Kripan Doyle, Director, Boston Chapter, Sri Chinmoy Marathon Team, requesting the Council's support for establishing a Sri Chinmoy Peace Mile on the Common, consisting of an accurately measured & marked one-mile loop & dedicated to the cause of world peace.

In City Council,

August 4, 1986

C. Doyle

Referred to City
Manager

Copy sent to the City Manager 8/6/86
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