

March makes it to Manhattan

By The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Washington Heights was flooded with a sea of smiles yesterday as hundreds of hardy activists brought their 3,200-mile Great Peace March to Manhattan.

The diverse group, which ranged from a unicycle rider to four chanting Buddhist monks and from pink-haired youths to white-haired ladies, was welcomed by politicians and schoolchildren after streaming across a pedestrian walkway on the George Washington Bridge from New Jersey.

Many marchers smiled, waved and flashed the two-fingered peace symbol as passing cars while crossing the bridge. In the Washington Heights neighborhood near the bridge, curious residents poked their heads out of apartment windows and someone unfurled a "welcome" sign made from a bedsheet.

Actress Betty Thomas mingled in the crowd and Borough President David Dinkins praised the marchers, saying, "Your sacrifice will not be in vain."

"It is a happening," said Cy Adler, a New Yorker in his 50s who joined the bridge portion of the hike. "They're good people. But some are a little strange — California types."

The march began as a splashy cross-country media event. But after two weeks the sponsoring organization, PRO-Peace, collapsed and financial support for the 1,300 participants dried up, organizers said.

About 300 of the marchers reorganized and continued with new financial backing.

"It's a consciousness wave. People have been psychically numb to

nuclear issues," explained Shelley White, 23, of Salt Lake City, who quit her job as a manager of information systems at the University of Utah to join the trek March 11 in Los Angeles.

"Get a job!" yelled a man in a passing car as she spoke. "We have a job," she retorted cheerfully.

The group functions as a nomadic town, with assigned chores and a mayor and schoolbuses that serve as rolling classrooms for the children of marchers.

"A lot of the time, people call this our family," said White. "There's a very caring community here."

The eldest member is Franklin Folsom, 79, of Boulder, Colo., a Rhodes scholar and author. He is hiked with the group since the beginning, stopping every four miles for a 10-minute nap.

"I seem to have some time left and I couldn't think of a better way to use it," said Folsom. "It's a beautiful journey and a very exciting experience. It's sometimes tiring for me — and for the others, too."

After receiving lunch from the Riverside Church congregation, the marchers were greeted by community leaders in Harlem, then headed to Randall's Island, where they will camp through Sunday morning.

Other stops include Philadelphia on Nov. 2 and 3; Wilmington, Del., on Nov. 5; and Baltimore on Nov. 10 and 11. The march is expected to end Nov. 15 in Washington.

The group favors a comprehensive nuclear test ban, no weapons in outer space, a multilateral, verifiable nuclear weapons freeze, and immediate negotiations with the Soviet Union to eliminate nuclear weapons stockpiles.



Participants of the Great Peace March, which set out from Los Angeles seven months ago, celebrate their arrival in New York after crossing the George Washington Bridge. Thousands of marchers made the 3,200-mile trek in an effort to promote global nuclear disarmament.

Blacks challenge State Department personnel policies

By BRYAN BRUMLEY
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Claiming they're treated "like second-class diplomats," six black U.S. foreign service officers sued the State Department yesterday to open up top diplomatic posts to minorities.

Despite affirmative action programs to recruit black diplomats over the past 20 years, many of them are branded troublemakers, shunted into dead-end jobs in developing countries and denied promotion, the plaintiffs claim on behalf of 259 black foreign service officers.

Blacks are given "the worst assignments in the foreign service and cannot really participate fully in the life of the organization," said Aubrey Verdun, one of the plaintiffs.

Only 6.3 percent of the approximately 4,014 U.S. foreign service officers were black as of last December, the suit said. And State Department statistics show that although 18.1 percent of all foreign service recruits were black in 1978, the peak of the affirmative action effort, the level dropped to 4.3 percent last year.

"We are treated like second-class diplomats," Verdun said. "It's pretty clear that is an illusion of racial integration."

Verdun, who works in the department's Equal Employment Opportunity Office, attributed falling recruitment rates to a decision to drop affirmative action procedures designed to attract minority candidates.

Many black foreign service officers become discouraged and leave, and

others are forced to quit, said Walter Thomas, another plaintiff.

"We have been faced with a revolving-door recruitment. You bring 12 in and take 12 out," said Thomas. The names of Thomas and Bernard Johns appear on the suit, filed last Friday U.S. District Court. They will be joined by Verdun and three other black diplomats, Ann Lattimer and Raymond Robinson, the plaintiffs told a Washington news conference.

More than 100 black foreign service officers have pledged to help pay for the legal action, Lattimer said.

The suit, which names Secretary of State George Shultz as a defendant, asks the court to rule that the State Department discriminates against blacks; it asks for an injunction barring further discrimination, and it seeks individual relief in the form of promotions and salary increases for the alleged victims.

Department spokesman Charles Redman, while declining to comment specifically on the suit, acknowledged the problem and said the department was seeking a remedy.

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The Big Game: Lions' season riding on clash with Tide

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"The biggest game of my life," said linebacker Shane Conlan, who played in the Orange Bowl last January and knows from big.

"Finally," said everybody else. The Lions have been sleet shooting this season with a half-dozen clay turkeys for targets. Tomorrow they will witness to a contest that is expected to live up to all its mega-confrontation hype. And for once that doesn't necessarily mean they'll be watching Oklahoma on TV.

For Alabama, a loss could mean taking a detour on its New Year's road trip to New Orleans (for the Sugar Bowl) and heading west to Tempe (for the Fiesta Bowl) instead.

For the Lions it could mean cancelling the reservations to Tempe, falling out of the Top 10 and maybe even losing that one faithful soul who votes them No. 1 in the AP poll week in and week out. Mrs. Paterno isn't that understanding.

"It's going to make or break our season as far as a national championship goes," Conlan said. "We have to win this game or we can kiss our national championship goodbye."

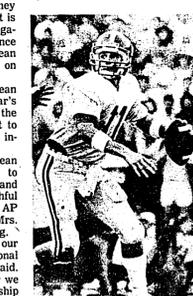
So it's official: This is one big game. It may not be a mini-series, it didn't quite make it into prime time, and it was only about two months in the making, but in terms of TV drama, ABC got itself a even Rocky IV ripoff. Alabama's even going to be wearing red when the game begins at 2:30 p.m.

That doesn't necessarily make Penn State the good guy. Having won the last confrontation between these two teams, a 19-17 squeaker at Beaver Stadium last season, the Tide are the ones out for revenge. Their shot-and-a-beer image doesn't even make Penn State the favorite.

Whatever quantum algebra the New York Times' college football computer performed to come up



Penn State tailback Tim Manoa (above) figures to be one of the Lions' most important weapons tomorrow while Alabama's Mike Shula (below) is the field general that sparks the Crimson Tide offense.



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with Penn State as its No. 1 team this week, it couldn't possibly have been as complex as the equations needed to predict the outcome of tomorrow's game.

Consider the following: While the Lions are ranked first by the Times' computer, the Associated Press has them at No. 6. The Crimson Tide, meanwhile, are 12th in the Times' poll and second in the AP's.

If we're talking logic, then the computer says the Lions will win. If we're talking experience and gut feeling, the writers say the Tide will win.

But of course, we're talking football which means a coin flip is at least as valuable as the any computer logarithm. For what it's worth, the Times' moved Michigan from 19th all the way to third this week, so its circuits may not be screwed in as tightly as maybe they should be.

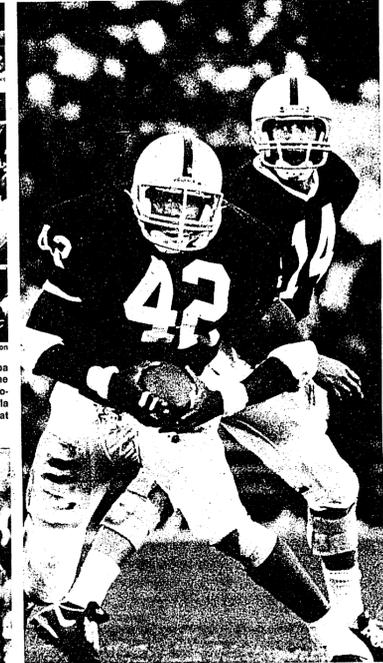
No one is flinching in the battle to avoid giving the other team an inspirational locker room clipping. So far neither team has out-respected the other.

"They're not going to beat themselves. If you want to beat them you have to go and (do it yourself). They're not going to kick the ball around, or do stupid things... They've got a lot of quick backs, they throw the ball better, have a better balanced offense than Oklahoma," said Penn State Head Coach Joe Paterno.

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 Head Coach: Ray Perkins, 4th season (29-12-1)
 Last Game: Defeated Tennessee, 56-28
 Offensive System: Multiple
 Defensive System: Multiple
 Lettermen Returning: 60
 Lettermen Lost: 12

A series short on games but long on tradition

Watching from the sidelines, dressed in a dark Penn State sweater and wearing horn-rimmed glasses, Joe Paterno cut a reassuring figure to the hometown fans.

But many of them may have been surprised to know how often the coach griped with his better judgment today, acting more on impulse than adhering to the playbook that he has followed for 30 years.

This time, the gambler in Paterno was paid off with a victory.

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