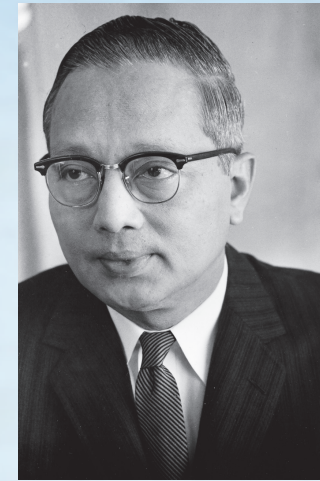


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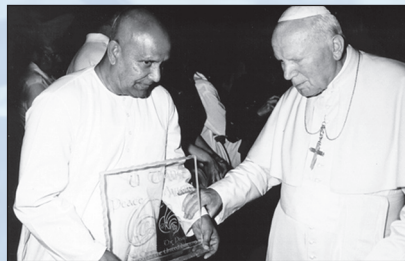
Since 1982, Sri Chinmoy has presented the U Thant Peace Award on behalf of *Sri Chinmoy: The Peace Meditation at the United Nations* to individuals and organizations who, in exemplifying the lofty spiritual ideals of the late UN Secretary-General, have offered distinguished service toward the attainment of world peace. Some of the presentations have taken place on U Thant Island in the East River, directly facing the UN, which the Peace Meditation arranged to have renamed in honour of the late Secretary-General.

Recipients include Pope John Paul II, President Mikhail Gorbachev, President Nelson Mandela, Mother Teresa and UNICEF Executive Director James Grant.

U Thant's daughter, Aye Aye Thant, recently thanked Sri Chinmoy for presenting the Award in her father's memory for nearly two decades, writing: "I am deeply grateful to you for establishing the Award and having honoured the distinguished and outstanding advocates for peace and humanity....My father would have been so pleased...."



U Thant Peace Award Recipients



POPE JOHN PAUL II
1998



PRESIDENT MIKHAIL GORBACHEV
1994



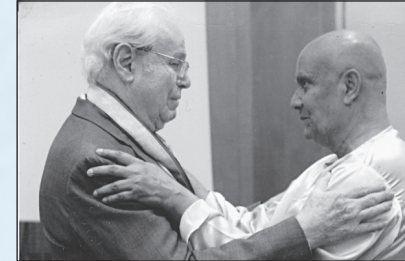
MOTHER TERESA
1994



PRESIDENT NELSON MANDELA
1996



SECRETARY-GENERAL
KURT WALDHEIM
2004



SECRETARY-GENERAL
JAVIER PÉREZ DE CUELLAR
2005



INDIAN PRIME MINISTER ATAL B. VAJPAYEE
2001



MACEDONIAN PRESIDENT
BORIS TRAJKOVSKI
2002



JAMES GRANT
UNICEF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
1994

JORGE E. ILLUECA, *President of Panama, President of the Thirty-eighth Session of the United Nations General Assembly* [3 December 1983]

UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME [19 March 1985], *received on behalf of UNDP by Uner Kirdar, Director of the Division of External Relations and Governing Council Secretariat. Bradford Morse, Administrator of UNDP, gave a statement on 21 March 1985*

GUIDO DE MARCO, *President of the Forty-fifth Session of the United Nations General Assembly, Foreign Minister and Deputy Prime Minister of Malta* [28 September 1991]

JAMES P. GRANT, *UNICEF Executive Director, 1980-1995* [20 September 1994]

MOTHER TERESA, *Nobel Peace Laureate, 1979* [1 October 1994]

MIKHAIL GORBACHEV, *President of the Soviet Union, 1985-1991; Nobel Peace Laureate, 1990* [16 October 1994]

ARCHBISHOP DESMOND TUTU, *Head of the Anglican Church in South Africa, Archbishop of Cape Town; Nobel Peace Laureate, 1984* [20 December 1995]

NELSON MANDELA, *President of South Africa, 1994-1999, Nobel Peace Laureate, 1993* [29 January 1996]

MAURICE STRONG, *Senior Adviser to the President of the World Bank, Secretary-General of the 1992 United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (Rio Earth Summit)* [2 May 1996]

C.V. NARASIMHAN, *Former Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations, 1956-1978, Chef de Cabinet to three Secretaries-General* [10 September 1996]

VLADIMIR PETROVSKY, *Director-General of the United Nations Office in Geneva* [17 March 1997]

HIS HOLINESS THE DALAI LAMA, *Nobel Peace Laureate, 1989* [28 May 1997]

I.K. GUJRAL, *Prime Minister of India, 1997-1998* [21 September 1997]

POPE JOHN PAUL II [17 May 1998]

MAHATHIR MOHAMMED, *Prime Minister of Malaysia* [4 January 1999]

GIRIJA PRASAD KOIRALA, *Prime Minister of Nepal* [1 February 1999]

KRISHNA PRASAD BHATTARAI, *Prime Minister of Nepal* [29 September 1999]

HUMAYUN RASHEED CHOUDHURY, *President of the Forty-first Session of the United Nations General Assembly and Foreign Minister of Bangladesh; Speaker, Bangladesh Parliament* [8 May 2000]

ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE, *Prime Minister of India, 1998-2004* [13 January 2001]

PRESIDENT BORIS TRAJKOVSKI, *President of the Republic of Macedonia* [8 May 2002]

KURT WALDHEIM, *Fourth Secretary-General of the United Nations, 1972-1981, President of Austria, 1986-1992, and current President of the United Nations Association of Austria* [30 September 2004]

JAVIER PÉREZ DE CUÉLLAR, *Fifth Secretary-General of the United Nations, 1972-1981 and Prime Minister of Peru, 2000-2001* [26 May 2005]

JAN ELIASSON, *President of the Sixtieth Session of the United Nations General Assembly and Foreign Minister of Sweden;* [17 May 2006]



Sri Chinmoy with UN Secretary-General U Thant



Sri Chinmoy lifts UN Secretary-General Pérez de Cuéllar

Sri Chinmoy offered a bouquet of flowers to UN Secretary-General U Thant during their meeting on 29 February 1972. On 25 May 1973, the Secretary-General attended the premiere of “Siddhartha Becomes the Buddha”, a play written by Sri Chinmoy on the life of the Buddha.

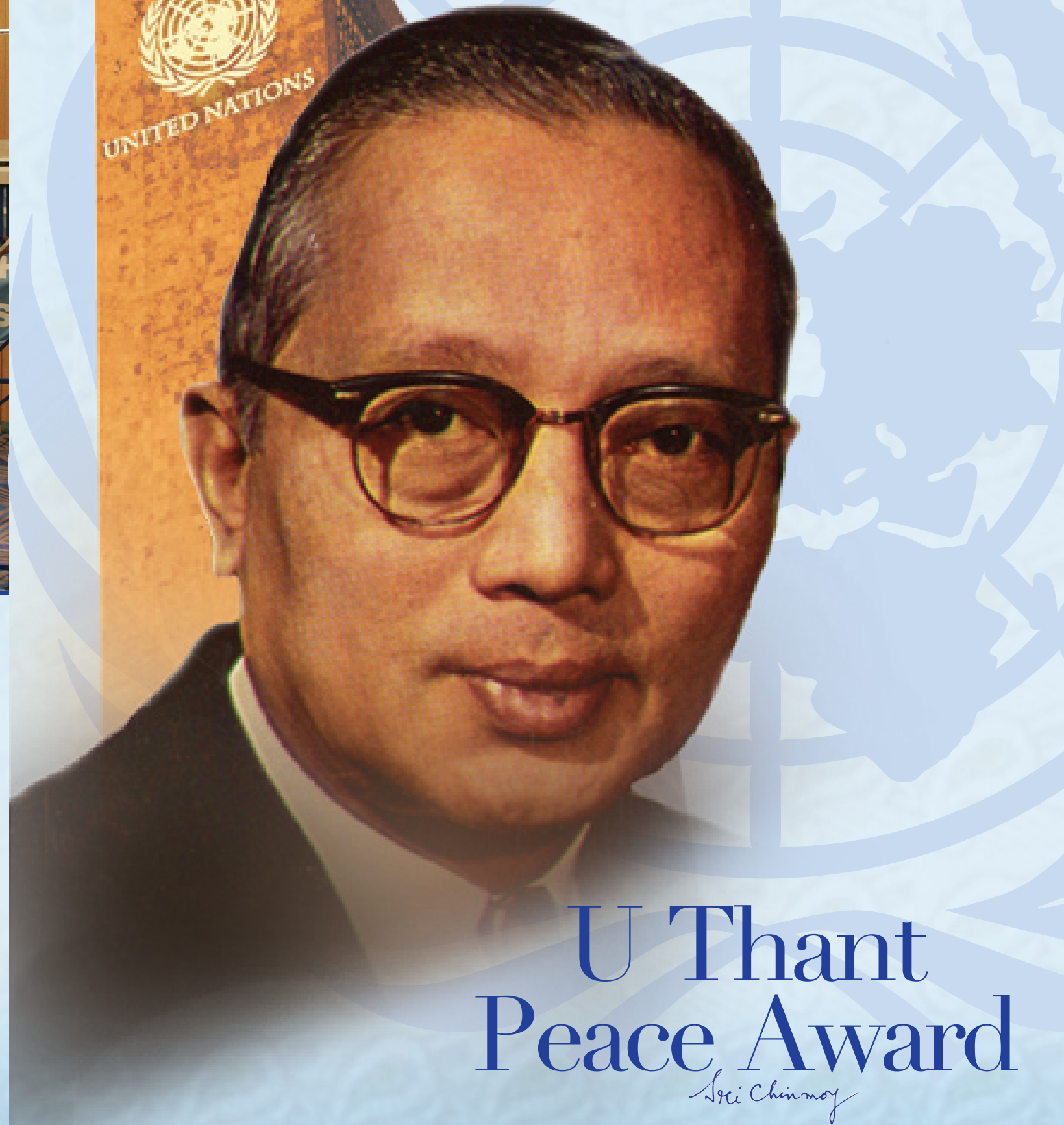
“Whoever speaks to me about you is all appreciation and admiration, and I personally feel that you have been doing a most significant task for the United Nations. Please feel my sincere respect and sincere concern for what you are doing for mankind.”

—SECRETARY-GENERAL U THANT
(29 February 1972)

On 26 May 2005, during a visit to Paris, Sri Chinmoy presented the U Thant Peace Award to UN Secretary-General Javier Pérez de Cuéllar. Sri Chinmoy also offered the “Lifting Up the World with a Oneness-Heart” Award to the Secretary-General.

“Sri Chinmoy is the heart of the United Nations. In all the years I was Secretary-General, and even before I was Secretary-General, he was always with us. Even if he was not present, his message was with us, and we were being inspired by him.”

—SECRETARY-GENERAL PÉREZ DE CUÉLLAR
(26 May 2005)



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