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**AMERICAN HIKING SOCIETY**

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To all News Editors, Feature Editors, Sports Editors  
and Assignment Editors:

RE: The HikaNation - a transcontinental hike from  
San Francisco to Washington, DC, 1980/1981

The American Hiking Society will conduct a  
press conference for all members of the Bay Area  
media on Wednesday, April 2, at 1:00 p.m. The  
press conference will be held in the State Building,  
350 McAllister Street, in Room 1159.

Members of the Bay Area organizing committee of  
the HikaNation, including Nobel Laureate Dr. Glenn  
T. Seaborg, Associate Director-at-Large, Lawrence  
Berkeley Laboratory, will be available to answer  
questions. Dr. Seaborg has walked the entire width  
of California laying out the route the hikers will  
take on their way to the Nevada border before going  
on to Washington, DC. Representatives from the U.S.  
Department of Interior's Heritage Conservation and  
Recreation Service, the co-sponsoring organization,  
will also be on hand to answer questions, as well as  
long-distance hikers from the Bay Area who will  
attempt the 14-month long transcontinental hike.

A major feature of the opening weekend activi-  
ties in San Francisco, April 12th and 13th, will be  
the crossing of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge  
on foot by an estimated 15 to 25,000 hikers. This  
will be the first (and possibly only) time CalTrans  
has allowed the top deck to be opened to foot  
traffic since the Bridge was built in 1936.

A core group of 80 to 100 hikers ranging in age  
from 5 months to 68 years will attempt the crossing  
of the United States.

For further information concerning the Press  
Conference and the upcoming HikaNation, contact Mike  
McReynolds, 981-0970. Previous information concern-  
ing the event and the route through California has  
been sent to you.

The American Hiking Society  
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HikaNation Press Conference, April 2, 1980

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