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NOTE TO CORRESPONDENTS

The Secretary-General, U Thant, will ring the Peace Bell at United Nations Headquarters at 2 p.m. on Sunday, 21 March. This will constitute the highlight of a ceremony proclaiming 21 March as "Earth Day".

Among those invited to attend are the Permanent Representatives of Japan and the United States; the Observer of the Holy See, Monsignor Alberto Giovannetti; a group of children representing several nationalities from the United Nations International School; United Nations correspondents; and Secretariat officials.

In a special message by the Secretary-General for "Earth Day",* he stated: "May this new chapter of united world history be written with the determination, tolerance and deep common concern for all."

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* For text of the Secretary-General's message, see Press Release SG/SM/1437, also see Press Release SG/1749 of 26 February 1971.