

'Peace Pilgrim' Hikes Greylock

Making 10,000-Mile Trek in Cause Of World Disarmament

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A spare, grey-haired woman who calls herself "Peace Pilgrim" hiked up Mt. Greylock today in the cause of world disarmament.

For Same End

As the delegates to the United Nations Disarmament commission prepared to scale the heights of the UN skyscraper in New York in elevators to discuss disarmament, Peace Pilgrim was hiking Massachusetts highest peak as a prayer for the same end.

The pilgrim, who gives no name but "Peace Pilgrim," climbed Greylock as part of a 10,000-mile trek. She has already walked from Los Angeles, Cal. to New York city by a zig-zag 5,000-mile route and completed 3,900 miles of the second phase of her journey for peace. The second phase has seen her walk 100 miles in each of 37 states Mexico and Canada.

After scaling Greylock today Peace Pilgrim will go to Springfield, Worcester and Boston, where she will try to see Gov. Christian A. Herter, and then walk 100 miles each in Connecticut, Rhode Island the middle Atlantic and south coastal states winding up her second 5,000 miles in Florida.

Does Not Beg

Peace Pilgrim owns only the clothes on her back, does not beg, and accepts only those things she needs. She says she is under a vow, "I shall remain a wanderer until mankind has learned the way of peace, walking until I am given shelter and fasting until given food." The vow continues, "I shall take no more than needed while others have less than they need."

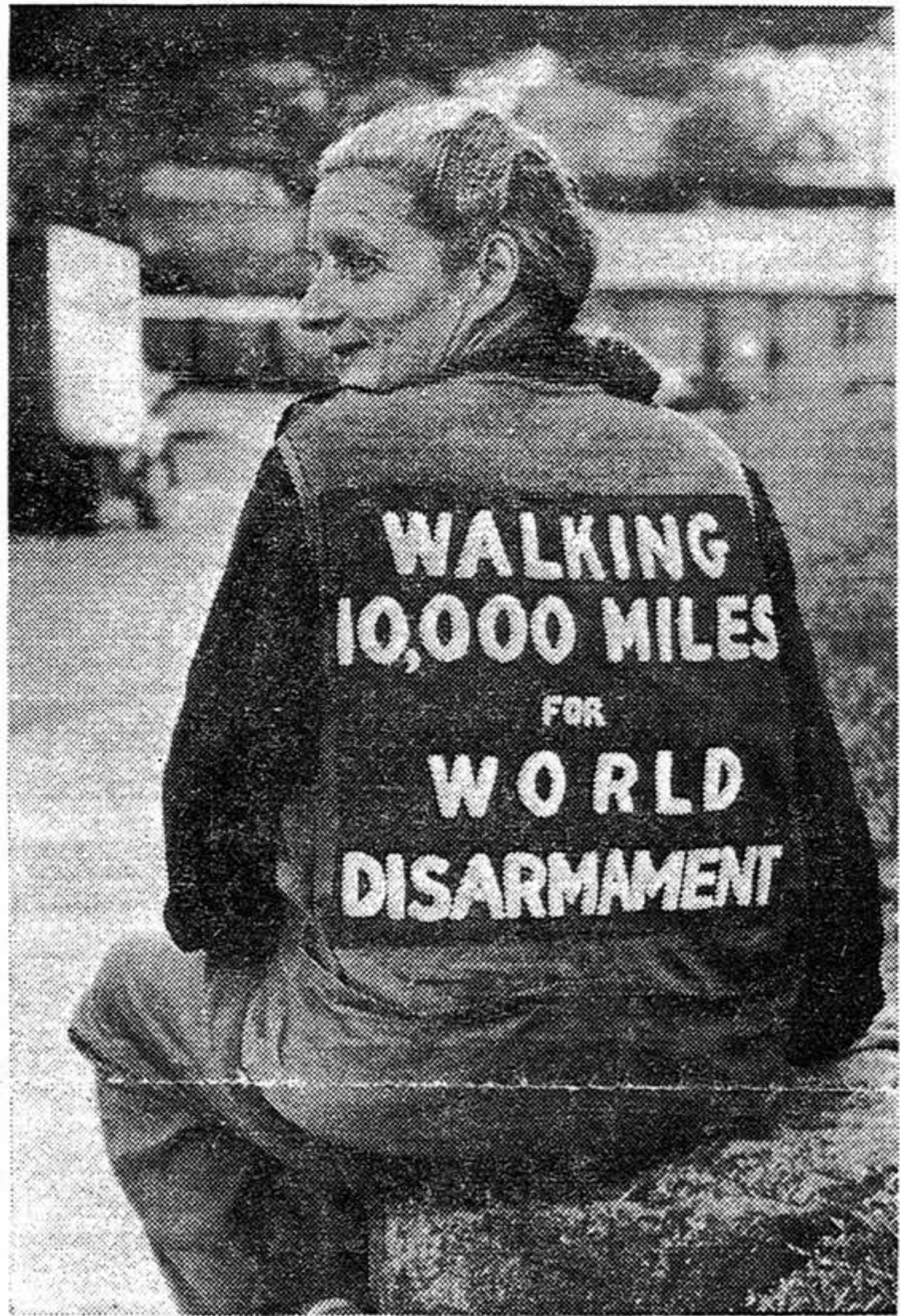
The pilgrim wears blue slacks, a blue blouse and a jumper bearing the legend, "10,000 miles for world disarmament."

Today she had on stout-soled blue canvas shoes. She says she has worn out 12 pairs of shoes in her pilgrimage, so far. "As they wear out," she said, "people give me new ones."

25 Miles Per Day

The pilgrim claims that her feet never hurt, no matter how far she walks. She says she averages 25 miles a day.

Peace Pilgrim walked here yesterday from Great Barrington. In Adams, she said, someone gave her supper. She spent the night at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Newell Davis, of Williamstown's First Methodist church. After breakfast there, Rev. Mr. Davis drove her to the base of the mountain where



'PEACE PILGRIM' STOPS HERE—Giving no other name but "Peace Pilgrim," this woman yesterday climbed Mount Greylock as part of her 10,000-mile walk for world disarmament. She arrived here from Great Barrington and spent the night in Williamstown.

she began her hike.

Peace Pilgrim says that she first felt the call to go on her pilgrimage in 1953 while she was staying in New England. The call, she said, told her to go to California to start the trek.

In 1953 Peace Pilgrim had three prayers: That war should end in Korea, that the President of the United States should appoint a Secretary of Peace, and that mankind should learn the ways of peace.

Two Prayers Answered

Two of these prayers have been answered. An armistice was obtained in 1953 and last year President Eisenhower named Harold Stassen Special Assistant for Disarmament. (Newspaper stories about Gov. Stassen and his disarmament work often refer to him as "Secretary of Peace.")

The pilgrim says that she expects to live to see her third prayer answered.

The pilgrim says that she has no organization behind her and promotes only the message, "This is the way to peace: overcome evil with good, falsehood with truth,

and hatred with love."

New York Accent

Peace Pilgrim says very little about her life before she became a pilgrim. Her accent, however, indicates that she grew up in New York city, and it was learned there before taking up her pilgrimage she had been a psychiatric therapist. In this work she acquired knowledge of Berkshire county.

She says she has no organization and does not want any. She added, however, that she had presented disarmament petitions both to President Eisenhower and to the UN Disarmament commission. Each of these petitions, she said, bore about 10,000 names.

Peace Pilgrim says she walks winter and summer and will continue walking until her prayer for peace is answered.