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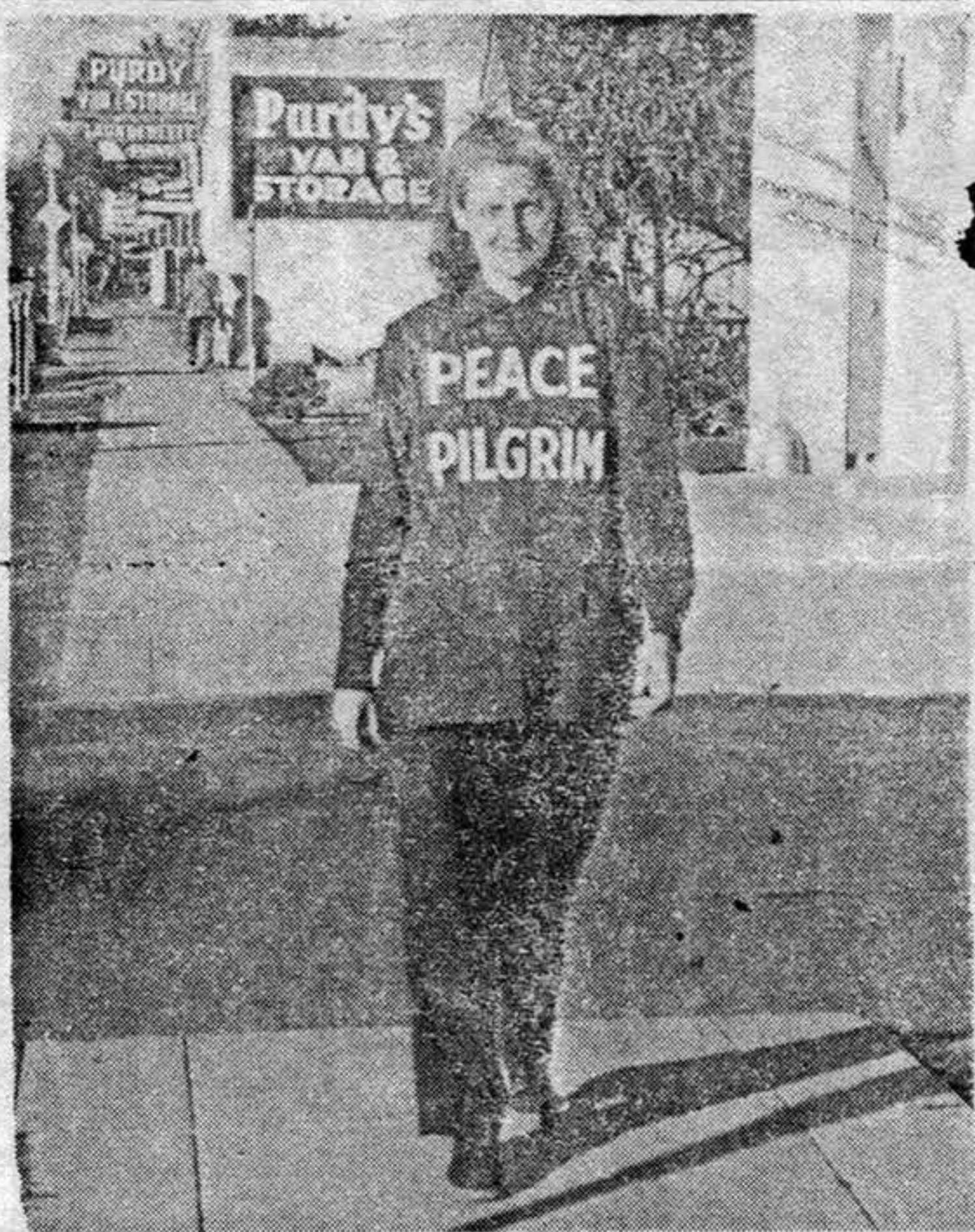
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ON ROAD TO PEACE—Peace Pilgrim, who claims no identity except that she is an instrument for peace, left Los Angeles on January 1 for her cross country pilgrimage for peace. She will proceed to San Diego and then travel through the desert on Route 80 destined for New York City and Washington, D. C., where she will present peace petitions to the United Nations Organization and President-elect Dwight Eisenhower. News Tribune Photo by Bill Kelly

Woman Denies Identity In Journey for Peace

BY BILL KELLY

* "How can peace be a controversial subject when actually it is the number one desire of mankind?"

It was this ironic inquiry that set the conversational pace when Peace Pilgrim came into the News Tribune office on Saturday while enroute by foot across the country on a pilgrimage for peace.

Walking every foot of the journey, travelers may pass this slightly built, grey haired woman with an indomitable spirit as she makes her way down Highway 101 to San Diego, across the desert on Route 80, up into St. Louis, Chicago, Detroit, Washington, D. C., and New York City.

"It will probably take me about a year," she said calmly, "because so many people are willing to talk with me along the way that I can't make more than about 15 miles a day."

Just this simple statement is

* enough to make us wonder about this woman in an age when speed and dynamism are virtues and sincerity is suspect.

"I am Peace Pilgrim. Who I was doesn't matter at all," she said humbly. I am now only an instrument to bring the message of the way to peace to my fellow-countrymen and to the world. In undertaking this pilgrimage, I do not think of myself as an individual, but rather as an embodiment of the heart of the world which is pleading for peace."

Simple Formula

Her formula for bringing about peace is as simple as the clothes she wears. She is attired in canvas shoes with rubber soles, dark blue slacks, a shirt and a sleeveless tunic. On the front of the tunic are painted the words "Peace Pilgrim,"; on the back is painted, "Walking Coast to Coast For Peace."

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