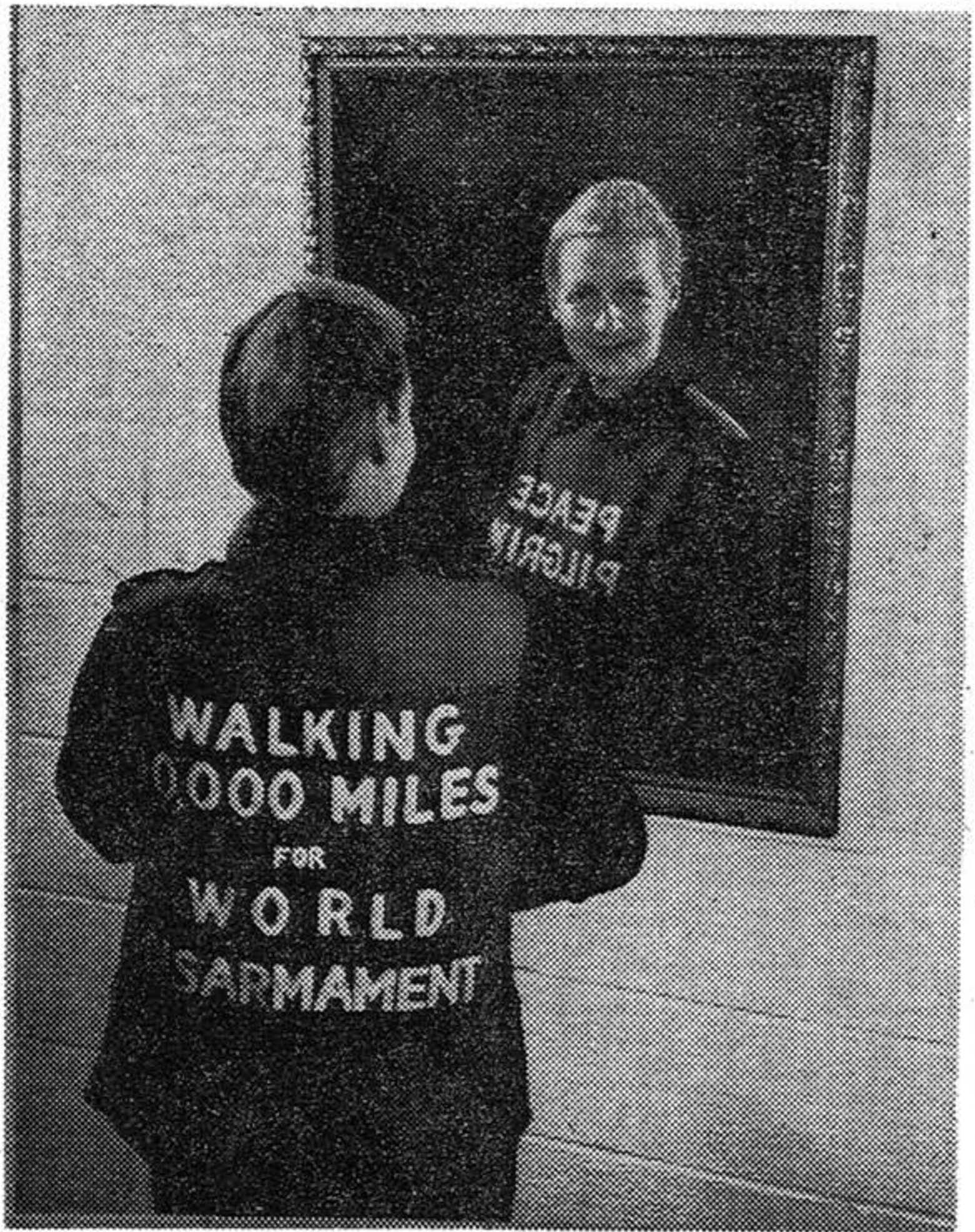


'Peace Pilgrim' Visits Here On 10,000-Mile Walking Trip



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The Peace Pilgrim

By JUDITH PRIESTLEY

A silver-haired, soft-spoken woman who calls herself "Peace Pilgrim" is in Bridgeport today for a visit as part of her chosen mission of walking "10,000 miles for world disarmament."

She spent last night with Mr. and Mrs. Donald A. Gaines, 42 Bancroft avenue, whom she had contacted through a mutual friend.

Her pilgrimage began three years ago in Los Angeles when she took a vow to remain "a wanderer until mankind has learned the way of peace, walking until given shelter and fasting until given food."

This began a journey on foot of 9,100 miles through all but nine states and into Mexico and Canada, with stops in large cities where she speaks to interested individuals or groups.

Though the pilgrim does not expect her crusade to end world troubles or result in world disarmament, she believes in the good that can be done by individuals with the mission of peace.

She says her pilgrimage is a journey on foot and faith under-

taken as a prayer and as an opportunity to talk to people and give them a special prayer for world disarmament. "This is the way of peace: overcome evil with good, falsehood with truth and hatred with love."

She has attracted wide interest during her trip and has spoken to many church and college groups and made appearances on both radio and TV.

In accordance with her ideal of simplicity, the wanderer owns only the clothing she wears. Her garb is always the same: blue slacks, a long sleeved blue sport shirt, and over this, a sleeveless light blue tunic. This tunic was designed by the pilgrim, has pockets which circle the hem of the tunic to hold the few items she finds necessary, among them: a sweater, scarf, road maps, and printed copies of her message. This is the fifth of the blue jerkins and the pilgrim has worn out 12 pairs of canvas shoes in her travels.

She will spend tonight with the Gaines and plans to leave tomorrow morning for New Haven. From there she will journey to Waterbury and Hartford.