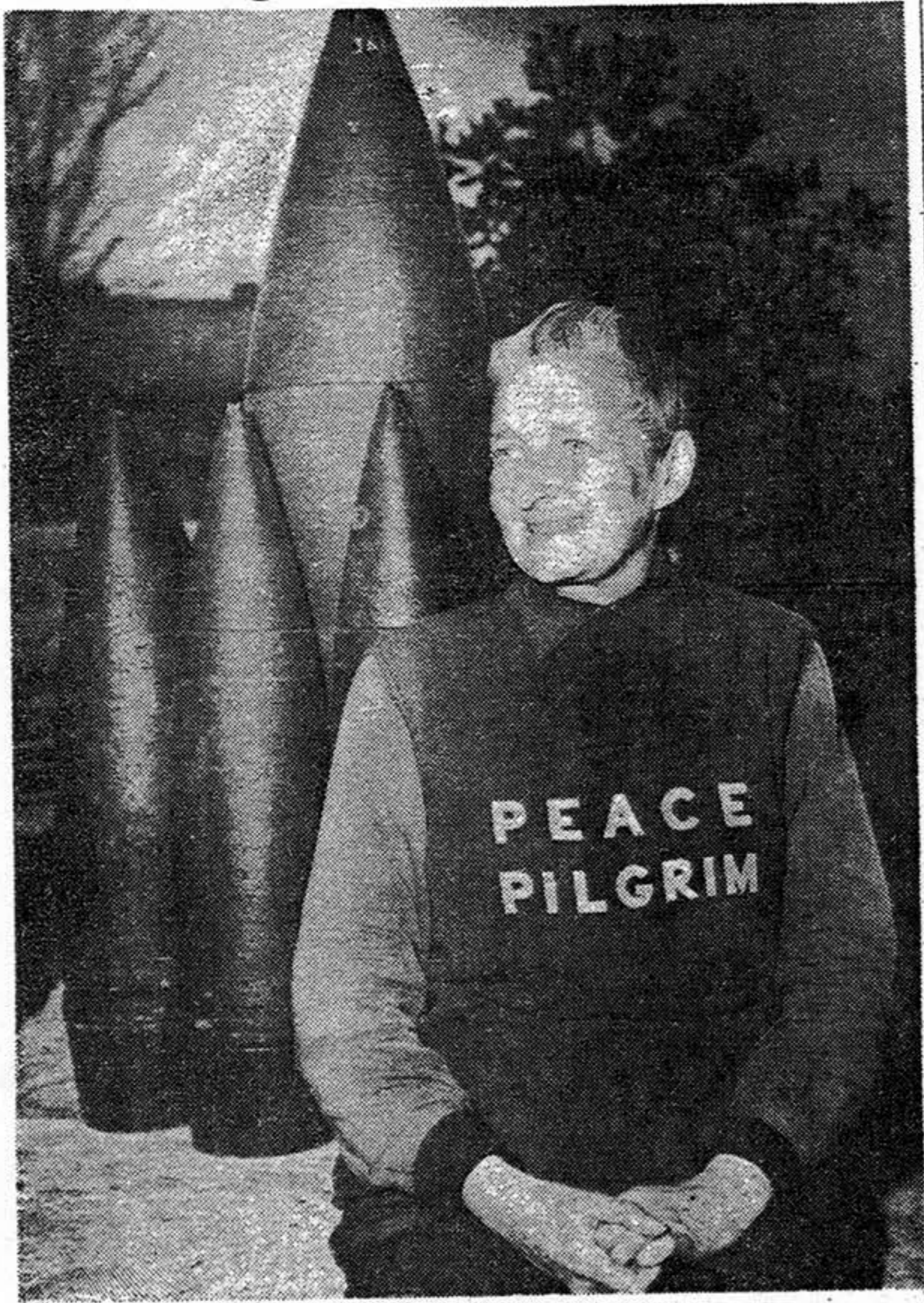


She's Against War



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The Peace Pilgrim
Weapons of war and a voice of peace

Peace Pilgrim Fights Arms, War

Intrigued by Money
Early in Life; She
Says on Visit Here

The "Peace Pilgrim," when she was in school, was "intrigued by the notion of making money and getting ahead of everyone else."

"Fifteen years ago I saw the folly of that," she said here yesterday. "I dedicated myself to the service of mankind."

Peace Pilgrim—she gives no other identification—walked into Nashville Friday night, 7800 miles of traveling behind her. She has come to talk to church groups, college audiences, all who will listen. Her theme: World disarmament. "If I told you my name, where I came from, it would mean nothing," she said. "I'm a voice, that's all."

'Not a Crusader'

"I'm a pilgrim, not a crusader," she said yesterday at the state capitol, where she visited at the governor's office, although she did not see the governor. "I'm not trying to use force. A pilgrimage is just a prayer, and an example."

Since 1953 the tanned and grey-blond haired woman as an ascetic, has been touring the United States on foot. She offers to those she meets: "Overcome evil with good, falsehood with truth, hatred with love."

"And while I'm insisting that through these things will men find happiness, I realize I'm but a little person doing little things," she says. "Nevertheless, I think of the little things as those needing to be done."

'Began To Practice'

"When I saw 15 years ago how meaningless materialism was for me, I began to do more than believe certain moral and ethical precepts. I began to practice them."

"My desperate seeking for a worthiness in life was over. I saw clearly the worthiest thing of all—a dedication to the wants and needs of my fellow men."

"That's why I call for disarmament in the world. It's mockery that man must always be devising ways of annihilating his fellows."

Zig-Zags Across U. S.

In her wanderings, Peace Pilgrim said she has zig-zagged across the country, dipped into Mexico and Canada. She's headed up the eastern seaboard now. Her possessions are her clothes, a pad and pencil. She walks "until I am given shelter," fasts "until I am given food."

"There is a disarming quality inherent in loving," she said. "I see it too often. Because I love all people, hatred, fear and suspicion leave their hearts. If everyone felt as I, loved as I, the world would be as God intended. And everyone is capable of making it so."

The Pilgrim says she has not been sick since she began her journeying. She often sleeps out, walks through rain and snow. She is quick and engaging. She has worn out 10 pairs of rubber-soled canvas shoes.

She will remain a wanderer until "mankind has learned the way of peace."