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Thirteen Walkers Leave for Europe; Others Join Polaris Action Project

Eight men and five women were to have flown from New York City to London on Wednesday, May 31, to continue the 6500 mile transcontinental walk from San Francisco to Moscow. The thirteen, selected from the U. S. Walk group, are: Bradford Lyttle, Scott Herrick, Bea Herrick, David Rich, Regina Fischer, Barton Stone, Millie Gilbertson, Martha Rich, Karl Meyer, Jerry Lehmann, John Kruse, Philip Leahy, Susan Witlin Hoffman. At the last minute the team was expanded from ten to thirteen because of the receipt of additional funds.

A mass rally is expected to take place in London's Trafalgar Square

tomorrow to start the European Walk through England, France, Belgium, West Germany, East Germany, Poland and the Soviet Union. British sponsors of the European march include Bertrand Russell, Benjamin Britten, John Osborne, Herbert Read, and Sybil Thorndike.

The U. S. walkers had crossed the U. S. at the pace of about 22 miles per day, picketing and vigiling at military installations and war plants along the route. Their zigzag 4,000 mile walk took them through California, Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, Illinois, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Washington, D. C., New Jersey and New York. One walker, David Rich, 22, had walked the entire distance.

A number of the walkers remaining in the U. S. will walk to New London and join the Polaris Action activities. They were to have left New York City on Thursday, taking a route the length of Long Island, ferrying to New London from the eastern tip. They will arrive in time to participate in the June 15 civil disobedience being planned during the launching exercises of the Polaris submarine, **Thomas Edison**.

"Protect Us from Pacifists," Navy Asks

British pacifists will be encouraged by reports that the U. S. Navy has asked the British government for extra security measures to protect its Polaris submarine base in Scotland's Holy Loch "against harassment by pacifist demonstrators."

An AP dispatch of May 29 states, "But there was no confirmation for a London newspaper claim that withdrawal of the base ship Proteus from Scottish waters is under consideration." In the Orwellian style of reading newspapers these days, when we read, "There are no changes in the program for maintaining the anchorage at Holy Loch in accordance with agreements reached between the British and American governments," a quotation from a U. S. Navy spokesman, we conclude, as we have become accustomed to doing, that this means there are changes, or that there will be changes.