

# Student dissent is 'new toy'—Plaza

Student dissent and protest is a "new toy" that American young people have just discovered, according to Galo Plaza the Secretary General of the Organization of American States (OAS).

At a Lincoln news conference Friday Plaza said young Americans had matured since his college days in the United States. Coming from Ecuador in the 20s he found American students to be "childish" with no interests beyond the campus. He called the present situation a normal development of interest in the outside world.

Plaza stated his belief that a high tide of dissent will be reached after which student activity will normalize at a high level. He feels this will neutralize the effects of extremists and led to greater responsibility.

He does not believe violent revolution is likely in Latin America now because the Catholic Church is beginning to change and because a middle class is emerging. He said the OAS wants "peaceful change in the traditional structure with

emphasis on social, economic and educational change.

Noting that the Marxist government in Chile was freely elected he stated a belief that democracy would continue in that country. He also said violence has come from groups to the left of Russia, which according to Plaza, has been a moderating influence in Latin America.

In Plaza's opinion the anti-American sentiment came from Teddy Roosevelt's "Big Stick" policy. He thinks the U.S. should play a role in Latin America but "it can't continue to tell Latin Americans what's good for them."

Commenting on recent kidnaping of foreign officials in Latin American countries Plaza said, "The way to stop kidnaping is to demonstrate that it doesn't pay". Of such guerrilla actions he said, "This is war, a different kind of war but it is war."

## Talks and Topics plan meeting

The Union Talks and Topics Committee will hold an open meeting Oct. 5 at 7 p.m. in the Nebraska Union. According to Bob Russell, the committee's chairman, "some important issues and lots of student fees are at stake."

## Peace Pilgrim

# 'Until man learns peace'

She's a crusader, silver haired evangelist preaching the glories of inner peace. In her own words, "I shall remain a wanderer until mankind has learned the way of peace, walking until I am given shelter and fasting until I am given food."

She is the Peace Pilgrim who walked into Lincoln recently where she will address classes at the University of Nebraska and Nebraska Wesleyan University.

She started her pilgrimage from Los Angeles on Jan. 1, 1953, and by 1954 had covered 25,000 miles — all on foot. Her goal is to inspire others to work with her for peace.

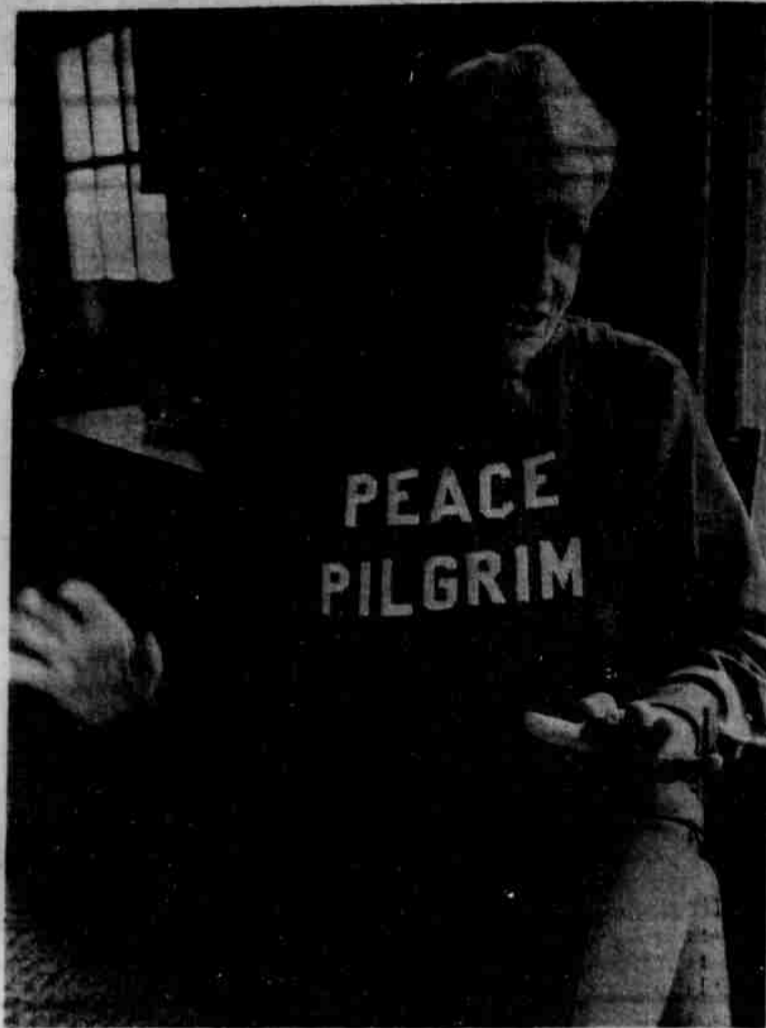
On her travels she talks with individuals on the street, speaks to schools and universities, church groups and organizations.

"It would be impossible to count my speaking engagements during a year," she said. "I've spoken to as many as 12 different groups in a day and once spoke from 9 a.m. until midnight without stopping to eat. My record for sermons on Sunday is seven."

Since she has no money and is not affiliated with any organization she has to rely on the generosity of individuals for food and lodging.

"I never plan ahead," she commented. "But you know I've had a bed every night I've been in Nebraska, since the middle of September."

"Inner peace is my main



subject. Nothing is more powerful than thought because you create from thought," she said.

According to the Peace Pilgrim, a mature person learns not only from his own mistakes, but also from the mistakes of others. Immature people waste time making the same mistakes over and over again because they can't use the experiences of others to their advantage.

"Usually the immature man resorts to the jungle warfare of tooth and claw when facing a crisis," she added.

The world is going through a crisis period now, she points out, and peace or nuclear annihilation are the only alternatives.

"Things have to get very bad before the immature man will do anything," she said. "Dueling is an example. Finally even the dull-witted saw that dueling was bad and that it solved nothing."

"Now we're getting close to the time when war will no longer be accepted. I believe that time will come in my lifetime," she said.

Were there times when the whole project looked hopeless and she thought of giving up?

"No, never," she said. "I firmly believe that all good effort bears good fruit. So I keep making good effort. Maybe the fruit won't come in my lifetime, but it will come."

The Peace Pilgrim called the "youth awakening" the most gratifying thing she has been.

"The awakening takes two parts. The first is the student rebellion; a good rebellion against society's false values such as war, materialism, pollution and hypocrisy," she said.

"The second part is a deep inner search within each person," she said. Now people

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