

## San Francisco-To-Moscow

# Broward Youth Walks For Peace

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A Ft. Lauderdale youth who has walked nearly 4,000 miles since Dec. 1 as a member of a San Francisco - to - Moscow "peace march," came to the attention of President Kennedy last weekend when his mother asked the Chief Executive to show her son "sympathetic and kindly recognition."

David Rich, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson B. Rich of 443 Hendricks Isle, is one of some 40 pacifists on history's longest peace walk. He is the only member of the group who has walked the entire distance since the march left San Francisco.

The marchers, whose organization is called the Committee for Nonviolent Action today are scheduled to reach Philadelphia. They will reach New York May 28. On June 4 a small contingent of the group will embark by air for London.

The trek to Moscow will carry them through England, France,



**DAVID RICH PAUSES ON PEACE WALK**  
... brief time out during 4,000-mile march

Belgium, East and West Germany, and Poland.

Mrs. Rich's letter to President Kennedy said, in part:

"This weekend ... the ... team will be visiting in Washing-

ton ... the team is comprised of men and women, mostly young, whose depth of concern about the destructive potential of nuclear weapons has inspired their dedication to the task of publicizing

their convictions as to the best way in which permanent peace might be established.

"As my husband and I understand it, much of the inspiration for their concept of peace is that of the Quaker faith and based, as we further understand it, on the trust that our country surely must have progressed beyond a parallel to the Old Testament days when progress often needed physical battle to be assured.

"They feel that the United States, as world leader, should be more nearly paralleling the New Testament days when progress and protection were accomplished peacefully through intelligent application of the understanding of man's brotherhood and relationship to God.

"Viewed in this light, whether or not it is one's own opinion, it is more possible to understand the depth of their concern and desire to be 'doing' something about it.

"My husband and I know a little about this group's physical hardships and what have amounted to persecutions by those who have wanted to connect them up with Communism ... Originally, it was with sorrow that we saw our son David decide that he believed in this way of working for peace.

"Subsequently ... our objections turned to respect for his adult and carefully considered opinions, and we have released him from our concern to his own way of working for the promotion of world peace.

### NO ENDORSEMENT

"It is our earnest request that some kindly recognition might be extended to these peace walkers by yourself, or your representative, when they reach Washington. In consideration of your own views and high office, this need not be done in a way that implies endorsement of their concepts.

"But sympathetic recognition of this particular group's desire to promote world-wide peace might be a step toward a more understanding relationship between the growing pacifist movement and our government's activities in the cause of world peace."