

Antiwar Woman on Walk to Washington Prays Here



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Mrs. Louise Bruyn passing through Manhattan yesterday on her walk to Washington

Louise Bruyn, a dance teacher and housewife from Newton, Mass., crossed the Third Avenue Bridge into Manhattan yesterday morning, beginning the 23d day of a walk to Washington to protest the war in Indochina.

Before she took up her walk, dressed in a blue knitted cap, orange jacket, blue jeans and a black armband and

carrying a pack on her back, she wrote a letter to friends and relatives in which she said:

"I can no longer sit in the comfort of our beautiful home knowing the death and destruction we are causing in another land."

Although she had been sympathetic to the antiwar

movement, the 40-year-old mother of two teen-aged daughters said she was surprised that she was actually walking the 450 miles to Washington, 3 and half miles an hour. "I almost stayed home and painted my kitchen," she said, "but I just couldn't stand this thing running away from us."