

Boulder peace marchers return home

By JULIET BOURNE Colorado Daily Staff Writer

The peace marchers are back in Boulder with holes in their shoes, their tents folded away for a while, trying to take up their lives off the road after what many of them regard as one of their lives' most meaningful experiences.

Boulder contribute 1 at least 50 men, women and children to the number of marchers, which fluctuated between 400 and 600 people for most of the eight months it took the Great Peace March to cross the country. Among them were the march's oldest person — Franklin Folsom, 79 — and its youngest unaccompanied child — 10-year-old Crystal Constantine.

About 250 people turned out to welcome them all home last night at a reception at the Unitarian Universalist Church.

Mayor Linda Jourgensen and state Rep.-elect Dorothy Rupert commended them on their dedication to world disarmament.

Rupert, a former high school teacher and currently a guidance counselor at Boulder High School, said three of her former students, from three different decades, were among the marchers. She said she was moved by her young friends who were willing to walk the whole way, and though she could only join the march for its final days in Washington, D.C., she felt she experienced it a little through them.

Nicole Hire, coordinator of the party, read a letter from Boulder County Commissioner Josie Heath. Heath likened the marchers' effort to a tree planted recently on the courthouse lawn to commemorate Boulder's march participants. The tree is a reminder that the peace movement, like the tree, must be nurtured, said Heath.

When Crystal Constantine told her parents last spring that she was going to Los Angeles to be part of the march, Susan and Chris Constantine told her it was out of the question.



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Crystal Constantine relaxes after returning from the Great Peace March. A fourth grader, Crystal joined the March in

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Boulder and was the youngest unaccompanied person on the walk.

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But by the time the march reached Colorado in June, the Constantines had weakened enough to consider letting their 4th-grader join the group, provided that she had a guardian. Bianca Stolazzi of Boulder met Crystal, and Susan Constantine said the two were kindred spirits from their first meeting. Before long, the Constantines waved a tearful goodbye to the matter-of-fact Crystal, off to promote a cause she believes in fervently.

"She's very determined," said Susan Constantine, with a

laugh. "And she's very clear on who she is."

Crystal called home often, and came home briefly to enroll in 5th grade at University Hill Elementary School, mostly to assure her parents that she was faring well. School was held in a bus every day on the march, even during the summer, for roughly 50 children, divided into pre-schoolers, kingergarten through 4th graders, and 5th graders and up. Crystal got full credit for the time she was away.

"She learned more about history, geography and people

than most kids learn in school," said Constantine.

Crystal has been back at school for two weeks and feels embarrassed at all the attention she's getting. At first she said

it feels "normal" to be back, but then decided she does feel a little different, maybe a bit more grown up.

Her mother said Crystal misses the close friends she made during the march, and was overjoyed when her best friend, Lucia Darvill, 12, stopped in Boulder this week with her father, Trevor, and sister Claudia, 14. The Darvills were on their way back to their home in Nimbin, New South Wales in Australia.

Darvill, a civil engineer, used savings to finance the trip for himself and his daughters because he felt he had to do something for peace this year, the International Year of

"America is really where it has to be done," he said quiet-

Darvill said the Great Peace March's goals were fourfold, beginning with a comprehensive ban on testing nuclear weapons. As each goal is achieved, work begins on the next. Following the test ban is a freeze on production of nuclear weapons, reduction of nuclear weapons stockpiles and stopping the Strategic Defense Initiative.

Darvill said his next effort toward peace will be to try to rid Australia of American bases. He said there are four major bases in his country. One is Point Gap near Alice Springs, a CIA spy satellite station, and another is a U.S. Navy installation which monitors submarine traffic throughout the Indian Ocean.

"They would be prime targets in a nuclear war," Darvill

Another young marcher from Boulder, 20-year-old Irene Schonle, marched the whole way from Los Angeles to Washington, except for a week she spent in jail in Nevada, where she and other marchers were arrested for having protested at the Nevada nuclear test site.

"That was an empowering time," Schonle said.

Saunders wins grid poll

The winner of this week's Colorado Daily football contest is Carl Saunders, of 950 Marine street in Boulder, who picked eight correct winners. Carl can pick up \$25 and a gift certificate to the Red Robin at 839 Pearl St.

All winners' names will go into a final drawing at the end of the season for a set of speakers from the Boulder Sound Gallery.



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whom appeared to be dazed and exhausted, were iss sterilized prison uniforms and beige tennis shoes.

Then they were led to buses with barred windows to trel to nearby Dobbins Air Force Base. From there, they go to 47 other federal prisons.

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Peace march veteran, 11, will be guest at the summit

By BARRY BORTNICK Camera Staff Writer

An 11-year-old Boulder girl who walked in the Great Peace March last year will take her second giant step for world peace next week when she visits Washington, D.C., for the summit between President Ronald Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

As one of 20 children from around the world invited to Washington for the summit, Crystal Constantine will meet the Soviet ambassador and hopes to meet with the Soviet leader himself.

"I'd tell them (Reagan and Gorbachev) I am grateful for what they are doing right now, for having the meeting and getting rid of weapons," Constantine said. "I think it is good they are meeting and getting somewhere with intermediate weapons, but they could do more."

The goodwill delegation was created a coalition of peace groups — the Washington Peace Center, the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, and SANE-/Freeze. Organizers heard of Constantine's participation in last year's peace march, and invited her to the peace party.

A sixth grader at University Hill Elementary School, Constantine joined the peace march for four months last year.

Hundreds of people from across the nation took part in The Great Peace March by walking from California to Washington, D.C., to promote peace. The walk began last March and ended in Washington last November.

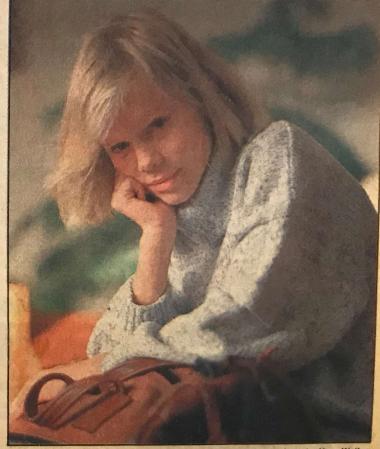
Constantine's mother, Susan, said nothing her daughter does surprises her.

"I have been politically active, and I think she picked up some things from me, but it is also an inclination," Mrs. Constantine said. "She is the only child in the family who got intensely involved ... she was really affected by the activity and political awareness of the house."

Mrs. Constantine said the march and Crystal's current Washington trip show children they can have an impact.

"I think anything like this gives kids a sense they have some opportunity to change what is happening and to have something to say," Mrs. Constantine added. "Crystal has

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SUMMIT GUEST: Crystal Constantine of Boulder.