

Woman Hiking Across U.S. In Plea For World Peace

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Arrives In Toledo; Going To Washington

Some people walk for pleasure, others for health, but the Peace Pilgrim is walking for world peace.

A slim, graying middle-aged woman, the Peace Pilgrim, arrived in Toledo yesterday on her 5,000-mile pilgrimage from coast to coast and border to border.

Silent On Background

She considers herself a throw-back to the Middle Ages when men forsook their homes, families and jobs to journey to the Middle East to bring back the Holy Grail.

Of her real name, age, family and background, she refuses to talk.

"I have no home, only a forwarding address, Cologne, N.J.," she said. "Until mankind has learned the way to peace I shall remain a wanderer on the face of the earth."

The pilgrim started her journey Jan. 1 in Los Angeles with only the clothes on her back.

Fasts 'Till She's Fed

She says she walks until she is given shelter, fasts until she is given food. Any money she has is given her "to bring the message on the way to peace to the people of my country and of the world."

The pilgrim wears blue cloth shoes with crepe soles, dark blue slacks, a blue blouse and tunic. On the front of her tunic, painted in white, are the words, "Peace Pilgrim." The back is lettered "walking from coast to coast for peace."

4,000 Miles So Far

So far she has covered 4,000 miles and has worn out four pairs of shoes, two pairs of slacks and one tunic. Persons to whom she has given her message have supplied her with replacements and money as well as food and shelter, she says.

She is now on her way to Washington, where she hopes to present a petition for disarmament to President Eisenhower. Then she will go to New York.

She stayed in Toledo last night at the home of Mrs. Orville G. Knoke, 538 Austin St., executive secretary of the Toledo Fellowship of Reconciliation.



PEACE PILGRIM
Resting weary feet

AFTER END
OF KOCEAN WAR

