

'Peace Pilgrim' In Toledo; She's Hiking 5,000 Miles

Anonymous Woman Plans To Present Pleas To Ike, U.N.

A little woman dressed in blue is stopping off in Toledo today on her 5,000-mile cross-country trek in the interest of world peace and prosperity.

Known to strangers only as the "peace pilgrim," she is walking from coast to coast and border to border in hope she can "undo some of the evils in this war-weary world of ours."

Carrying no money, no bedding and only the clothes on her back, the pilgrim intends to present peace petitions to President Eisenhower in November and the United Nations in December.

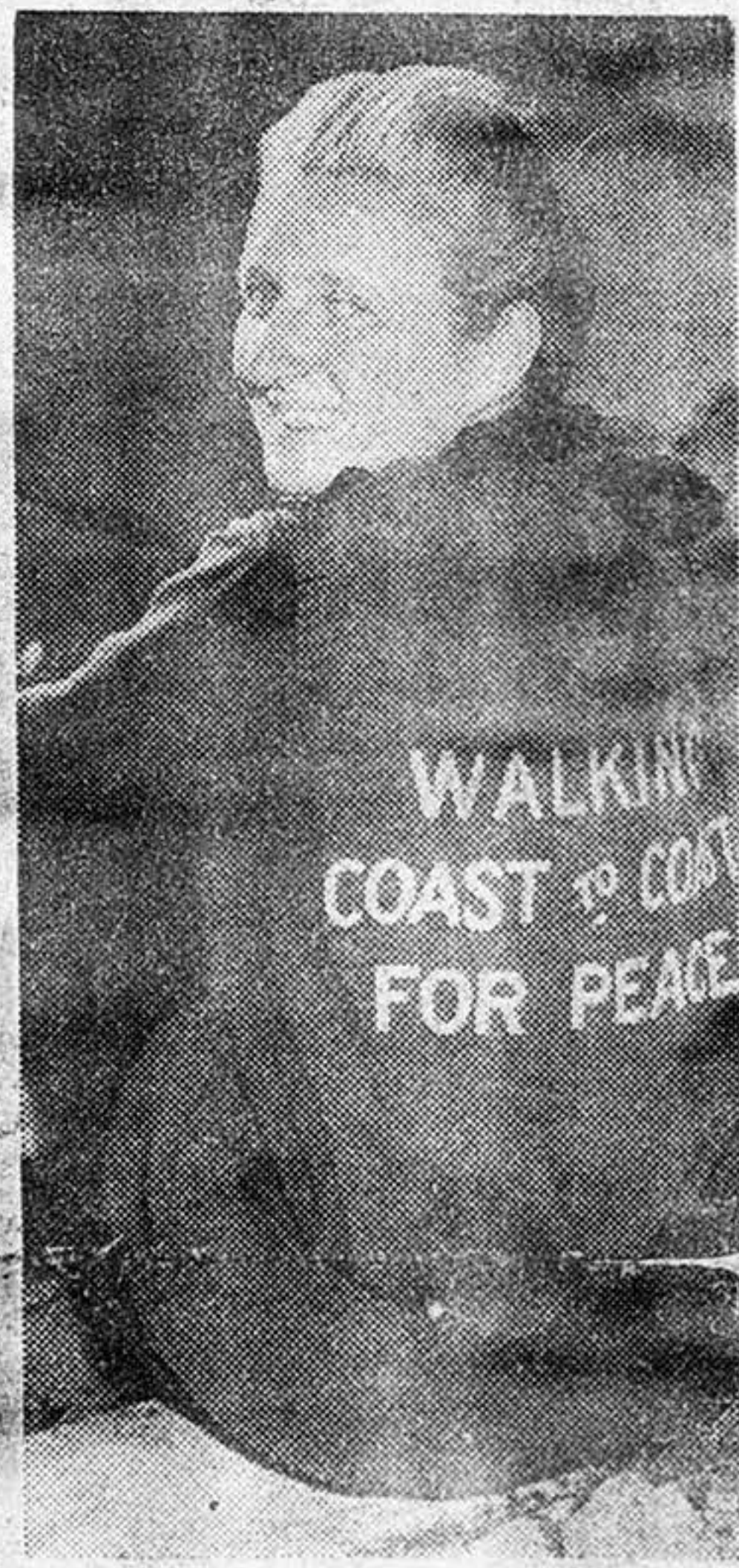
She started her journey with a penny in her pockets last Jan. 1 in Los Angeles.

"I firmly believe," she said, "that the only way we can achieve peace and prosperity is to replace wickedness with good, falsehood with truth, and hatred with love."

The peace pilgrim said these concepts are laws which govern human conduct just as rigidly as the law of gravity. "When we disregard them," she said, "chaos results and all that we cherish is lost."

Slim, agile and tanned, the pilgrim said she has walked every foot of the way. She refuses to tell her name or age but admits to having spent her childhood in New Jersey.

Of herself she said: "I am unmarried and could be considered middle-aged. I belong to no church, organization or club. In undertaking this pilgrimage I think of myself not as



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ANONYMOUS PILGRIM
Rests on handy curbstone

an individual but as a small part of the great mass of human hearts pleading for peace.

She said she accepts meals and small amounts of money for such things as new socks and shoes. She is a vegetarian and has often fed herself with fruits, nuts and vegetables she finds growing along the wayside.

While in Toledo, she is staying at the home of Mrs. Orville G. Knoke, 538 Austin St., executive secretary of the Toledo Fellowship of Reconciliation.