

Heat Slows Walking Pilgrim

The Central Illinois heat Monday slowed even the Peace Pilgrim, who says she has walked 3,000 miles in all kinds of weather since New Year's Day.

The Pilgrim, who is en route from California to Washington, D. C., to deliver a peace petition to the President, stopped at Bloomington late in the afternoon after making barely 20 miles during the day. Her daily average is at least 25 miles, she said.

Walks at Night

"When it gets to be 100 degrees, I just have to stop," the Pilgrim explained. "Then I do my walking at night."

Two other times this Summer, the walking Pilgrim has been halted by heat. Once she ran into 112 degree weather in southern Kansas. Another time the thermometer immobilized her in northern Oklahoma by hitting 115.

Sheds Identity

The Pilgrim, who has shed all other identity, explained that she has undertaken her pilgrimage as "a penance for whatever I may have contributed to the tragic situation in the world today."

Her plea to President Eisenhower will be for the establishment of a Peace Department in the federal government, to which all conflict situations at home or abroad would be referred.

The way to world peace, according to the Pilgrim, is to "overcome evil with good, falsehood with truth and hatred with love."