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'Walking Woman' Sows Seeds Of Peace, Thrives on Optimism

About 200 years ago a man sowed appleseeds for the great onrush of the American pioneer. Yesterday a woman arrived in Jefferson City whose self-chosen mission is to sow seeds for the "pioneers of peace."

She has covered 7,200 miles in less than two years, but doesn't actually expect to ever get done.

The "walking woman" goes by the name of Peace Pilgrim. She is on the second half of a 10,000 mile pilgrimage for peace and has already hiked from coast to coast and border to border. She refused to disclose her real name.

25-Mile Walk

She arrived in Jefferson City about 6 p.m. yesterday after a 25 mile walk from California. The walk, beginning at 9 a.m., was interrupted periodically by people in cars who stopped to talk to and question Peace Pilgrim. During her stay in the city she hopes to visit Gov. Phil M. Donnelly and make a few radio and television appearances. Last night she was the guest of

Mr. and Mrs. James Keefe, Old St. Louis Rd.

Jefferson City is the last leg in her 200 mile sojourn through Missouri. Her goal is to walk about 200 miles in each state in the union. From here Peace Pilgrim will go to St. Louis — She will accept rides — where several speaking appearances have been prearranged.

The objective of her cross country pilgrimage is ultimately to promote the cause of peace, she said. Her vow is "I shall remain a wanderer until mankind has learned to the way of peace — walking until I am given shelter, fasting until I am given food, using money given to me to spread the cause of peace."

Easy to Identify

Peace Pilgrim is not difficult to spot as he walks on the roads. She wears a blue jersey and blue slacks. On the front of the jersey is her name, Peace Pilgrim.

Her speech is articulate and clear. She thrives on optimism. She said "... many times I see people who are troubled within themselves and I try to help them come to peace with themselves. Peace must come from within before it comes outwardly."

Friday she entered the city limits of Warrensburg and Saturday she set out for Sedalia. On Sunday she left for Syracuse — she slept that night on a pool table — and on Monday she left for California.

She has slept in gas stations, fire engines, shacks and once in a suite of rooms. Currently she said she is working on her third peace petition — disarmament. Her other petitions, she said were peace in Korea and a "Secretary of Peace" on the cabinet.

Peace Pilgrim, who has obscured her own history to intensify her cause, will not divulge her name by birth. However, she does hail from Cologne, N.J.

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