

Peace Pilgrim Walks For Peaceful World

On foot and on faith, Peace Pilgrim—as she prefers to be called—was a visitor in the Mississippi Capital City on Wednesday.

Currently completing the second half of a 10,000 mile pilgrimage for peace begun nearly three years ago, Peace Pilgrim makes a practice of walking at least 100 miles in every state. She calls it a “pilgrimage for peace, especially for world disarmament.”

Her vow is:

“I shall remain a wanderer until mankind has learned the way of peace—walking until I am given shelter, fasting until I am given food, using money given me to spread the peace message.”

Emphatic about the walking, Peace Pilgrim says with a definite note of sincerity, “I walk as a means of prayer. I can’t cheat God.”

Any personal identity about Peace Pilgrim, the name acquired at the beginning of her journey, remains her own secret. She prefers to be an instrument of spreading an inner peace that would motivate others toward acquiring the same. She points toward the road for acquiring that “inner peace” with overcoming evil with good, falsehood with truth and hatred with love.

Peace Pilgrim arrived in Jackson after dark Tuesday, traveling by foot from Vicksburg. After several days visit in Jackson she plans to travel toward the Gulf Coast and then into Alabama.

Her blue tunic bears the stenciled name “Peace Pilgrim,” and since she has “walked” the 100 mile self-requirement in the Magnolia State, she will accept rides.

During the three years of her



PEACE PILGRIM—a native of New Jersey who, three years ago, began a 10,000 mile Pilgrimage for Peace. She is currently on the last half of this journey, visiting every state capital in the nation, with Jackson her 25th to date. All else about her personal life is not revealed.

pilgrimage she has worn out nine pairs of canvas-top, crepe-sole bottomed shoes. She’s now in the 10th pair and knows the approximate mileage from each pair.

“In these I’ve walked about 300

miles already,” she said. ¹⁻¹⁹⁻⁵⁶
She is affiliated with no particular church denomination or faith, but considers all churches “stepping stones to God.” Wherever she goes, Peace Pilgrim is a ready speaker for school or church groups.

This is her plea to the United Nations and world leaders, printed on a blue slip of paper she passes out to those she contacts:

“If you would find the way of peace you must overcome evil with good and falsehood with truth, and hatred with love. We plead with you to free us from the crushing burden of armaments—to free us from hatred and fear—so that we may feed our hungry ones, mend our broken dwellings, and experience a richness of life which can only come in a world that is unarmed and fed.”

With that printed message, she walks on . . .

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