

Woman Walks It, Talks It

Really Has Peace Movement Afoot

(Star Photo)



PEACE PILGRIM
10,000 Mile March Against War

A gray-haired middle aged woman, known as the "Peace Pilgrim," who has walked more than 8,000 miles in three years on a personal crusade for disarmament, strolled into Indianapolis yesterday for a two-day visit.

The bright-eyed "pilgrim" refuses to give her real name, age or address, because she says

Three years ago she marched from San Francisco to New York, taking 200 days, and covered 5,000 miles over a zig-zag course.

On this, the second half of her walking marathon, also scheduled for 5,000 miles, she plans walking at least 100 miles in each of the 48 states, Mexico and Canada. Indiana is the 29th state she has visited so far on this recent crusade which she hopes to complete by the end of the year.

The Peace Pilgrim distributes literature and discusses her cause with people on her visits.

Claiming all her worldly possessions consist of her walking-attire, a comb, toothbrush and "my mission of peace," she said, "I am entirely dependent upon the shelter I am offered by mutual friends in the cities I visit and upon their contributions of food."

HER WALK through Indiana started last week at Terre Haute from where she hiked to Bloomington. After a two-day stay there, she started out for Indianapolis Friday.

Cloaked in an all blue outfit, the color of peace, the Peace Pilgrim wears a tunic affair to keep the cold and wind out, slacks and her 11th pair of canvas rubber-soled shoes.

She says the last 18 years of her life have been devoted to "overcoming evil with good, falsehood with truth and hatred with love."

However, it wasn't until 1953 that she decided a walking peace pilgrimage would be the best method of conveying her

thoughts to people throughout the country.

AT INDIANAPOLIS she said she plans to meet with persons of several peace groups and tomorrow will ride to Richmond.

Having completed her 100-mile walk in Indiana, she also will accept rides to Fort Wayne, Goshen and South Bend, and Sunday will launch her march in Michigan.