

Woman Walks to Get Attention for Goal

"It doesn't matter when I was born, where I lived or what is my name. The important thing is that all fear is gone and I have endless energy."

With this statement a silver-haired woman clad in blue explained here Monday why she has walked 16,500 miles in this country, Canada and part of Mexico in pursuit of peace.

"I shall remain a wanderer until mankind has learned the way of peace, walking until I am given shelter and fasting until I am given food," she said.

Expects to Stop

Road maps are her only traveling gear, she said. Her plan to walk 25 thousand miles in pursuit of peace is stated on her tunic.

"When the tide turns toward peace and away from war I shall stop walking. I am confident I shall see peace in my lifetime," she said.

World peace must be achieved in two steps, she said. First is the problem of inner peace. When every one acquires that then war will no longer be possible.

Decided 15 Years Ago

Peace Pilgrim—because she no longer uses her actual name she has adopted that—decided 15 years ago that she and the rest of humanity must end their relentless search for material gain. Every one got, no one gave.

Then 7½ years ago she began to walk "to emphasize my mission."

"I walk as a prayer," she said. "A prayer recited in comfort can be valid but a prayer given in self-sacrifice is more effective."

People attracted by her sign stop her on her way to talk. She uses the opportunity to speak of peace, she said.

Non-Denominational

Peace Pilgrim says she represents no denomination or organization. "All churches—Christian, Buddhist, Moslem—are stepping stones to God," she said. She will speak about it at 7:30 p. m. Wednesday at First Baptist Church, 421 Park Avenue.

"My adventures as I walk are many," she said. "one night in the Colorado mountains I nearly froze to death but I was not afraid because I felt the presence of God."

She found some old newspapers, she said, and huddled under them until morning.