



Gray-haired and smiling, the Peace Pilgrim who is nearing the completion of a cross-country penitential walk from California visits the home of Stanley Cello of 605 E. 13th st. for luncheon. The anonymous hiker will present petitions to President Eisenhower and the United Nations in the name of peace. (Times Photo)

'Peace Pilgrim' Halts Here On 5,000 Mile Hike to UN

"Just call me Peace Pilgrim," said the blue-clad, gray haired woman who walked through Chester yesterday, pausing only for lunch and then beginning the last 100 miles of her 5,000 mile walking trip in the interests of world peace.

Pressed for more identification, she declined, revealing only accidentally that her parents, brothers and sisters live in Cologne, N. J., and she may walk down there to see them before going on to New York to present a peace petition to the United Nations.

About herself she will say nothing. About her self-proclaimed mission and world peace, she will say everything.

The Peace Pilgrim was interviewed at the home of Mrs. Stanley Cello of 605 E. 13th st., who maintained she did not know her true identity either, although she had made her welcome in her home and gave her lunch.

Before being questioned she handed out a carbon copy of typed information as to her purpose, her route, a few quotes and the petitions she has for presentation to

President Eisenhower and the United Nations.

STARTED IN CALIFORNIA

Her journey started at Pasadena, Calif., Jan. 1 of this year at the annual Tournament of Roses. From there she's walked, always declining offers of rides, through San Diego, Phoenix, Tucson, El Paso, Fort Worth, Dallas, Oklahoma City, Kansas City, St. Louis, Chicago, Detroit, Toledo, Cleveland, Akron, Pittsburgh, Washington, Baltimore and Wilmington.

She expected to go on to Philadelphia last night, stay there a week, walk down to Cologne to see relatives and then be in New York for Christmas.

The quote she handed out said "There is a magic formula for resolving conflicts. It is this. Have

as your objective the resolving of the conflict, not the gaining of advantage. There is a magic formula for avoiding conflicts. It is this. Be concerned that you do not offend, not that you are not offended."

She says her walk is a penance for "whatever I may have contributed, by commission or omission, to the tragic situation in the world today."

She's worn out five pairs of canvas, rubber soled shoes and her sixth pair is cracking but she insists she'll wear them on to New York. "Then my mission will be finished," said Peace Pilgrim.

