

# Peace Pilgrim Halts 5000 Mile Trek To Rest At Home Of Shadyside Family

A message of "Peace be with you" has been brought to our midst by the Peace Pilgrim.

Peace Pilgrim is on a 5000 mile walking pilgrimage for peace. Starting from Los Angeles, California, January 1, she reached the steel center of the world this week to continue on the last 500 miles of her pilgrimage. Bearing her message of peace she just departed for

Washington, D. C. to present her petition for peace to President Eisenhower, and thence to her journey's end at the door of the United Nations.

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With "Peace Pilgrim" painted across the front of her blue tunic, and "Walking from Coast to Coast for Peace" lettered across the back, Peace stopped over as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Mead, 5800 Walnut St., Shadyside. She travels with only the clothes on her back, a few peace petitions and pamphlets in her pockets and a ready and happy smile.

Food and shelter she finds along the way, sometime from people who have become curious and stopped to chat. Although she is affiliated with no organization and sponsored by no one, in many cities shelter and food is arranged through "Open Door," a peace organization which arranges for food and shelter for foreign students on summer walking tours of the U.S. It was thus she arrived at the Mead doorstep.

An inquiry as to the lady's real name brought this response, "I do not think of myself as an individual, but rather as an embodiment of all human hearts that are pleading for peace."

## TO SEE PRESIDENT

Peace, as she is called by all whom she meets, has a forwarding address, Cologne, New Jersey. Her refined voice rings with laughter, and her speech and manner indicates many degrees in higher education.

Her pilgrimage for peace stems from a deep religious

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conviction that the only way to peace is to overcome evil with good, falsehood with truth and hatred with love. She will petition the President for a Peace Department, with a Secretary of Peace, to handle all conflict situations at home or abroad.

Peace Pilgrim is walking every step of the way along her long pilgrimage, refusing rides. Although while she is in a city, to quickly reach her radio and television schedules, modern transportation is used. Peace Pilgrim returns to her point of entrance to resume her journey by foot.

In her long trek across the desert, the blazing sun bleached her brown hair to a gleaming gold. The wind, sun and rain have left their mark on her skin, while in Pittsburgh Peace Pilgrim acquired her sixth pair of sneakers, which she hopes will wear the remaining 500 miles of her pilgrimage.

During her stay in Tuscon, Arizona, it was noticed that her emblazoned tunic was wearing threadbare, and a kindly friend made a replacement which was waiting in General Delivery at Dallas, Texas. Peace remarks that was most fortunate because the original was hanging in ribbons and had bleached from navy to a pale grey. Since that point she has found two other tunics awaiting her in general delivery along the route.

## YEAR FOR TRIP

"For my 5000 mile pilgrimage I'm allowing myself a full year, because I tarry a while in the larger cities for television and radio appearances. Counting the days I've walked my average is 25 miles a day," explains the Peace Pilgrim. "I've found people vitally interested in peace, and I've been well received by religious leaders of all faiths, and been treated most kindly everywhere I've been." "It took me a full week in Pittsburgh to answer all the mail waiting for me."

On her happy way Peace Pilgrim remains "a wanderer on the face of the earth - walking until given shelter, fasting until given food"

"Why do I undertake this Peace Pilgrimage? It is a penance for whatever I may have contributed, by commission or omission, to the tragic situation in the world today. It is a prayer that this world which is groping blindly toward peace will somehow find the way."

What do you think?