

Woman Walks Across Nation To Promote Cause of Peace

A tiny woman who claims she has walked 2,100 miles in the cause of world peace is in Wichita Tuesday contacting persons here whose names she says she obtained from peace-loving persons further west.

The woman, whose age might be any number of years between 30 and 45 from her hard-to-judge looks, refuses to give her name.

"I am not important," she said. "I am just a little, bitty person of no importance at all. Just call me Peace Pilgrim."

Enough information was elicited during interrogation to indicate she might properly be called Miss Peace Pilgrim.

The woman makes no claim to starting a nationwide movement in the cause of world peace.

"This is just my own little way of doing what I can for the cause of world peace," she said. "I was told to do this by a small, inner voice."

Anyone who knows the Quaker philosophy, she said, would understand her aims. She is not a Quaker, claims no church or other affiliations.

The woman makes no claim to being an expert on any subject, but she should be a past master at walking.

Started at Pasadena

She began her pilgrimage, she said, at Pasadena, Calif., during the tournament of roses parade.

"I didn't have the money to buy a costume to get into the parade," she said, "so I just walked along close to the crowd, handing out petitions for peace, and talking to people."

There followed, she said, a series of newspaper interviews and sessions on television. These, she admits, were what she was after.

"My effort reaches so many more people that way," she said.

Following a short sojourn in Southern California she started walking toward the Atlantic ocean via San Diego, Phoenix, Dallas, Oklahoma City and Wichita.

She says she accepts no rides, walks every step, eats where she finds food offered to her, sleeps where she can find a place to rest. People give her money, she said, but she saves it all and when she gets as much as five dollars sends it to a college professor, whose name she did not give, who uses it to prepare more of the petitions for peace she gives to people.

During the hot weather she has been walking at night, sleeping by day.



PEACE PILGRIM

tity she revealed only she has a mailing address at Cologne, N. J., has a mother, sister, and brother

there, was once a typist, had hitchhiked from New Jersey to Pasadena for the sole purpose of beginning her pilgrimage from the tournament of roses.

In one document she presented it said she would, until world peace is found, be a "wanderer on the face of the earth."

Slept Under Tree

Sunday, she said, she slept under a tree somewhere near Wellington and walked into Wichita when the heat abated in the evening and early morning. She was walking, she said, on her fourth pair of shoes—thick rubber soles with canvas tops. She has worn out three pairs.

"My breakfast," she said, "was cherries picked from a tree. What could be finer?"

Asked if she is a Communist she said her appearance at Pasadena touched off an FBI investigation.

"I am sure they found out exactly what I told you," she said. "I am a person of no importance. I belong to no organizations."

She said she has been arrested twice on the trip, charged with vagrancy, but freed after sleeping in a cell overnight. She would not tell the names of the cities in which she was arrested.

"It would make them sound so mean, but they really are not," she said.

Pressed constantly for her iden-