

Miss "Peace Pilgrim" Arrives At St. John's

The silver-haired woman who calls herself Miss Peace Pilgrim arrived in the city yesterday morning after walking 100 miles from LaManche. She arrived at Stephenville Crossing by air a few days ago, and after hitch-hiking across the province started walking at LaManche.

She said that she has walked thousands of miles since in 1953, she decided that she must do something about world peace. She said she is dedicated to this aim.

Asked where she was born and some details about her family, she said that these details were superficial. She would not tell reporters who she was, where she hailed from or if she has any private

family. She said that all the people in the world were her brothers and sisters.

Asked who was financing her trip across Canada, she said she owned nothing but the blue shirt, windbreaker and jeans she stood in and walked along with the conviction that she would be given food and shelter. She often walked all night to keep warm and sometimes slept on the grass by the roadside.

She does not belong to any particular section but is carrying out a lone crusade for peace. She had to attend to mail when she arrived in the city yesterday and later made preparations for a meeting at Gower Street United Church Lecture Hall at 8 p.m. Friday.

She said she intends to make reservations to leave here by Steamer for Nova Scotia on Saturday. She had to walk 100 miles in the province of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Quebec before completing her Canadian tour. She did not say where she would get the cash to pay for her fare to Nova Scotia.

Miss "Pilgrim" said her forwarding address was at Cologne, New Jersey, U.S.A.

She is a very muscular woman and plainly shows the effect of the many miles she has walked. She said that 25 miles per day was just a jaunt and claims that at one time she walked 50 miles in one day. She appears to be about 45 years of age.