

14,000 MILES

'Peace Pilgrim' Hikes Into City

A gray-haired woman who has walked 14,000 miles since New Year's Day, 1952, in a personal pilgrimage to pro-

mote peace hiked into San Diego yesterday.

She calls herself Peace Pilgrim, and she has vowed to walk 25,000 miles for world peace.

"I walk until I am given shelter and fast until I am given food," said the woman who turns away personal questions about her background, age, or life before she took up this odyssey.

"I am ageless," she answered. "After you have found inner peace, you have no more birthdays. My energy is as endless as air. I never run out.

"Even though I never have asked for food, I've never skipped more than four meals in a row."

Peace Pilgrim said she usually averages 25 miles of walking a day.

She never accepts rides, but welcomes a chat with motorists who stop to offer a hitch. She carries nothing but a comb, toothbrush, pencil, map, a few copies of her message, and sometimes unanswered mail. She carries no cash.

Peace Pilgrim recommends establishment of a world language as the biggest single step toward world peace.

She will be in San Diego two weeks.



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