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"Peace Pilgrim"

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She Wanders In Search For Peace

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"Blue is the color of peace," she says.

So the silver-haired woman dons blue slacks, shirt and short tunic to make her walking tours on behalf of peace.

"I shall remain a wanderer until mankind has learned the way of peace, walking until I am given shelter and fasting until I am given food," is her vow.

"Peace Pilgrim," the only name she gives, began walking in 1953 during the Korean war.

She walked into Salina Monday afternoon to begin a series of speaking engagements in Kansas. She is concentrating on the Midwest for her fourth "pilgrimage."

Two Talks

She has two talks scheduled in Salina. She will speak at the 9:30 am assembly Wednesday at Sams chapel, Kansas Wesleyan university, and at the 4 pm student-faculty discussion at McAdams student center.

"It's a pilgrim's job to arouse people from their apathy and make them think," she says.

She finds that the people she meets are thinking more about peace these days.

"Whereas there was a serious question as to the possibility of peace when I started out," she said, "now everybody is seriously convinced that either we attain peace or we don't survive."

"They are interested in discussing how we can attain peace, rather than whether peace is desirable, as they were when I started.

"I lived through World War 1, when you might be lynched if you talked about peace. It was almost that bad during World War 2.

"There began to be some question in the Korean war but people were afraid to come right out and support peace because congressional committees considered a person guilty until he proved his innocence.

"But now, people are outspoken for peace."

This is her idea of a solution for the Vietnam war: "Let them stop the bombing, and ask a group of neutrals to supervise nationwide elections (both North and South) which should have been held in 1956 according to the Geneva agreement.

"Then let the U.S. move out, and when the elections have been held and other details are taken care of, the neutrals will move out, leaving Vietnam in the hands of her own people.

"Any further peacekeeping needed must be done by the UN, not the US."