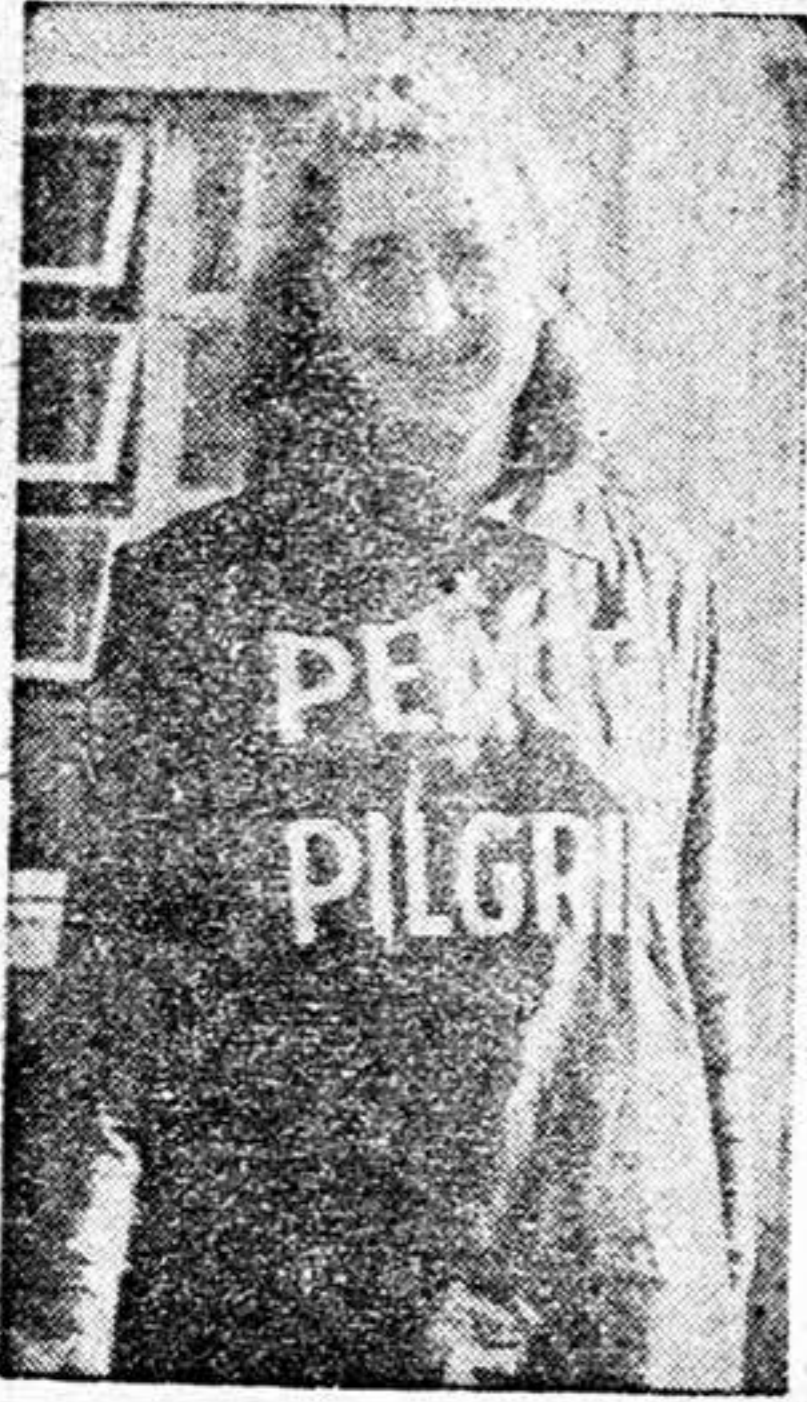


# She's on a Peace Pilgrimage



"Oklahoma City seems to be the greatest spiritual center I have found. Prospects for peace are better now than they have been for a long time, and everywhere I go I find more evidence of the new renaissance—a spiritual awakening which should win out over the forces which would sweep us to world chaos."

Speaking is a lady who wishes to be known only as the "Peace Pilgrim." She's on a long pilgrimage in the cause of peace. Starting in Los Angeles January 1, she is taking a year to walk across the country, dramatizing her belief and carrying peace petitions to the president and the United Nations.

She belongs to no organization and has no backing. "I am merely a guided instrument," she says. "I don't know what I am going to do next. I know that you can overcome evil with good, falsehood with truth and hatred with love. I believe that when you have per-

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~~fect love for people you won't fear them, and your love and faith will get you through to them.~~

### Weapon Is Love

Asked if she carried a weapon across the desert, when she walked many times all night long, the Peace Pilgrim replied "Yes I do—my weapon is love!" She told of an incident which happened on the desert. She'd walked nearly all night and overtook a parked car. A "rough looking man" invited her to get in and get warm. She curled up and slept, and when she woke up he confessed that he had intended to attack her, but said "When I saw you curled up so trustingly I just couldn't touch you." "Perfect love will work with individuals, groups and nations," she says.

The Peace Pilgrim walked into the city last week on her 5,000 mile hike for peace. She is walking all the way and has covered 1900 miles so far. "I get many offers of rides," she says. Where does she sleep and how does she eat? "I walk until I am given shelter and I fast until I have been given food," she says. "I have had something to eat every day, although I have skipped a few meals. I have slept and eaten better in Texas and Oklahoma than anywhere I have been.

### Pilgrimage Is Penance

"My pilgrimage," she declares, "is a prayer and a penance for world peace. It gives me an opportunity to talk with many persons about peace, and I find a growing interest. I am using every angle in the face of a desperate world situation. This is an effort to do all one little individual can do for world peace. This is a penance for whatever I have contributed, by commission or omission, to bring on the present world situation. We should all be willing to do our part for the guilt of the human family."

The Peace Pilgrim has a message to all who will read. Here it is: "My friends, the world situation is grave. Humanity, with fearful, faltering steps, walks a knife-edge between abysmal chaos and a new renaissance, while strong forces push toward chaos. Unless we, the people of the world, awake from our lethargy and push firmly and quickly away from chaos, all that we cherish will be destroyed in the holocaust which will descend. This is the way to peace: Overcome evil with good falsehood with truth, and hatred with love. The Golden Rule would do as well. Please don't say lightly that these are just religious concepts and not practical. These are laws governing human conduct which apply as rigidly as the law of gravity. When we disregard these laws in any walk of life, chaos results. Through obedience to these laws this frightened, war-weary world of ours could enter into a period of peace and richness of life beyond our fondest dreams."