

# Peace Pilgrim Hits Broad Highway



THE PEACE PILGRIM finds walking hard on shoes.

## Woman, Nameless, Will Walk 5000 Miles in War on War

**T**HREE and a half days after crossing the Golden Gate Bridge, a thin, 115-pound woman in her early 50s, known only as the Peace Pilgrim, walked into Sacramento yesterday, having completed the first part of her two-year walking tour of the United States.

The woman, who says she dedicated her life to "service" 15 years ago, covered a large part of the nation on a 5000-mile walk, at average of 25 miles a day, in 1953. This time she will walk 100 miles in each state of the Union, ending at the capital of each one.

The pleasant woman, who uses an extensive vocabulary to explain her aims, said her journey from San Francisco was at a better-than-average clip. She carries no belongings except a folding toothbrush. She wears blue slacks, shirt and a jacket.

**SHE WAS** offered up to five meals a day during her trip from San Francisco. She accepted no rides, although many drivers offered them.

She slept in a private home in Ignacio the first night; the second, she accepted an invitation to sleep in a restaurant between Cordelia and Fairfield; and Wednesday night she slept in a car beside a Davis all-night gas station.

The woman, who says she

belongs to no church but is very close to the Quakers, declared that "the word for our times is 'practice.' We should live up to the spirit that is already within us. The tide of world affairs is drifting to war, but we have the know-how to turn our world into a golden age."

**THE WAY**, she said, is to "overcome evil with good, falsehood with truth, and hatred with love."

She repeats the Quaker plea in well-written, mimeographed handbills, "to free us from the crushing burden of armaments, to free us from hatred and fear, so that we may feed our hungry ones, mend our broken cities, and experience a richness of life which can only come in a world that is unarmed and fed."

She declared she will continue to walk "to bring the message of the way to peace until mankind has learned the way."

**SHE HAS BEEN** speaking to church, women, and student groups the past 15 years. During her travels between cities she has usually fared well, she said, and has never suffered illness. Cold and hunger she has experienced, she said, but it has never stopped her.

She will speak today at 7:45 in Pioneer Congregational Church. Tomorrow morning she will be on the road to Stockton, this time accepting rides, until she gets to Tucson, Ariz. Then she will walk to Phoenix, the second of 48 state capitals she intends to reach on foot.

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