

'Peace' Wanderer Visits Mother Here After Long Trek

A solitary wanderer, crusading and doing penance for peace, took a "break" in her 5,000-mile coast-to-coast march yesterday to visit her mother in this city.

The "Peace Pilgrim," who has attracted attention across the nation in her pilgrimage in behalf of the cause of peace, revealed herself as a native of Atlantic County on her arrival here, but, following her practice during her travels, would not tell her name.

The lively, gray-haired woman, whose age could range anywhere from 36 to 52, has walked nearly 5,000 miles since she began her individual pilgrimage in Los Angeles Jan. 1. She hiked to this resort from Philadelphia, pausing en route Thursday night at Hammonton to see a girl friend she hadn't seen in 15 years and Friday night at the home of a sister.

REMAINS WANDERER

Although she has made the coast-to-coast trek entirely by foot, she said she would have to hitchhike back to Philadelphia last night in order to make a speaking engagement today.

The Pilgrim, who claims she calls no place home, uses Cologne as her mail forwarding address.

Of her wandering, she said: "Until mankind has learned the way to peace, I shall remain a wanderer on the face of the earth—walking until I am given shelter, fasting until I am given food, using money given me to bring the message on the way to peace to the people of my country and of the world."

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During her travels, she passed through San Diego, Phoenix, Tucson, El Paso, Fort Worth, Dallas, Oklahoma City, Wichita, Topeka, Kansas City, St. Louis, Chicago, South Bend, Detroit, Toledo, Cleveland, Akron, Canton, Pittsburgh, Washington, Baltimore, Wilmington and Philadelphia. She averaged about 25 miles a day without a mishap.

In the course of her walking, she wore out six pairs of shoes, the sixth giving out in this city. But, she said, as at other such times she received money to purchase a new pair.

The Pilgrim, who says she has no sponsor, revealed she has been working for the cause of peace for over 12 years and felt "guided" to make the walking pilgrimage.

When she left Los Angeles, she said, she did not have a cent to her name, only the clothes on her back and copies of a petition for peace. She is not circulating the petitions for signatures, but only to spread her message.

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She will remain in Philadelphia for about a week, and continue her hike to New York to arrive the week before Christmas. After presenting a copy of her petition to the UN, her course is undecided.

Outside of admitting that she was born in Atlantic County and that her mother lives in this city, the Pilgrim would not reveal any of her



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walking coast-to-coast

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