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RECAST—Cooler, occasional showers tonight; low 34. Tues day cloudy and cool; high 48. (Weather Map on Page 3.)

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Columbus Is 32nd Capital

Peace Pilgrim Arrives On Faith And On Foot

"On faith and on foot" the Peace Pilgrim came to Columbus today on a 10,000 walk for disarmament.

The Peace Pilgrim, a small, blue eyed, gray haired lady, refused to tell her name, her age, or her home. She says she owns only the clothes she wears and is on a pilgrimage to show what "the little person" can do to bring world peace.

Her vow:

● "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."

● "I'm an optimist," she says. "I expect to see world peace and be able to stop walking in my life time."

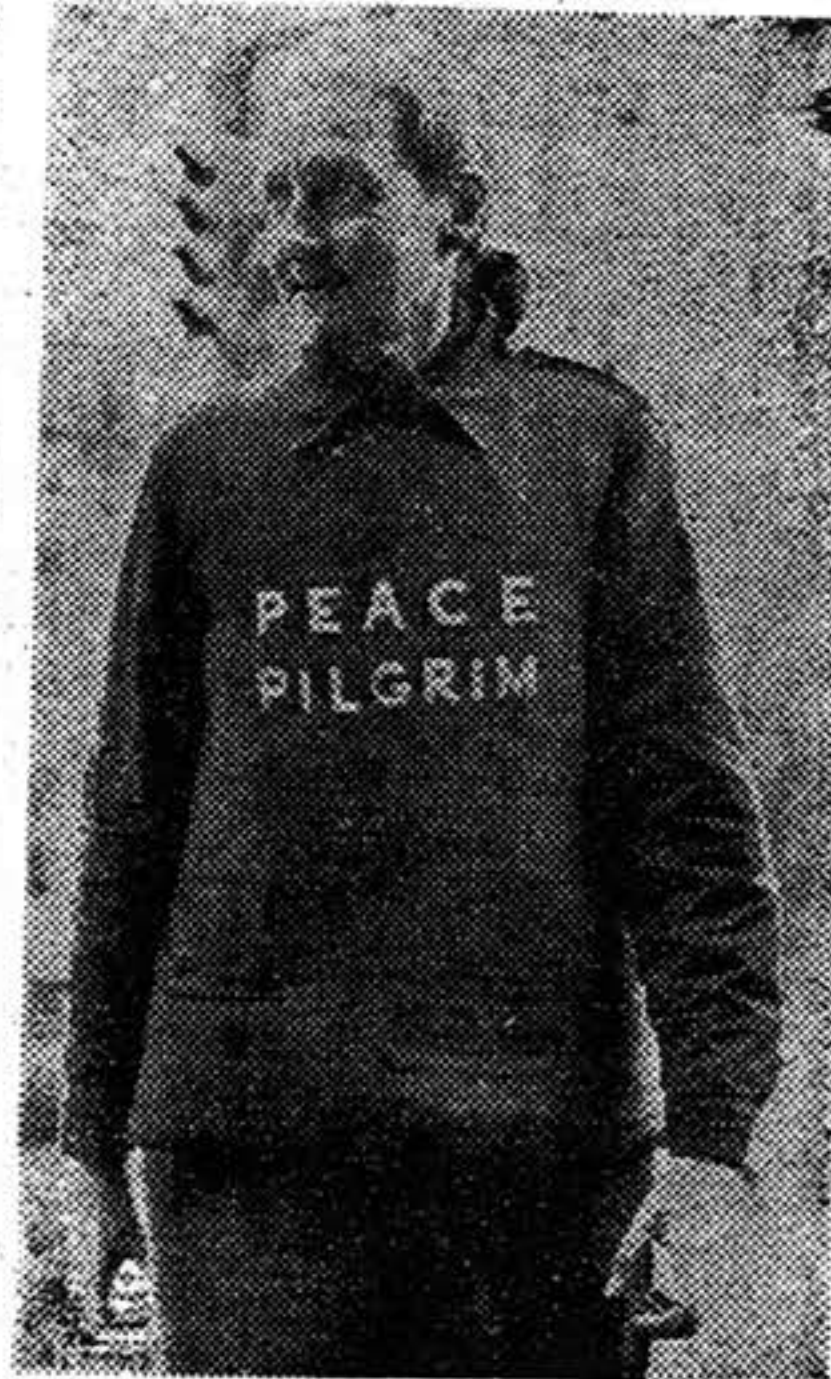
THE PEACE PILGRIM started walking three years ago. Her first journey was a zig rag route from Los Angeles to New York. That covered 5000 miles. Her second journey, more than halfway completed, is to take her for at least 100 miles in each of the 48 states and in Canada and Mexico:

Columbus is her 32nd capital city and Ohio is her 31st state. (The capital outside the United States was in Mexico.) Next state is West Virginia and she's accepting rides to Clarksburg.

"I'VE ALREADY walked my 100 miles in Ohio," she explains. "I entered the state at Cincinnati and walked to Columbus by way of Dayton and Springfield."

Mileage to date for the Peace Pilgrim is 8200 miles. The current trek should end at about the 10,000 mile mark.

The Peace Pilgrim, by the way,



Pilgrim's progress has led to Columbus after 8200 miles of walking. Outfit of blue (peace color) is her only possession, says Peace Pilgrim. (Photo by Citizen Staff Photographer Bill Lamneck.)

is on her 11th pair of rubber-soled shoes.

SHE "STARTED working for good" 15 years ago with the vow: "I shall not accept more than I need while others have less than they need."

"I've been given perfect health since then," she claims. "Haven't even had a cold. And I got caught in an April shower just the other day."

What happens if mankind has not found the way of peace by the end of 10,000 miles?

"I'll start on a new 5000-mile walk," says Peace Pilgrim.