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Sign on Peace Pilgrim's Back, Tells Her Story  
... her trek for peace has covered 25,000 miles

# Pilgrim's Progress:

## 25,000-Mile Trek for Peace

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PALM BEACH — "You may call me Peace, or you may call me Peace Pilgrim," the lady smiled.  
She will not tell her name, nor her birthplace or date, nor furnish any of the other standard biographical data because, she says, "They aren't important."  
"That would put the emphasis on the woman, not the mission," she explained.  
The woman has had her mission for 12 years, during which she has walked 25,000

miles — always on the continent of North America, always in her navy blue slacks and tunic that has "Peace Pilgrim" stenciled on the front, and "Walking 25,000 Miles for World Peace" on the back.  
She counted up the 25,000 miles in three separate walks. The first was "a zig-zag pattern from Los Angeles to New York" and the second included 48 states and Canada and Mexico.  
On the third, she stopped at every city over 25,000 population in the U.S. and Canada and ended when she

walked into Washington, D.C. last Oct. 28.  
Peace Pilgrim has not stopped walking, but she has taken time for a speaking tour and to catch up on a great deal of correspondence that comes to her Cologne, N.J., mailing address.  
Friday, she appeared at the Royal Poinciana Chapel in Palm Beach. Wednesday and Thursday she talked at Unity of the Palm Beaches and at Palm Beach Junior College.  
Her work does not pay. Peace Pilgrim "walks until given shelter, fasts until giv-

en food." There is not one cent in the pockets of her tunic.

She is a silver-haired woman of at least 50. She has the gentle voice that one would expect of a Peace Pilgrim; the weathered, healthy look expected of one who has walked 25,000 miles.

In her early life, there came a time "when I found money-making easy but meaningless."

"When I began to live to



'Call Me . . .  
. . . 'Peace'

give, not to get, my life became meaningful."

The inspiration to become Peace Pilgrim came poetically. It was during a "time alone with God," high on a hill, as she sat on a rock and looked on the rural setting far below.

"I saw in my mind's eye myself in costume, the garb of my mission, and I saw a map of the United States with a jagged colored line traced across it, and I knew what I was to do."

When Peace Pilgrim is walking she does "an easy 25 miles a day" that "leaves plenty of time to talk to people along the way," but she has done more than her share of 50 mile hikes.

When she is talking, she says that humanity "has entered a new age, the awesome nuclear age, that calls

for a new renaissance to let us so we'll be able to cope with it."

Peace Pilgrim's brochures contain two "magic formulas."

For resolving conflict: "Have as your objective the resolving of the conflict, not the gaining of advantage."

For avoiding conflicts: "I'm concerned that you do not offend — not that you are not offended."

She has more specific suggestions for achieving peace. The Congress should create a department of peace, and make its head a member of the President's Cabinet, she believes, and has informed one of President Johnson's assistants.

Ultimately, Peace Pilgrim feels there must be an international system of law and order overseen by the United Nations and maintained by an international police force.

"But there should also be a peace force, to remove the causes of strife," she said. She feels there needs to be a world language.

She does not go abroad because "my calling is here — to make the land where I was born a shining example, and she firmly believes that what she is doing has shown results.

There are extensive people-to-people programs underway, there is the nuclear test ban, there are research programs pursuing peaceful methods of resolving conflicts, and there is the Peace Corps, for which Peace Pilgrim has great enthusiasm.

"We are closer to peace than we were when I started my pilgrimage, I believe that I have helped."



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