She’s Come 2,500 Miles So Far

Four Pairs of Shoes Worn Out in Her Pilgrimage for Peace

A small, gray haired woman, whose identity is unknown but who calls herself a Peace Pilgrim, walked into Topeka Friday on her way from coast to coast on foot.

She carried three “peace petitions,” one asking for peace in Korea, one asking for establishment of a department of peace in the federal government, and one asking the U.N. for world disarmament.

The tiny woman, who wore a pair of blue slacks, a blue blouse, and a jacket inscribed “Peace Pilgrim” on the front and “walking coast to coast for peace” on the back, said that she carried no money or supplies on her journey.

She said that she had never gone a day without food, although she carries no money, and she spent only two nights walking because she had no place to sleep. She added that she had worn out four pairs of shoes in her pilgrimage.

She said that she was not sponsored by any organization, but had conceived her pilgrimage to help point out the need for action toward world peace.

She left Los Angeles on January 1, and has walked almost 2,500 miles since then. She will go on, she said, to Kansas City, Chicago, Detroit, Washington, and New York.

She SAID that she was making her pilgrimage in an attempt to awaken people to their responsibilities toward world peace.