Peace Pilgrim to Start Hike Across U.S. as Antiwar Bid

Peace Pilgrim, as she wants to be known until she has completed her mission, plans to leave Los Angeles tomorrow morning on a cross-country hike in the interest of world peace.

"The world situation is grave," she said. "Unless we awake from our lethargy and push firmly and quickly away from chaos, all that we cherish will be destroyed in the holocaust which will descend."

The walker is from Cologne, N.J. More or less in preparation for her long hike, she walked about 2500 miles last summer, covering the Appalachian Trail from Maine to Georgia and other routes. She learned, she said, how to live outdoors and expects to sleep out most of the time on her trip.

Name's Really Mildred

Peace Pilgrim said that her first name is really Mildred, but that she prefers to keep her identity otherwise secret. She believes that the way to peace will be found through overcoming evil with good, falsehood with truth and hatred with love. The Golden Rule, she said, would do as well.

She admitted that she is somewhere between 30 and 40 years of age. Friends have donated money for her expenses, she reported.