Pilgrim Treads Long and Far for Peace

The gray-haired woman wouldn't give her name.

"When I dedicated my life to service 15 years ago," she said Monday, "the Lord gave me the name of Peace Pilgrim.

"I have no home, no belongings. I'm walking a 10,000 miles for peace in the world."

ON TO CHEYENNE

She arrived Monday in Denver after walking here from Pueblo, she said. She will leave for Cheyenne next Monday.

"I walked 5000 miles in 1953 from coast to coast and border to border in 200 days," she said.

"Last January I left San Francisco. I've walked 800 miles since. Through sunshine, rain, snow and dust storms."

She intends to walk 100 miles in each state to its capitol. After the 100 miles, she can ride, she said.

45-DAY FAST

Now and then, the Peace Pilgrim said, she fasts for world disarmament and peace.

"I fasted 45 days in North Carolina," she said. "The only time I took was water after the third day. Don't forget that Jesus fasted 40 days."

She said she carried only a toothbrush, comb and "copies of my message, which are the most important."

She said she never fasted long. Someone always appeared to aid her. "I slept on the front seat of a fire engine in Tucson, Ariz. That was fun."

HARD ON SHOES

In her walks for peace, she's worn out eight pairs of shoes.

The Peace Pilgrim said she couldn't give her age. She said she weighs 115. Her clothes consist of navy blue slacks, shirt and sweater.

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