ON 10,000-MILE TRIP:

Woman 'Peace Pilgrim' Walks Into Montgomery

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A spry, gray-haired woman known only as the Peace Pilgrim walked into Montgomery last night on the last legs of her 10,000-mile "foot and faith" mission for world peace.

The blue-eyed woman, who has renounced all personal identity in her peace crusade, said there was nothing important about her life except that "I dedicated my life 18 years ago" for the service of peace.

For this reason, she declined to give her name or her home address.

For the past three years, Peace Pilgrim has been walking and talking from state to state — "I try to walk 100 miles in each state" — without thought of where her next meal or place to stay will come from.

Last night she stayed at the home of architect C. H. Lancaster Jr., 115 S. McDonough St.

Three years ago, Peace Pilgrim said she attained "inner peace" and began on her "foot and faith" mission. She has now completed 7,700 miles of her journey and has sometimes walked as much as 50 miles in one day — "without being tired" — and gone as long as 36 hours without a meal. She has slept on cement floors, on grass, in parked automobiles, a bus station and an all-night cafe.

Asked what would happen if everyone followed literally the Biblical advice of "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and take no heed of what ye shall eat or drink," Peace Pilgrim explained that everyone did not have to do as she did.

"You can live in accordance with the same principles by performing a useful service within your community," she said.

Peace Pilgrim plans to leave tomorrow for Birmingham, Tuscaloosa and then Tennessee.

When she leaves, she will be wearing the simple uniform which she designed. She has no other possessions.