PEACE PILGRIM WALKS THROUGH
... 25,000 miles for world peace

Pilgrim Walking Path To Peace

Peace Pilgrim, a soft-spoken, alert woman of about 50, stepped off her 17,000th mile to arrive in Tyler Friday as a part of her 25,000-mile pilgrimage for peace.

The stopover in Tyler precedes a trek to Dallas. Peace, who declines to give any other name for fear of calling attention to herself rather than to the idea of world peace, plans to make it a 1,000-mile walk through Texas this winter.

The woman's vow is: "I shall remain a wanderer until mankind has learned the way of peace, walking until given shelter and fasting until given food."

At that, Peace says she's never missed more than four meals in a row since beginning her journey from Los Angeles, Calif., in January of 1953.

Also, she feels she will see the world disarm in her lifetime.

Peace has no timetable for the day the world disarms — but she does foresee herself completing 25,000 miles of walking before this occurs.

Peace declares she has always been provided for through no action of her own. Interested people approach her — "I never approach people," she says.

Peace does her walking without prior plans to obtain money or food. The sunsuit she wears serves as night gown and, on occasion, as swimming suit. She carries her toothbrush in the pocket of her slacks.

"Peace Pilgrim" is the sewn-on identification on the front of her sweater. On the sweater's back is the message "Walking 25,000 Miles For World Peace."