‘Peace Pilgrim’ Hikes Into City

She calls all the world her family and has never asked for help, although strangers have fed, clothed and sheltered her for 14 years. She is the “Peace Pilgrim.”

She may be seen walking through the city or along a highway in her navy blue tunic, slacks, and shoes. Large white letters on the front of her tunic spell “Peace Pilgrim.” The back says “25,000 Miles for World Peace.”

The slim, gray-haired woman with bright blue eyes is in Milwaukee for a week’s visit. She admits to no name other than “Peace Pilgrim.” Her walk began in Los Angeles in 1953 and reached the 25,000 mile mark in 1964.

“I stopped counting after that, and my walks have been much more leisurely since then,” she said.

She is proud that she never has had to beg or ask for anything and that all her desires have been fulfilled by strangers willing to help.

She pulled from her pocket her complete worldly possessions to prove her point. They consisted of a pocket comb, a collapsible toothbrush, a pen and a map of Milwaukee.

She does not give her age, because she says she is ageless. She calls all the world her home. She has walked through all the contiguous 48 states, preaching love and peace.

“Inner peace is the only path to world peace,” she says.

The pilgrim often speaks to large groups upon request but will make no public appearance here. She spoke in a private home Wednesday evening.

She says she walks up to 25 miles a day “as a prayer and as a chance to inspire others to pray and work for peace.”

Her last visit to Milwaukee was in 1961. She said that she had her wandering schedule planned until the end of 1972.

While in Milwaukee she is staying with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Franz, 19801 W. Pinecrest La., New Berlin, and Mrs. Adale S. Vaughan, 2105 N. Summit Av.