‘Peace Pilgrim’ Here To Offer Her Message To Students

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Now she notes public sentiment toward war has changed and "I'm on the popular side." Refusing to divulge specifics of her life before beginning her peace mission, the pilgrim did note she was born poor but had reached a position of affluence.

FRIENDS’ THOUGHTS

"When I told friends I was about to change my lifestyle and walk across the country for peace, they thought I had lost my senses," she said.

She chose to travel by foot, she said, because walking is a prayer discipline. "Now I have learned to pray without ceasing."

She said the tune, a walking advertisement of her mission, draws people who "are either interested in peace or have a good lively curiosity."

She said she speaks only to those persons who approach her and addresses church, school and community groups only by invitation.

MIDDLE CLASS HELPERS

While she has been given food and lodging by the rich and poor, most of her benefactors are middle-class people "with an extra room in the house."

She said the Golden Rule has profoundly affected her life. She has vowed to remain a wanderer "until mankind has learned the way of peace."

Peace Pilgrim said people should never underestimate the power of love and positive attitude in dealing with others.

"We can destroy ourselves with negative thinking," she said. "I just think about the best that can happen. I fear nothing and expect only good."