

Peace Pilgrim, Walking From Coast to Coast, Arrives Here

The Peace Pilgrim is in Abilene.

A dark-clad woman, who refuses to give her name and says she has no home, walked into town late Thursday afternoon. She is making a peace pilgrimage by walking from Los Angeles to New York.

"I walk until I am given shelter, fast until I am given food," she explained. "Only twice have I had to keep walking all night and although I've skipped several meals I've had something to eat every day."

She left Los Angeles Jan. 1 with only the clothes she had on, several copies of her message for the

way to peace and three peace petitions. One petition is addressed to the United Nations, one to President Eisenhower and the other to "whomever you believe has the power to end the war in Korea."

"I have no sponsor," she emphasized, "this is an individual effort for peace—a penance for whatever I may have contributed, by commission or omission, to the tragic situation in the world today and a prayer that the world will find its way to peace before it is too late."

She has averaged 25 miles per day in the 58 days she has actually spent walking.

She accepts no rides and whatever money she is given she uses to have more peace messages printed.

She plans to deliver the petitions to the President and to the United Nations.