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SIXTH TREK — Peace Pilgrim, on her sixth trip across the country in hopes of rousing people to do something for peace, spent two days in Pasadena and made one talk.

21 Years of Wandering

Princess of Peace Walks for Mankind

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For her, life has become very simple as she carries out her vow: "I shall remain a wanderer until mankind has learned the way of peace, walking until I am given shelter and fasting until I am given food."

Her real name is a secret, as is her age, her education and other data which she scoffs at as trivia. She adopted the name Peace Pilgrim 21 years ago when, already silver-haired, she marched down Colorado Boulevard ahead of the January 1 Tournament of Roses parade to start her pilgrimage.

"Do you plan to walk ahead of the parade this year in observance of your anniversary," she was asked.

"I hadn't thought of that, but if there is no problem about doing it I just might," she said.

Clothes on Her Back

She came to Pasadena to make a talk, wearing the only clothes she has — navy blue slacks and shirt and a short tunic with pockets continuous around the bottom. In these she carries her worldly possessions; leaflets, a comb, a folding toothbrush and a ball point pen.

"How do you do your washing?"

"Frequently I am invited to stay at homes where there is a washing machine," she said. "I wear a two piece sun suit and just keep that on while washing."

It is vice versa when it comes to the sun suit, which she also sleeps in and uses as a swim suit.

Sewed to the front of her tunic are the words Peace Pilgrim. On the back, the white letters read "25,000 Miles on Foot for Peace."

"A pilgrim's job is to rouse people from apathy and make them think" the Peace Pilgrim said. "We have made the error of trying to overcome evil with evil. My magic formula for resolving conflicts is this: have as your objective the resolving of the conflict, not the gaining of advantage. For avoiding conflicts, the formula is: be concerned that you do not offend, not that you are not offended."

World peace is now possible, but not inevitable, she thinks. The people of our country deserve a lot of credit for bringing about this condition, she said.

"For the individual, inner peace is possible — I know from experience," she said. "Our spiritual growing up begins when we turn from self-centered thoughts and turn outward. I walk on the endless energy that comes with inner peace. I can walk 25 miles a day easily and have walked 50."

She wears 6-C shoes, children's type thick-soled deck shoes with canvas tops. "The clerks say I should wear a 5½ B, but I want the extra room."

She gets about 1,500 miles to a pair of shoes. "There is no way to see the country like walking."

"I am always supplied with what I need through the goodness of fellow human beings," she said.

"What about bad weather?"

Readily Adaptable

"I learned long ago that my skin is waterproof and my body adjusts readily to different temperatures — the Indians understand this," she said. "If I have unanswered mail, I put that in a plastic bag."

Her main subject now is inner peace, she said, because outer peace won't come until enough people find inner peace.

While here, she stayed with Lois Krenz, former school principal, in Altadena.

Mary C., Eubanks, 614½ W. 40th Place, Los Angeles, 90037, is coordinator of her speaking appearances during her stay of several months in Southern California. She is on her sixth pilgrimage across the country, planning to visit 48 states in 1973, '74, '75, '76 and '77, hoping to convince people that they too should be doing something to promote peace.