

Whitfords Start Trip To Kelowna

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QUEBEC.—The Whitfords are off on a 3,000-mile bicycle trip to Kelowna, B.C.

George and Margaret Whitford placed their two-year-old son in his three-foot trailer, pulled down the thick celluloid canopy above his head and took their places on the heavy tandem.

They waved cheerfully to Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Clark of nearby St. Louis de Courville, where they lived after their arrival here last Thursday by ship from Britain, and began the trek that will take them an estimated six months.

Margaret, 24, a tall blonde woman, said her one big worry is the family wash. "I haven't yet figured out how I'm going to get around that problem."

George, 32, a wiry little man who has been a soldier most of his life, was concerned with problems of organization.

GEARED UP

"I'm all geared up about this trip," he said. "It's the biggest thing we've undertaken so far. In England we travelled 200 to 300 miles on trips."

The Whitfords were living at Great Wakering, Essex, when they decided to move to Canada. They have been planning their cycling trip to the Okanagan for months.

Asked why they were making the trip, George said:

"The thing is we're going to settle in Canada and we would like to see the country and meet the people."

"By the time we get to Kelowna we will probably know as much of the countryside as the average Canadian."

HAVE \$150

The Whitfords have about \$150 for the journey. When they reach Kelowna, they will head for the fruit farm of George Reed, an uncle of Margaret, who has a job for George.

Nearly all items they need for their trip are contained in eight canvas pouches tied on each side of the tandem bicycle.

They have a tent, three sleepingbags, warm and cool clothes for everyone, spare parts, repair tools, water bottles and food rations.

In addition the Whitfords carry a small stove, folding frying pots and utensils.

They don't intend to refuse assistance from persons who would like to offer shelter or food along the way.

"We realize this is the toughest thing we've ever undertaken and we don't intend to be stupidly stubborn about it," George said.

"If the going gets too tough in the western provinces, we'll try to get a lift on a truck."

Political Party Contributions Taxable

OTTAWA.—The revenue department does not allow deductions for income tax purposes on contributions made to political parties by contractors, the government advised the Commons. The information was given in replies to questions asked by Stanley Knowles (CCF-Winnipeg North Centre).

LEGION MEMBER REJECTS TRIP TO JUNE CORONATION

NEPEAWA, Man. —Because a 45-year-old bachelor of Macgregor, Man., doesn't want to go to the Coronation, the Canadian Legion here may lose \$1,700.

In a recent Legion ticket draw, John Lawrence won a free ocean voyage for two persons and \$200 for incidental expenses. He chose the alternative \$1,700 in cash. The Legion paid up.

But it had already bought two ocean passages from the Amsterdam-Holland Line in New York. The Legion said the line refused a refund. Now it is trying to sell the tickets—and the ship sails next week.

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Finance Minister Warns Against Too Much Credit

SEIGNIORY CLUB, Que. — production for defence, a period in which there are many demands on available goods and many calls for the taxpayer's dollar, the evil of a watered-down dollar is always close at hand.

Shopkeepers who sell too much on credit may not only be discouraging the consumer's habit of saving against the future, but also endangering their own business investments, Mr. Abbott said in a speech to the annual meeting of the Canadian Retail Federation.

Retailers were planning to spend a lot of money on capital expansion this year—about \$300,000,000 including repair and maintenance costs—an increase of 50 per cent over 1952.

"Just as it would be unfortunate to see a fall in the high rate of personal saving, so, too, it would be undesirable if any portion of your considerable annual investment in retailing facilities was endangered by the possibility of too many credit sales turning sour," Mr. Abbott said.

MORE SPENDING
There had been a "very significant" rise in consumer spending and in outstanding retail credit in 1952, following elimination of federal credit controls. But while credit was going up, so was the rate of personal savings in Canada.

"It would be unfortunate," said Mr. Abbott, "if consumers were encouraged to pledge so much of their future earnings that the rate of net personal saving dropped."

The saving habit was important to Canada. If the government's policies had had the effect of persuading Canadians that they had nothing to save for, "then we would be free-wheeling to disaster."

"During this period in which we must finance a high level of

Second Canadian Highland Battalion Will Go to Korea at Full Strength

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IN KOREA.—The 2nd Canadian Highland battalion's trip to Korea next October will be the largest one-battalion move here in almost three years, the Canadian Press learns.

The battalion will relieve the 3rd battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, in November.

Unlike other units since the 2nd Patricia's came in 1950, the Highlanders will come out at full strength, plus replacements estimated sufficient to carry them through their year here. More than 1,100 officers and men will come.

Hitherto new units have arrived just strong enough to relieve men actually eligible for rotation. Those ineligible for home stay on in the new units until due for rotation, when they return individually.

REASON FOR POLICY

A prime reason for the new policy is that the army's hybrid units, formed when the 27th brigade was raised, will be moving into the rotation cycle, confronting it with a psychological problem.

The hybrid battalions have a company from each of five parent units, plus a composite headquarters company representing all five. There tend to be conflicting loyalties—as between company and battalion—but soldiers already in them have perhaps accustomed themselves

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to the conflict. However, it would be difficult next November to take a man who had fought as a 3rd Patricia and overnight make him a 42nd Highlander, for instance, with the possibility that a month later he would get another type of job with another company and become a Seaforth Highlander.

LONDON CHEFS DREAMING NEW DISHES FOR JUNE 2

LONDON (Reuters)—Thousands of west-end Coronation night diners will have sumptuous seven-course dinners of more than pre-war excellence.

London chefs are dreaming up new dishes especially for the night of June 2. Some of these extravaganzas will be named after the Royal Family.

Oysters, turtle soup, chicken and asparagus tips and pate de foie gras will be on the menus.

Chefs are studying the impressive menus of King George VI's Coronation night in 1937 and improving on them for luxury-starved diners. All-night dancing will be followed at dawn by breakfasts of ham and eggs and kippers.

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Laborer Faces Murder Charge

QUEBEC.—Georges Hebert, 42-year-old laborer, was ordered to stand trial on a charge of murder arising out of the ax-slaying of his four children.

Defence counsel said a postponement to October will be sought.

More Missionaries
WINNIPEG.—Need for missionaries for Canadian missions was stressed at the provincial synod of the Anglican diocese of Rupert's Land. The committee member said: "We act now most vigorously we shall extinguish the light handed to us by the early missionaries."

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