

## TO EXPO '67 - BY ALL MEANS

The 1967 World Exhibition has not only attracted visitors from all across Canada and from many different countries but has inspired many modes of transport.

A canoe race announced three years ago by the Centennial Commission began on May 25, when 100 men in ten canoes left Rocky Mountain House, Alberta, to paddle the 3,283 miles to Montreal. Eight provinces are represented in the race. When last heard from in mid-July, the canoeists were in Saskatchewan, about two-million paddle strokes from the Expo '67 marina, where the winner will collect the grand prize.

### HIGHWAY ROLLER-SKATER

Christopher Robin Price, a 21-year-old chef from Victoria, British Columbia, was congratulated by Prime Minister Pearson after roller-skating the whole length of the Trans-Canada Highway to Expo '67, averaging between 70 and 75 miles a day. He skated the 3,738 miles from Vancouver to the Expo main entrance in 12 weeks.

A 23-year-old man, also from Victoria, mounted his bicycle on April 27 and arrived in Montreal 67 days later. Roland Bolduc, a former miner aged 37, who lost the use of both legs in a mine accident, left Toronto in a wheelchair, but badly-blistered hands forced him to drop out at the half-way point of his 290-mile journey.

A covered wagon drawn by two horses and driven by Sheriff Joe Sloan of Pontiac County in northwest Quebec, creaked into an Expo parking lot on July 2. The Sheriff and his wife, his two-year-old son and a dog named Curley had travelled a distance of some 250 miles. A marathon runner from Toronto averaged 50 miles a day and covered 390 miles between July 13 and July 20, with his wife driving close behind him.

### STRANDED IN RED SEA

Bujan tribesmen from Kenya are sailing to Expo in a *dhow*, an Arab craft rigged with a single lateen sail. They left Mombasa May 10 on the 10,000-mile voyage and July 12, were reported to be stranded on an island in the Red Sea awaiting the opening of the Suez Canal.

A mule train from Death Valley, California, averaging 20 miles a day, is expected to arrive early in October, after a trek of 5,000 miles. The caravan, comprising six persons, 22 mules, six horses and a Conestoga wagon (the famous "prairie-schooner") said to be the first to cross the continent, represents an investment of \$10,000.

### YOUNG PIONEERS

The 11- and 9-year-old sons of Mr. and Mrs. T.P. Whittemore, of Needham, Massachusetts, left home in a pony-drawn buggy on July 5 and hope to arrive in Montreal early in August. King, their ten-year-old Shetland pony, pulls the two-wheeled buggy at a speed of five miles an hour.

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### PRINCE OPENS PAN-AM GAMES

Nearly 250,000 athletes from 28 countries marched through mud before 20,000 rain-soaked spectators in the Winnipeg Stadium when Prince Philip, on behalf of the Queen, opened the Pan-American Games on July 23. In his short address in English and French, the Prince said that there was "so much hate in the world that we must believe sport will give hope for amity and peace for all mankind".

Immediately after the official opening, ten Indians from northern Manitoba ran into the stadium bearing the Pan-Am torch and handed it to Lee Southern, a runner from Manitoba. He, in turn, ran to the north end of the stadium and climbed 62 steps to light the huge steel urn that will burn until the Games close on August 7.

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### GIFT FROM NEW ZEALAND

Prime Minister Holyoake of New Zealand announced recently that 100 sets of the *Encyclopaedia of New Zealand* would be presented to Prime Minister Pearson, the Leader of the Opposition, provincial legislatures, and selected libraries and universities

throughout Canada. In addition, two paintings and a large stoneware bowl will be presented for inclusion in the New Zealand Room in the Canadian Parliament Buildings.

In accepting the gift on behalf of all Canadians, Prime Minister Pearson said that this most generous and welcome gift would be appreciated by a large number of Canadians for many years to come, and "will serve well as another symbol of the close ties of warm and easy friendship which links us to New Zealand".

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### ARCTIC EXPLORATION PERMITS

Fifty-one exploration permits, covering more than two million acres near the Queen Elizabeth Islands in Canada's Arctic, have been issued to Global Marine of Los Angeles and Houston, Texas Incorporated, by the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, Mr. Arthur Laing, the Minister announced recently. Global Marine is the first company to acquire exploration permits for extensive offshore areas in the Arctic islands, a region considered to possess excellent prospects for oil, gas and sulphur deposits.