

"IROQUOIS" HOMEWARD BOUND: After some six months of duty with United Nations naval forces in the Far East, the destroyer Iroquois is headed homeward and, when she arrives in Halifax early in February, will have logged approximately 48,000 miles since leaving Canada last April.

Most of those miles have been steamed during numerous patrols in the Japan and Yellow seas, both before and after the Korean truce, and on exercises with other U.N. ships in the Korean theatre.

Scheduled to arrive in Halifax on February 10, the Iroquois is following in the wake of other Halifax-based destroyers which have circled the globe during their missions to and from the Far East. Her ports of call include Hong Kong, Singapore, Colombo, Aden, Suez, Port Said, Malta, Gibraltar and Ponta Delgada, in the Azores.

The Iroquois sailed from Halifax in company with HMCS Huron on April 29, 1953, and travelled the well-known route via Panama and Pearl Harbour to Sasebo, Japan. It was this ship's second tour of duty in the Far East.

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TO OPEN TRADE FAIR: Captain the Right Hon. Peter Thorneycroft, President of the United Kingdom Board of Trade, has accepted an invitation to open the Seventh Canadian International Trade Fair, in Toronto, on May 31, it was announced on January 14 by the Minister of Trade and Commerce, Mr. Howe.

Mr. Thorneycroft, who is M.P. for the Welsh riding of Monmouth, is one of the group of young Conservative Members of the United Kingdom Parliament who, during the Second World War, established the Tory Reform Committee. He was joint author of the "National Policy for Coal", issued by this Committee in 1945; he contributed to many debates on the subject. He was partly responsible for the booklet "Design for Europe", in which the need for close collaboration between Great Britain and the United States was urged.

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HMCS ONTARIO'S CRUISE: Names of two additional ports which will be visited by HMCS Ontario (cruiser) during her forthcoming cruise to Australia and New Zealand were announced on January 13 by Naval Headquarters.

The Ontario, which sailed from Esquimalt, B.C., January 12, will call at Suva, Fiji Islands, from January 29 to 31, while en route to Australia, and will visit Tongatabu, in the Friendly Islands, from March 24 to 26 and Suva, March 27 to 29, during the homeward voyage.

Other ports at which the Ontario will call in the course of the three-month cruise are Pearl Harbour, Hawaii; Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane, Australia; Hobart, Tasmania, and Milford Sound, Dunedin and Wellington, New Zealand.

The Ontario's longest stay will be at Hobart, February 11 to 23, and during this period the ship will take part in ceremonies honouring Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and in celebrations marking the 150th anniversary of the founding of the city. Her Majesty is scheduled to land at Hobart on February 20.

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IMMIGRATION: During the 11 months ending November 30, 157,638 immigrants landed in Canada, an increase of 0.4 per cent compared with 157,036 admitted during the same period in 1952, according to a report just released by the Department of Citizenship and Immigration.

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Herring catch of Pacific coast fishermen tipped the scales at a record-shattering 99,487,000 pounds last November, was almost 19 times as heavy as landings in the same month in 1952.

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Railways employed an average of 214,143 during 1952, some 10,118 or 5% more than in the preceding year.