



### KON-TIKI TURN-ABOUT

Five men on the raft Tahiti Nui (left) are reported safe on the badly crippled float 800 miles off the coast of Chile after a furious South Pacific storm with winds up

to 80 miles an hour. Distress signals have been picked up from skipper, French scientist Eric de Bisschop (right), who is trying to reverse the Kon-Tiki adventure by

sailing from Tahiti to Chile. The raft is reported missing a mast and surrounded by sharks in the stormy waters off Juan Fernandez Islands.

### Britain Fears Sweep Of Eastern Epidemic

LONDON (CP) — The British Medical Research Council said today "it is likely" the new form of influenza sweeping the Far East will spread to Britain and continental Europe.

British specialists were working around the clock at the world influenza centre in London to find a vaccine capable of fighting the disease — a new strain of influenza virus A.

There are two main types of influenza — viruses A and B — of which the former generally gives rise to epidemics.

The spokesman said specimens of the new strain were flown here from the Far East in mid-May. The epidemic first appeared in Hong Kong in AQP AND T sands were stricken.

216 DEATHS  
Already, 185 epidemic deaths have been reported from the Philippines, 21 have died in Bombay and 10 in Calcutta. Hundreds of thousands have recovered, however, and Britain officially regards

it as a "mild" disease. A health ministry spokesman said no special instructions had yet been issued to port and airport medical officers, although they would check passengers arriving from the Far East in the normal course of their duties.

"It is essentially true that one cannot stop these things," he said. British newspapers warned readers to take precautions — especially rest — as soon as they feel a headache or run a high fever.

CLOSE FAR EAST SCHOOLS  
Schools throughout the Far East have been closed down and spring-time holidays extended in an attempt to curb the disease.

Hundreds of thousands have been affected by the disease since an outbreak was first reported in Japan last December. By March influenza was reported raging in China, and the next month in the British mainland colony of Hong Kong. From there it has spread rapidly.

### French Socialists Agree To Join Pflimlin On Condition

By DAVID REID  
PARIS (Reuters)—The national council of former Premier Guy Mollet's Socialist party Monday night approved "conditional participation" in the government.

Popular Republican leader Pierre Pflimlin is trying to form. But the party attached tough conditions and political observers said it has put the 50-year-old Pflimlin in a difficult spot.

The vote by the council was reported to be 2,464 to 1,071, with 298 abstentions. The Socialists' 10-page resolution opposed the idea of a national government excluding the Communist and Foudjaldist groups as advocated by Pflimlin. They demanded the carrying out of Mollet's policies.

If Pflimlin had got a "no" from the Socialists he would have had to tell President Rene Coty that he was unable to form a government.

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cialists overcome their reluctance to be associated with a Catholic-led government. The Socialist national council met in suburban Puteau to study Pflimlin's "action program to save Algeria and the franc." There was a strong current of sentiment against joining Pflimlin's coalition.

Mollet, who headed France's longest-lived government since the war, spoke in "moderate but vague" terms.

Pflimlin has leaned over backwards to meet the Socialists in his action program and has stressed the "loyal support" his Catholic party has given to the Mollet government part of the majority.

WOULD BOLSTER FRANC  
The main points of the action program drafted by Pflimlin are: 1. Bolstering of the French franc, with restoration of France's financial position by December, 1958.

2. Increased military effort to put down the Algerian insurrection and a fight against terrorism in both France and Algeria.

3. Reform of the constitution in order to strengthen government stability.

4. Prompt ratification of the European common market and the European atomic pool.

### Calls For Expanded Market For Fish, Coastguard Service

By JOHN LeBLANC  
Canadian Press Staff Writer

LUNENBURG, N.S. (CP) — Markets for Canadian fish must be expanded, John Diefenbaker said Monday.

The Progressive Conservative leader, campaigning in the heart of Nova Scotia's fishing industry, accused the federal government of not being strong enough in resisting efforts of United States politicians to have U.S. imports of Canadian fish restricted.

"The government could be very outspoken last fall but has not been so outspoken on something that affects the rights of Canadians," he said.

Mr. Diefenbaker was referring to his previous criticism of the government for taking what he has described as a stand against Britain and France during the Suez crisis.

So far as the marketing of fish in the United States was concerned, Canada should take a "stand of abiding reason," but it also should be a stand demonstrating Canadian independence.

MUST HAVE COAST GUARD  
Mr. Diefenbaker, speaking to about 800 people from the steps of Lunenburg's town hall, also said Canada must have a coast guard service.

"We believe that this is necessary," he said. "We believe in action being taken for our fishermen in their difficulties and for the safety of the lives of those who go to sea."

The Conservative leader, in his first day of speeches in Nova Scotia during his current eastern tour, campaigned in the ridings of Liberal-held Queens-Lunenburg and Conservative Digby-Digby-Annapolis Kings, where his party had its only Nova Scotia seat in the last Parliament.

In Queens-Lunenburg, he spoke on behalf of Lloyd Crouse, who is trying to unseat Works Minister Winters. Mr. Diefenbaker held meetings — mostly informal —

thanks was read from Mrs. Leonard Pickering. School committees for June is Mrs. Robert Milligan. Sick Committee is Mrs. Edward Laughlin and Mrs. James Harris. Next meeting to be held at Mrs. Martin Deckers. Lunch was served by the hostess and Mrs. Earle Thompson and Mrs. Frank Thompson. Meeting closed by singing the Queen.

LONDON (CP)—Lambeth district council, which has built more than 3,000 houses since the Second World War, still has 7,000 families on its waiting list.



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the village school and he went around shaking hands with them. One of those who wished him luck there was 82-year-old Mrs. Bessie Hiltz, a long-time Conservative supporter.

At Mahone Bay Mr. Diefenbaker talked from the base of the town's war memorial to about 250 people. At Lunenburg one of those who greeted Mr. Diefenbaker was 75-year-old Angus Walters, skipper of the racing schooner Bluenose when she had the speed championship of Atlantic fishing vessels. At the Lunenburg meeting Mr. Diefenbaker said a main purpose of his party is to see that there is equalization of opportunity for Maritimers in relation to the people of other parts of Canada.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY  
"We want the equality of opportunity for all," he said. "That is my dedication."

At Mahone Bay he told about 250 people that "I want to see your sons and daughters stay in the Maritimes rather than migrate because they cannot get their proper share of the economy in this area."

He was referring to the suggestion of the royal commission on Canada's economic prospects that there might have to be a migration of some Maritimers to central Canada.

"I want to see that all Canadians get their share," he said. "That is the abiding purpose of my life."

SHERBROOKE W. I.  
Mrs. Charles Yeo was hostess to the Sherbrooke W. I. on Wednesday May 8th. The president, Mrs. Fred McKinnon, presided.

The meeting opened by singing of the Ode and repeating the creed in unison. Minutes were read. Statement was given. Roll call answered by 14 members naming their favourite flower. Correspondence was read and discussed. Some discussion took place about the district convention. A card of

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# SHABBY TREATMENT FOR OLD AGE PENSIONERS

The Federal Government has for a number of years been amassing huge surpluses, amounting to hundreds of millions of dollars each year.

During the same period the cost of living has increased until it has reached the highest point in the history of this country.

This increase affects our old age pensioners as well as every other person in Canada --- in fact, much more so.

### WHAT HAS THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT DONE TO ASSIST THE OLD AGE PENSIONERS TO KEEP UP WITH THE RISING COST OF LIVING?

At the last session of Parliament the Government increased the old age pension by the meagre and niggardly sum of 20 cents per day, and this was only done as a result of strong and continuous pressure from the Opposition.

## THAT SORT OF TREATMENT MUST STOP!

Under the social security system now in operation in the United States, the average monthly benefit paid to a widow without dependents is \$65.00; to a retired worker without dependents is \$76.00; and to a retired worker with a wife is \$128.00.

## A PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE GOVERNMENT

Will immediately set up a commission to examine what can be done to introduce a social security system, similar to the American system, here in Canada. Until such system can be put in operation, the present old age pension will be increased to not less than \$60.00 per month to compensate for the rise in the cost of living.

If the cost of living should rise still further, the pension will be increased accordingly.

### LET'S GIVE A FAIR DEAL TO OLD AGE PENSIONERS BY ELECTING

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