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Will Be 21st Since War

## Pinay May Form French Gov't

PARIS (Reuters)—Antoine Pinay, Conservative ex-premier, has agreed to try to form France's 21st government since the Second World War, succeeding the fallen regime of Pierre Mendes-France.

Pinay told President Rene Coty Sunday night he would accept the president's call to form a cabinet. The pipe-smoking French businessman was prime minister of France's 17th post-war government from March to December, 1952—the third longest term of office any French premier has had since the end of the war.

He now will consult party leaders about forming a cabinet. These consultations are not expected to be completed before Tuesday.

The announcement came at the end of the second day of Coty's search for a leader to succeed Mendes-France, the dynamic little politician whose government was defeated 319 to 273 in a vote on its North African policies in the National Assembly early Saturday.

**INVITE EXPECTED**  
The invitation to Pinay was generally expected. His successful "save the franc" price stabilization program earned him considerable popularity when he was prime minister in 1952.

"Lucky Pinay" is considered to have a fairly good chance of drawing up a cabinet list acceptable to the National Assembly. He is a Conservative, the main opposition to Mendes-France was Conservative.

The task of Mendes-France's successor will be made easier by a recent constitutional amendment in which a new government can be invested by a simple majority of deputies voting. In the past, a premier-designate had to get at least 314 votes, an absolute majority of the assembly membership.

Political observers believe Edgar Faure, radical ex-premier may be asked to remain in office as foreign minister in the new government.

**Busy Weekend For Halifax Port**  
HALIFAX, (CP)—The 26,000-ton liner Homeric, new flagship of the Home Lines, led a parade of 27 ships which entered and left Halifax during one of the busiest port weekends this year.

The Homeric, the former Matteson Mariposa, was re-built in Italian yards for the north Atlantic trade. She dropped 270 passengers here, mostly immigrants, and continued on to New York after a four-hour stopover.

The Dutch liner Groote Beer and Cunard's new Saxonia also berthed here briefly during the weekend. The other ships using the port were cargo vessels.

**U.S. Considers Asking For Vote In U.N. On Formosa**  
WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States Sunday was reported considering a move aimed at bringing about a United Nations Security Council vote—on a possible Formosa resolution.

Although the U.S. had heard nothing official, the assistant Secretary of State, Alexander Smith (Rep. N.J.) said he would support such a proposal because he believes it would have a "tremendous impact" on world opinion.

"I think that in the face of Communist China's rejection of the U.N. invitation to discuss a cease-fire, we and our friends ought to propose that the Security Council go on record in a resolution calling for such a cease-fire," Smith said.

"The world then would be put on notice that our side is offering to stop the shooting in the Formosa Strait. If the Russians would choose to veto the pas-

**Coming Events**  
\*Card party Dunstaffnage school tonight.  
\*West Royalty Card Party to-night 8:30.  
\*Auction and dance, Vernon Hall, Feb. 7th.  
\*Auction and dance Vernon River Hall Tuesday, February 8.  
\*Home and School meeting, Monday, February 7, 8:00 p.m. New school.\*Reserve Tuesday, Feb. 26 for Valentine chicken dinner, Canadian Legion hall, Montague.\*Chicks available now at the Island Chick Hatchery, 71 King Street, Charlottetown. Phone 6131.  
\*Hockey at North River rink tonight, Glasgow Road Maple Leafs vs. Cornwall Meteors. Game time 8:30. Skate after.\*Crapsid rink tonight, double-header, First game, Cape Traverse vs. Crapsid 7:30; second game, Skate vs. Nines Mile Creek. Skates after. Tuesday Hampshire vs. Albany. Carnival Wednesday night.

**Princess Gets Caught In Shower At Garden Party**  
ST. GEORGE'S, Grenada (Reuters)—Princess Margaret got caught in a tropical shower Sunday night during a garden party in the sugar and spice island of Grenada in the Windward Islands.

She was in the centre of a sunken tennis court when the rain came pouring down, soaking many of the several hundred guests at a party celebrating her arrival here earlier Sunday.

# EVACUATION OF TACHEN ISLANDS SAID UNDERWAY; U.S. NAVY HAS MIGHTY FORCE

## 12 U.S. Sabres In Aerial Clash

TOKYO (AP)—Twelve U.S. Sabre jets were involved in the aerial clash off North Korea Saturday which cost the Communists two MIG jets, the Far East Air Force said Sunday.

The Sabre jets were jumped by eight MIGs, touching off the biggest air battle since the armistice stilled the guns in Korea.

The air force said the Red jets plummeted into the Yellow sea about 10 miles off the Korean coast and 40 miles west of Pyongyang, capital of Communist North Korea. All Sabre jets returned to base.

The Sabres were escorting an RB-45 jet reconnaissance plane on one of its routine missions. A Far East Air Force statement said the RB-45 was shot at by two MIGs. He is tall gunner on the RB-45.

"As the MIGs approached and began a firing pass, Gunner Corrigan returned the fire," the air force said.

**DAMAGED ONE**  
"Corrigan said he damaged one of the enemy planes."

**SEVEN HOMELESS**  
DOMINION, N.S. (CP)—A fire in this Cape Breton mining community Saturday left a widow and her six children homeless. Flames destroyed the two-family dwelling but Mrs. Loretta MacNeil and her children escaped without injury. The family lost all its belongings.

**Appointment**  
Gerald A. Blackburn, 40, has been appointed assistant director of the civil service commission's planning and development branch. Mr. Blackburn, a native of Ayer, Mass., has been chief of the professional examining section for the last six years. (CP Photo)

**London Meeting On Today**  
**New Effort For Cease-Fire**  
By Alan Harvey  
Canadian Press Staff Writer  
LONDON, (CP)—In a continuing atmosphere of tension, Commonwealth leaders prepared Sunday night for their last collective attempt to find the elusive formula for peace in the China seas.

Today the eight prime ministers and one deputy, nearing the end of their nine-day conference, hold a last-gasp plenary session devoted to Formosa, the problem which has plagued them since their deliberation started one week ago.

Formosa was also a chief talking point Sunday at Chequers, where Prime Minister St. Laurent and other leaders were guests at a lunch given by Prime Minister Churchill.

External Affairs Minister Pearson, who originally planned a one-day trip to Paris, instead remained at his hotel where he conferred Sunday night with Norman Robertson, Canadian high commissioner. Robertson has been a behind-the-scenes figure at the conference.

**DECLARATION EXPECTED**  
A declaration on the results of their study of the Far East situation is expected to be included in the communiqué. But the declaration is expected to refer to Formosa only in general terms so as not to tip the Commonwealth leaders' hand on what steps, if any, they plan to improve the situation.

**\$100,000 Fire Damage At Rouyn**  
ROUYN, Que. (CP)—Fire of undetermined origin destroyed three stores, and a rooming house Saturday night in this town 155 miles east of Timmins. Damage was estimated at \$100,000.

Eight families in upstairs apartments and 20 persons from the rooming house were given shelter by neighbors.



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**Expect French Crisis To Delay German Rearming**  
BONN, Germany (AP)—Chancellor Konrad Adenauer said Sunday he expects the French government crisis to delay—but not kill—ratification of the Paris treaties to rearm West Germany.

Opposition Socialist leader Erich Ollenhauer said the fall of the Mendes-France government would give more time for another attempt to stage a conference with the Russians on German reunification.

Both spoke at political meetings. Adenauer addressed a convention of his Christian Democratic party's district chiefs in Bonn. Ollenhauer spoke at a rally of 25,000 in Dortmund, a stronghold of his Social Democrats. The two speeches showed government and opposition as far apart as ever over the best way to reunite the divided country.

Adenauer declared the new French government would have the same attitude to the Paris treaties as its overthrown predecessor and that the treaties would eventually be ratified. That was the only way to preserve Germany from the fate of becoming a Soviet satellite, he said.

**THOUGHT OTHERWISE**  
Ollenhauer claimed millions of people, regardless of their political beliefs, thought otherwise and wanted another try for a settlement with Russia before rearming West Germany. The Socialist leader said ratification of the Paris pacts held the danger of keeping Germany permanently divided with German soldiers in rival military blocs.

Adenauer urged his followers to go on with ratification regardless of the pressure to prevent it being exerted by Moscow. He cited Yugoslavia, Turkey and Japan as countries which had successfully stood up to Russian "intimidation" and declared, amid applause:

"We Germans have as strong nerves as the Yugoslavs, Turks and Japanese."

**China Gives No Clue To Plans**  
LONDON (AP)—Peiping radio Sunday night called the American decision to help evacuate the Tachen islands "a war provocation" and declared it is "fraught with danger."

The broadcast, heard here, said: "A spokesman of the U.S. Navy has threatened that any attack on the Tachens now will be construed by the United States as interference with the mission of the 5th Fleet and such interference would bring prompt re-

**Call U.S. Decision War Provocation**  
This shows that this act of the U.S. government if fraught with the danger of starting a major war.

**THREAT TO PEACE**  
"It is pointed out here that this act of participation in the Chinese civil war is not only a war provocation of China but also a grave threat to the peace of the Far East."

The U.S. 7th Fleet is under orders from President Eisenhower to assist in evacuating Chinese Nationalist troops from the Tachen islands.

## China Told Size Of US 7th Fleet

WASHINGTON, (AP)—Washington waited today to see whether Red China would choose to allow Chinese Nationalists to sail unmolested from Tachen or shoot it out with the protecting U.S. Navy and Air Force.

The choice was up to the Peiping government—or in the trigger hand of some Red airman or submarine captain.

The American government took unprecedented steps to let the Communists know the power that could be unleashed if they interfered with the plan to lift all soldiers of Chiang Kai-shek, and as many civilians as wanted to leave, from the Tachens.

The navy, abruptly pigeonholing its long standing orders requiring tight secrecy on the composition and movement of battle-ready forces, spelled out publicly and in precise detail the size, nature, orders and location of the 7th fleet now on station about the Tachen island group close by Red China's mainland.

Only instructions from higher authority could have been responsible for this reversal of strict orders governing military security.

**500 PLANES**  
From the flight decks of six carriers in the fleet, about 500 planes can be put into the air. Basing out of Formosa are three squadrons of F-86 jets—about 75 planes.

If gunfire bombardment is needed, there are two cruisers, each mounting nine eight-inch and about 12 five-inch guns, plus anti-aircraft weapons. Backing these up are the five-inch guns of more than a score of destroyers.

**\$500,000 Order For Amherst Plant**  
AMHERST, N.S. (CP)—The Maritime Pant Manufacturing Company said Saturday it had received a federal contract for more than \$500,000 worth of army battle dress trousers.

The company said it would be employing 135 persons by the time full production on the order was reached.

**U.S. Charges Communist Plot To Kidnap Two Yanks**  
By HUBERT HARRISON  
VIENNA (Reuters)—Armed Russian troops surrounded a cafe in central Vienna Saturday night and tried to capture two Americans in a carefully planned trap.

The United States embassy charged Sunday night.

But the Americans were rescued by a four-power police patrol after a brawl with Soviet consul B. J. Nalivaiko who was said to have lured them to the cafe on the pretense of asking for political asylum.

The embassy statement answers a protest note sent Saturday night to U.S. high commissioner Llewellyn E. Thompson by the acting Soviet high commissioner in Austria, Maj.-Gen. V. M. Kraskovich. He accused the Americans—Robert Gray and Col. Francis Manning—of trying to bribe and blackmail the consul into deserting to the west.

**DEMANDS PUNISHMENT**  
Kraskovich demanded that this "insolent and provocative action" be investigated and severely punished.

The embassy statement said that investigations showed that "Nalivaiko, professing to be seeking political asylum, served as a Soviet agent provocateur."

## Baltimore Police Close Books On Mystery Death

BALTIMORE (AP)—Baltimore police closed the books Sunday on the death of Edgar Fassburg of Brooklyn, alias Dr. Edward James Phillips, after telling the wife who knew him as a "very lovely and wonderful person" that he was a fraud.

Capt. George H. Mintiens, chief of detectives, said Fassburg's death in a hotel room here last Wednesday definitely was suicide.

For four hours Mintiens questioned Mrs. Phillips, who came here Saturday night from her home in New York.

She told him she married Edward James Phillips in New York on Aug. 30, 1952. She thought him to be a brigadier-general in the active army reserve, assigned as a pathologist at Governor's island.

The detective said the woman broke down several times during the interview and was noticeably shocked when he told her FBI fingerprints had revealed Phillips was Edgar Fassburg of Brooklyn, a man with 18 or more aliases.

**DIDN'T KNOW**  
Captain Mintiens said he was convinced she knew nothing of her husband's past.

Apparently Fassburg's cloak of respectability began to slip when friends, who also knew him as a general and doctor, planned a testimonial dinner in his honor. It was supposed to be held at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York last Wednesday although the banquet department of the hotel said no such dinner reservation had been made.

Mrs. Phillips said her husband told her he had to visit Baltimore for a checkup.

His body was found in his room at the Lord Baltimore about 5 p.m. Wednesday after the hotel received a telephone call from Dr. Edna Guttenstein, a New York dentist and friend of the Phillips.

**RECEIVED TELEGRAM**  
She said she had received a telegram from Baltimore reporting Phillips had died of a heart attack.

Police found the telegram had been called into Western Union from a hotel pay-station at 12:25. Yet 17 minutes later, according to hotel records, Phillips (or Fassburg) called his wife in New York and told her the dinner probably would be called off because of the death of the speaker.

When hotel officials checked at 5 p.m., they found his pajama-clad body sprawled across the bed in his room. The medical examiner ruled he had died of a quick-acting barbiturate. He called it suicide.

**3rd Anniversary of Queen's Accession**  
LONDON, (AP)—The third anniversary of Queen Elizabeth's accession to the throne passed virtually unnoticed Sunday. Royal Navy ships in port flew extra flags, but there were no special ceremonies. London newspapers failed to note the date.

The 28-year-old Queen was spending a quiet weekend with her husband, the Duke of Edinburgh, and their two children, Prince Charles, 6, and Princess Anne, 4, at Windsor Castle outside London.

**ORANGE TOSSER HELD**  
LONDON (Reuters)—Maximilian Devize, 29-year-old writer, appeared in court Saturday charged with throwing an orange at a window of Sir Winston Churchill's official London residence. He was remanded in custody for a medical report.

**Korean 25th Brigade Has Passed Into Army History**  
By DAVE MCINTOSH  
Canadian Press Staff Writer  
OTTAWA, (CP)—The 25th Brigade, which left 400 dead in Korea, has passed into Canadian Army history.

The formation, it was learned Sunday, has been redesignated the 4th Brigade.

Renaming of the brigade strengthened belief here that the last Canadian soldier will be withdrawn from Korea late this spring.

The 4th Brigade is scheduled to hold manoeuvres this summer at Camp Gagetown, N.B., with units of the 1st Infantry Brigade. This may be an indication, informants said, that the brigade will become part of the division.

**HOME IN MAY**  
The third major unit, the 2nd battalion, Queen's Own Rifles, is still in Korea but is scheduled to come home in May.

Defence Minister Campney said recently the government wants to bring home all Canadian soldiers from Korea as quickly as it can but that Canada must act in concert with other members of the United Nations command.

There is a good possibility the Queen's Own Rifles won't be replaced in Korea. However, if the battalion is relieved, it likely will be by the 1st battalion, the Black Watch, of Aldershot.

The army's other three infantry brigades are distributed as follows: 1st Brigade in West Germany, 2nd at Edmonton and the 3rd at Valcartier, Que. The army also has a mobile striking force comprising three parachute battalions.

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Upper St. John river valley, Bay of Chaleur: Cloudy; snowflurries Monday; colder Monday evening; light winds becoming north Monday afternoon; Edmundston 26 and 30, Campbellton 26 and 30.

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TORONTO (CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

	Min.	Max.
Dawson	15b	9
Vancouver	28	44
Victoria	40	47
Edmonton	4	23
Calgary	7	37
Saskatoon	10	16
Regina	9	16
Winnipeg	4b	10
Toronto	33	39
Ottawa	13	26
Montreal	12	34
Quebec	11	20
Fredericton	0	33
Saint John	2	34
Moncton	7	28
Halifax	16	28
Charlottetown	14	20
Sydney	14	20
Yarmouth	16	20
St. John's	21	25

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