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TRAGEDY MARS R.A.F. CONFERENCE:

At Eastbourne, the R.A.F. Association's Silver Jubilee conference is honoured by the Duke of Edinburgh taking an active part. He presides at business sessions and presents trophies to outstanding branches of this fine body which pays practical tribute to the dead by helping the living.

But without warning, tragedy strikes the town. A Sunderland Flying Boat arriving for the conference meets disaster at the end of it's journey. Fourteen men (all but one of them R.A.F.) were on board; ten survive, but four go down with the aircraft and their bodies have to be recovered from the wreck.

Holiday crowds lend a hand to drag the shattered Sunderland inshore. In that hulk are the captain and three others, past human help. But for the rescued, ambulances are waiting to rush them to hospital. Fortunately, only a few of the survivors are seriously injured.

But tragedy is not allowed to spoil this great occasion and it is certain that the victims would not have wished it to do so. Bearing their banners, the branches march past the Duke. These men are doing a fine job, a credit to themselves and the R.A.F.A.