

52/66FOUR MEN, A GIRL AND "KEN-TOOKI"

Remember the stirring story of the Kon-Tiki expedition in the Pacific? Well, here's its successor - the Ken-TooKi. Empty barrels give the flimsy looking raft its buoyancy, for, despite its odd name, this is not a gag and four men and a girl really plan to sail it across the Mediterranean in a few weeks time. Richard Miller, an artist and ex-R.A.F. pilot officer Michael Jones, head the expedition.

Just outside Paris the launching ceremony is performed by a French film star. The first stage of the journey - from Paris to the sea - is not going to be an easy one, but it won't be half as bad as the Mediterranean, which can be sometimes as stormy as the Pacific.

It looks a bit bow-heavy to me, but their stores in the stern should balance things up all right. To all the crew, including young Muriel Grand of Hull, we wish "Bon Voyage."