

CLOSED FOR THE DURATION

The "closed" sign seen here in both French and English, on the door of the Canadian National Railway station in Charlottetown was the only

sign of a strike as railway personnel left their jobs here at 1 p.m. yesterday. No pickets were in evidence immediately. Among the last trains into Charlottetown was one in

the early morning with a collection of cabooses, bunk cars, engines, passenger cars and similar equipment, gathered in Charlottetown for the duration of the walkout.

Next Move In Rail Tieup Expected By Parliament

BY THE CANADIAN PRESS
Vital railways across Canada are paralysed today, shut down by a strike of 118,000 employees. The strike by employees of the CNR, the CPR and five smaller railways began Friday in St. John's, Nfld., then advanced, time-zone by time-zone, across the country.

The next big milestone in the transportation crisis seemed to be the special session of Parliament set for Monday. The federal government is expected to introduce measures for ending the crippling work stoppage if a negotiated settlement has not been reached.

In Prince Edward Island, most interest was focused on how to keep the vital CNR ferry service going between the island province and the New Brunswick mainland.

U Thant Says Still Undecided

MEXICO CITY (Reuters) — United Nations Secretary General U Thant said Friday night he has not decided whether to seek a further term of office.

The business diplomat, who arrived here Wednesday on a Latin American tour, also said he had not informed the security council of any decision.

Government-sponsored mediation efforts failed to bring a last-minute break Friday in the negotiation stalemate between the railway unions and management. Most of the workers are seeking a 30-per-cent increase in their wages.

Hawker Siddeley Spokesman Silent On Coal Mine Story

LONDON (CP) — A spokesman for the Hawker Siddeley group of companies declined Friday night to comment on a report five Nova Scotia coal mines will be closed.

He said negotiations on coal mining generally are being conducted between the federal government and the Dominion Steel and Coal Corp. part of the Hawker Siddeley group.

Cape Breton mines and one in Pictou County. The Post reported official notice to the federal and provincial governments was made a week after Sir Roy Dobson had said the only alternative to closure was a government takeover.

Bloody Riots Prevent Speech By De Gaulle

PARIS (AP) — French Somaliland AF — Angry crowds demanding independence from France fought police and troops in bloody riots in the Place Lagarde Friday, halting plans for a speech there by France's President de Gaulle. Two persons were reported killed and scores of demonstrators, police and soldiers were injured.

de Gaulle since he arrived Thursday on this last outpost of French empire in Africa. The independence-minded were out in force in the 108-degree heat long before de Gaulle was due to put in an appearance Friday. After one outbreak, police and troops succeeded in emptying the square. But the crowds returned, and they rushed back into the square shouting abuse at the police and soldiers. Rocks and bottles were hurled.

Ferries May Be Sailed By Coast Guard Crews

TRANSPORTATION BILL EXPECTED Dief Promises All-Out Fight To Protect Maritime Rights

OTTAWA (CP) — Any government attempt to repeal freight rate laws protecting Prairie and Maritime shippers will be fought "all-out" by Conservative MPs. Opposition Leader Diefenbaker warned Friday.

The cost of living was Canada's top problem, rising at a faster rate than ever before.

percent boost demanded by the striking rail workers.

He said press reports indicate that a major transportation bill scheduled to be introduced in Parliament Monday will remove federal supervision from all rail freight rates, resulting in higher shipping costs to consumers and industries.

At the same time, Mr. Diefenbaker told a press conference, his party will co-operate with the government to introduce the transportation bill and an expected emergency measure to halt the national rail strike that began earlier Friday.

He indicated the Conservatives will press the government to bring in a supplementary budget to combat inflation during the emergency Commons sittings starting Monday.

He called on the government to reduce its "wasteful expenditures," starting with a plan to purchase seven small jet transport planes for cabinet ministers and senior military officers.

He said this would cost between \$75,000,000 and \$80,000,000 and would be completely unjustified. The government says the eight-passenger French Falcon jets would cost \$13,000,000.

On another subject, he said the Commonwealth prime ministers' conference scheduled to open in London Sept. 6 should be postponed.

"This doesn't mean we will give blanket approval to the legislation," Mr. Diefenbaker said.

He declared to say whether his party would support a bill halting the rail strike and setting an arbitrary wage increase. There are reports the government will seek to impose an 18-

He said prime ministers of countries with 80 per cent of the Commonwealth population may boycott the conference because they oppose British policy in dealing with Ian Smith's regime in Rhodesia.

Ferry Scene At A Glance

BY THE CANADIAN PRESS
Prince Edward Island-New Brunswick: CNR service Borden, P.E.I. - Cape Tormentine, N.B., suspended.
Prince Edward Island-Nova Scotia: Northumberland Ferries Ltd. service making extra trips Wood Islands, P.E.I.-Caribou, N.S. reservations required. Reported fully booked southbound through Monday. Space available northbound.
Nova Scotia - Newfoundland: service uncertain North Sydney, N.S. - Port Aux Basques, Nfld. one ferry may operate for passengers and vehicles only.
Nova Scotia - New Brunswick: CPR service Digby, N.S. - Saint John, N.B. suspended.
Nova Scotia-Maine: CNR ferry Bluenose in normal service Yarmouth, N.S.-Bar Harbor, Me.

Cabinet Action Is Anticipated

OTTAWA (CP) — The Canadian Coast Guard is being ordered to take over operation of the Prince Edward Island ferries, abandoned Friday by 400 striking crew members, a reliable informant said late Friday. Announcement of the decision, reached in a cabinet meeting, was expected shortly.

The government's plan is to rush crews from its coast guard vessels on the East Coast to the ferry terminals and to resume normal schedules as quickly as possible.

CCGS Tupper Is Scheduled To Arrive Here On Monday

HALIFAX (CP) — Parliament will likely be asked Monday to approve the assignments of officers and men of the Canadian Coast Guard in the Atlantic area to take over some of the strike-bound railway ferries that serve Prince Edward Island, it was learned here Friday night.

umberland Strait and neither officers nor men of the ferries would be used to place the ships back in service.

Islander To Judge At CNE

A Belmont Lot 76 cattleman, Keith Barrett, will judge the Dual Purpose Shorthorn entries next week at the Canadian National Exhibition in Toronto.

Premier Urges No Hasty Action

"Hasty and premature action during the initial hours of the strike might very well give rise to undesirable if not dangerous repercussions; therefore, we are continuing to watch the situation closely and are prepared at all times to meet with the local unions," Premier Alex Campbell said Friday evening.

Present indications are that the Wood Islands ferry system is coping with traffic demands and the ferry control center is able to assure reservations for ferry crossings without a great deal of inconvenience.

Viet Cong Kills Six In Blow At Saigon

From Reuters-AP
SAIGON (CP) — The Viet Cong guerrillas marked the official opening of South Viet Nam's election campaign Friday by striking hard in Saigon, gunning down nine Vietnamese in front of a police station.

than 20 injured by the napalm flames in the accident, which came in the second day of a fight against 500 Viet Cong of the Phu Loi battalion in the Lat Khe sector, 20 miles north of Saigon.

Six of the victims were killed. They were believed to be three policemen and three civilians.

The girl, brown-haired Audrey Klewer, was found bound tightly by her hands and feet and resting on a camping mattress in a garden shed in the outskirts of Berlin.

Meanwhile the commander of the U.S. 1st Infantry Division absolved U.S. flyers of blame for dropping a napalm canister Friday on troops engaged in close-quarter battle.

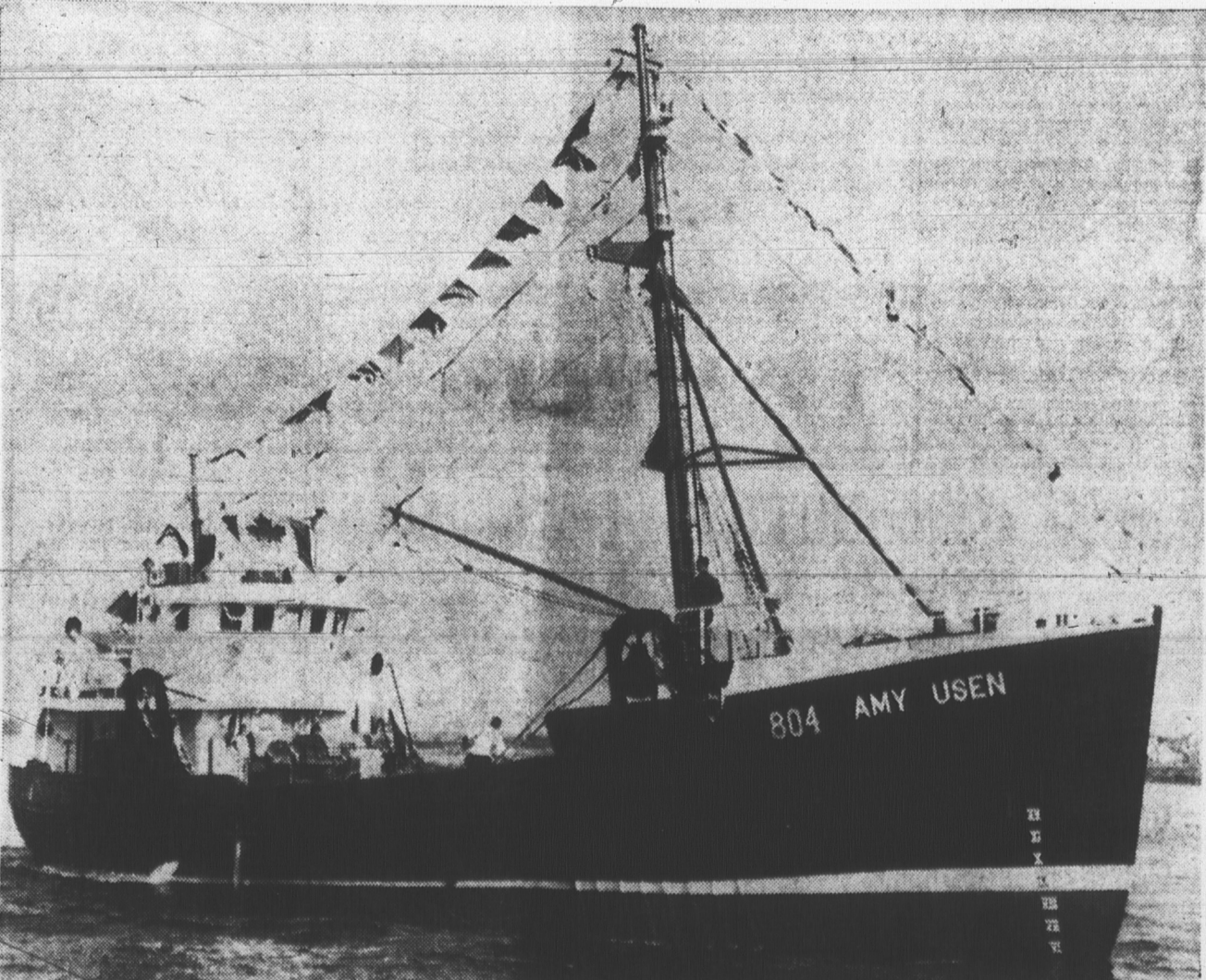
Audrey was taken Monday by a masked gunman from the house of her wealthy grandfather, only hours after she arrived here from Montreal with her mother, Regina Klewer, 28, for a vacation.

Kidnapped Girl Found

BERLIN (Reuters) — West Berlin radio and television broadcast Friday night the apparently youthful voice of a man demanding ransom as police intensified efforts to find the kidnapper of a four-year-old Canadian girl found safe Friday.

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This picture shows the trawler "Amy Usen" shortly after its arrival in Souris yesterday.

from the builders' yard for provisions to being her first trip to the Grand Banks. A unique feature is the deck, believed to be the first of its kind installed in Canada. It is built up of asphalt blocks to achieve the highest degree of safety and durability. The Captain of the ship is Egbert Boertien of Souris. (See story on Page 3.)

Ferry Pier Picket Lines Established By Union

Ten members of local 126 of the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Transport and General Workers set up picket lines at the head of the pier at the upper power house in Borden as the nationwide railway strike went into effect at 1 p.m. Friday.

The final boat, the Confederation, arrived in port at 12:15 (Continued on page 3, col 5)

The pickets have been established according to a spokesman for the protection of company property as well as being a strike picket.

The four CNR ferries docked at Borden near one o'clock with two, the Abegweit and Scotia, tying up at the Abegweit wharf, and Prince Edward Island and Confederation docking at the Confederation Wharf.

Although the union is on strike three shifts totalling 80 men will stay with the four vessels for security reasons. No one is allowed on the pier other than the security men.

He told the Guardian-Patriot that those striking at Borden were good citizens of Canada and that many were world war veterans. "We do appreciate Premier Campbell's offer," he said, "and we are just as concerned as he is."

Halifax Man Is Missing

SAINT JOHN, N.B. (CP) — City police were conducting a search Friday for James Eddie 33, of 1533 Hollis Street, Halifax, missing and presumed drowned in the Bay of Fundy.

Mr. MacLeod, a strike leader for locals at Borden, said last night that he had received a telegram on the afternoon of Aug. 24 from the national office advising that the locals were to carry out strike orders.

Police said foul play was not suspected.

"We are not prepared to bargain on maintenance of ferry service. You are required to follow instructions and go on strike in accordance with the official strike call."

Mr. Eddie, a boiler inspector, was believed to have gone swimming alone. His car and clothes were discovered on a nearby beach Wednesday.

Pickets are orderly at the Borden wharf and only authorized personnel have crossed the picket line. As one unionist put it, "the men don't mind having their boats protected; it's their livelihood."