

Transit Strike Impact Has New York Reeling

Half City Workers Never Reach Jobs

By GEORGE W. CORNELL
NEW YORK (AP)—New York reeled Monday under the impact of an all-out transit shutdown. It put much of the city's normally rolling masses on foot, numbed business, and as night fell, created paralyzing gluts of automotive traffic.

The feared jam of private vehicles, stacked off in the morning, began to appear at dusk, as the homeward trek of Manhattan workers began. However, the situation eased rapidly and within two hours traffic conditions were reported improving, with no further major delays. Crowds also began to move more rapidly through commuter train terminals.

Peace talks with the striking AFL-CIO Transport Workers Union continued during the day, but from city hall came a report of "no significant change."

MANY WALKED
Tens of thousands walked, as they had earlier in the day to reach their jobs, creating long, meandering lines on roadways and bridges.

But the flow of cars built up, too, in a thickening crawl that often came to enormous, tangled standstills, particularly in congested lower Manhattan, and at bridge approaches.

It was the first working day of a strike that started Saturday, and the full effects hit the largest city in the United States, normally held together by its vast web of subway and bus lines.

About half of the city's workers never reached their jobs, delivering a staggering blow to commerce and industry. Many stores, without shoppers, closed early. Others—including up to 50 per cent of the major restaurant chains—never opened, for lack of working crews.

Millions simply stayed home. Still the feared choking increase of private cars struck by day's end. Along Manhattan's West Side Highway, police reported traffic at a "standstill with the drivers having no place to go to get out of the area."

The George Washington Bridge, linking Manhattan and New Jersey, was packed with an immobilized bumper-to-bumper line of vehicles, their headlights stretching as far into Manhattan as a bridge observer could see.

TRAINS CLOGGED
Terminals of commuters trains, still operating to suburban areas, also were clogged. The tiups had been averted in the morning hours, apparently because of urgent warnings by officials for people either to stay home, or walk.

Traffic Commissioner Henry A. Barnes said the light traffic of the morning "lured many people" into abandoning caution city in the afternoon. Bridges and tunnels serving major arteries "just can't handle the demands of the traffic," he said.

End Strike
Or Jail,
Court Rules

NEW YORK (AP)—The president of the Transport Workers Union, Michael J. Quill, and eight other union officials were ordered Monday night to end New York's crippling subway and bus strike, or go to jail.

Justice Abraham Geller of the State Supreme Court found them guilty of civil contempt in violating an injunction against the strike, which was handed down nine hours before workers walked off their jobs early New Year's Day.

As the judge read his order, contract negotiations continued, but no progress was reported.

Indian, Pakistani Leaders
Welcomed At Site Of Talks

By SIDNEY WEILAND
TASHKENT (Reuters)—The leaders of India and Pakistan arrived in this Soviet Asian city to a cheering, flag-waving welcome Monday, but stayed silent on their plans for approaching the problems facing them at a Kremlin-sponsored summit meeting.

Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri of India and President Mohammed Ayub Khan of Pakistan are scheduled to begin a new search for reconciliation today, little more than three months after their countries were locked in a fierce war over Kashmir.

The atmosphere on the eve of the talks was sober, cautious, and frankly pessimistic. The first order of business was a meeting of Shastri, Ayub and their host, Soviet Premier Alexei Kosygin, to chart procedures for the parley, expected to last for a week.

Thousands of citizens in this sunny Central Asian city were given a half-holiday Monday. They lined the streets as Kosygin drove by twice in an open car, first with the tall, handsome Pakistani, then with the diminutive, dhoti-clad Indian.

Peace Efforts Pushed

WASHINGTON (Reuters)—Vice-President Hubert Humphrey said Monday the United States has "put everything into the basket of peace except the surrender of South Viet Nam."

He spoke to reporters following a White House conference with President Johnson and other top U.S. government officials on Viet Nam and other world problems.

Humphrey had returned an hour earlier from a tour of four Far Eastern capitals, where he had explained U.S. Vietnamese policy and its efforts to reach a settlement.

The vice-president distributed to reporters a three-page Viet Nam policy statement which, he said, he had given to the leaders of Japan, the Philippines, Formosa and South Korea.

A similar document was believed to have been carried by all the special envoys whom President Johnson has dispatched to various capitals in explanation of his diplomatic offensive. Among the envoys was McGeorge Bundy, who went to Ottawa last week.

This summed up the history of U.S. peace initiatives in 14 points, and reiterated a readiness to hold a conference on the basis of the 1954 and 1962 Geneva agreements on Southeast Asia, where Hanoi's conditions for peace could be discussed, along with any other matter.

"In other words, we have put everything into the basket of peace except the surrender of South Viet Nam," Humphrey said.



PRIZE-WINNING WAR CORRESPONDENT DIES

Marguerite Higgins, Pulitzer Prize winning war correspondent who died in Washington Monday, is seen here interviewing Brigadier General John S. Bradley, a U.S. Army field commander, near the front in Korea in 1951. She covered the fall of Hitler's war machine as a 23-year-old and six years later won her Pulitzer Prize for frontline reporting in Korea. Walter Reed Army hospital said the death of the 45-year-old small, slight blonde was caused by complications resulting apparently from a tropical parasite.

The daughter of a one-time air force flier and a French mother, she was born in Hong Kong. She graduated from the University of California. She was the wife of retired air force Maj. Gen. William Hall.

(AP Wirephoto)

SNOW DEEP ON WEST COAST

Rough Weather Is Seen All Across The Country

By THE CANADIAN PRESS
Snow and freezing rain buffeted Quebec and the Maritimes Monday, disrupting airline schedules and causing major traffic snarls.

Montreal's International Airport closed down at the height of a storm that dumped about two inches of snow on the city and in western and southern Quebec. The snow was followed by one inch of freezing rain that

iced-up highways causing one-to-two-hour disruptions in rail and bus schedules.

The situation was similar in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, where an intensifying sleet-snow storm already had dropped from four to six inches on those provinces. Air Canada planes couldn't land at Saint John, N.B., and Fredericton.

New Brunswick is expected to get more than eight inches of snow before the storm moves overnight to Newfoundland, which was mainly sunny Monday.

The Prairies continued in a deep freeze with no signs of a let-up in sub-zero weather that has plagued those provinces in the last week. Extreme cold froze steam lines to many Canadian National Railways passenger cars, cutting off heat. Some trains were running 11 hours late through the Prairies because of drifting snow and cold.

B.C. STARS DIGGING
In Vancouver, shovellers were out in trenches digging out from beneath two New Year's weekend storms that piled as much as two feet of snow on the area. The shovelling began after the weatherman promised no new heavy snowfall for at least the next 24 hours.

Schools remained closed in North and West Vancouver, Burnaby and many Fraser Valley communities.

Nanaimo, hardest hit community on Vancouver Island with 45 inches of snow in nine days, is still trying to clear clogged highways and repair broken power lines. Nanaimo schools remain closed.

Negro Becomes
Mayor Of City

SPRINGFIELD, Ohio (AP)—Robert C. Henry, a 44-year-old Negro funeral director, became mayor of Springfield Monday night, the only member of his race to be mayor of a large Ohio city.

Henry led the ticket for city commission in a November election and fellow members of the five-member commission selected him unanimously Monday night for the largely ceremonial office.

In the Trail area, more heavy snow fell Monday, adding to the woes of highway crews who have handled more than two feet of snow since Christmas.

On the Prairies, where two people died of exposure attributed to the snow and cold, temperatures remained in the 10-to-30-below-zero range. The Edmonton weather office saw no relief for the cold before Saturday at the earliest. Twenty-two rural schools in the counties of Wetaskiwin and Camrose were closed, affecting about 4,700 students.

AIR FLIGHTS REGULAR
Air line officials reported all flights on schedule.

Ontario had some snow flurries Monday after experiencing freezing rain New Year's Day.

In Ottawa, a brief pre-dawn fall of freezing rain Monday caused little difficulty because government offices remained closed for the holiday.

Quebec City had received seven inches of snow by early evening and two more inches was expected to fall before the storm moves on. The storm caused only minor disruptions in airline and highway traffic.

Postal
Dismissal
Questioned

OTTAWA (CP)—William Kay, president of the 11,000-member Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW), said Monday the union is "quite disturbed" by the dismissal without appeal of Vancouver postal employee Victor Spencer.

Mr. Spencer, 57, implicated last year in an espionage case in which two Russians were expelled from Canada, was fired last Friday without pension or appeal.

Postmaster-General Cote said in a statement that, for reasons of security, Mr. Spencer was being dismissed under section 50 of the Civil Service Act. This meant there could be no appeal.

"To my knowledge, we've never been confronted with this before," said Mr. Kay in an interview. "I think everyone should have the right of appeal."



BACK TO THE BIKE

Despite the transit hiccup, street Monday - thanks to his hursht, L.I. Here he is shown on bike and an hours-early start en route, at 8th avenue and 34th street.

Backing By Liberal Caucus Leaves Pearson Beaming

OTTAWA (CP)—A beaming Prime Minister Pearson told a press conference Monday the Liberal party caucus had just given him a unanimous vote of confidence.

Asked about reports some Quebec MPs are dissatisfied with the leadership of Privy Council President Guy Favreau, the prime minister replied, grinning: "Everybody was happy about everything."

The closed meeting of Liberal MPs and senators was the first since the Nov. 8 election, which did not produce the party's much-desired Commons major-

ity. The sessions continued into Monday night and today.

Mr. Pearson said he was breaking precedent by calling a press conference after a caucus. This was a special caucus since it came so long before the opening of Parliament, set for Tuesday, Jan. 18.

SIX ABSENT
Only six of them 131 Liberal MPs were absent from the opening session of the caucus.

Mr. Pearson said the leadership motion of confidence was introduced by H. Pitt Lessner, MP for Montreal St. Henri, and seconded by Charles Granger, MP for Grand Falls-White Bay-

Labrador. He quoted a Latin phrase meaning: "Not a single voice was heard in dissent."

Asked whether Mr. Favreau had received a similar vote of confidence as Quebec leader, the prime minister hesitated, then said he thought the Quebec caucus had done so. The question had not been put to the whole caucus because that would be improper.

Mr. Pearson said the first session was devoted to introducing the 29 new Liberal members and discussing the "nuts and bolts" of Commons rules and party organization. Later sessions would deal with the last election campaign and government policies in the new Parliament.

U.S. General
Is Missing

SEATTLE (AP)—A U.S. Air Force general, alone in a twin-jet plane, apparently went down in Puget Sound Monday only minutes from his destination.

Maj. Gen. I. L. Branch, 53, commanding general of Edwards Air Force Base in California, was making an instrument approach to Boeing Field in Seattle in rainy weather when his T-38 jet disappeared.

An extensive day-long search produced no trace of the plane. There was no report of trouble before the plane was last observed on radar at 3,000 feet over Puget Sound, about five miles northwest of Seattle.

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Push After
Viet Cong

SAIGON (AP)—American paratroopers struggled through the mud of the Mekong Delta Monday in pursuit of withdrawing Viet Cong forces but reported only occasional contact with the rebels.

Minor skirmishing was reported on other war fronts and the United States abstained from bombing North Viet Nam for the 11th day.

Work Resumes
On Causeway
Job Today

BAYFIELD, N. B. (CP)—Construction is resuming near here today on the approaches to the nine-mile Northumberland Strait causeway, to connect Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick by 1973.

Diamond Construction Co. Ltd. of Fredericton will grade and fill a two-mile stretch of the highway approach following a two-week delay in work for a Christmas holiday period.

The company was awarded a contract for the New Brunswick road and rail approaches to the causeway-road-tunnel link, announced by Prime Minister Pearson in August at an estimated cost of \$148,000,000.

Ontario's New Tobacco Tax Blamed For Price Increases

TORONTO (CP)—What you pay for a package of cigarettes in Ontario depends on where you buy them.

Provincial treasury department officials, seeing that Ontario's new tobacco tax was being blamed for price increases, say some tobacco wholesalers are increasing prices on their own.

But the price rises are "spotty," in the words of one official. The result is that some wholesalers and retailers are charging more while others are holding the line.

One tobacco retail chain has put its prices up to 39 cents and 49 cents for packages of 20 and 25 cigarettes, respectively.

A cut-rate chain store, meanwhile, is charging 37 cents and 47 cents.

Cartons of 200, formerly priced from \$3.18 to \$3.39, have gone up in some stores to about \$3.49 to \$3.59.

A tobacco tax of 1-20 of a cent per cigarette went into effect Jan. 1, but at the same time the three-per-cent sales tax was removed from cigarettes.

The new tax is one cent on a package of 20 and 10 cents on a carton of 200—the same as before. But on a package of 25 it becomes 1 1/4 cents instead of one cent.

"The tobacco tax has no effect in increasing the price," says a Provincial Treasurer James Allan.

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Fatalities On Highway
Exceed Council Guess

By THE CANADIAN PRESS
Traffic fatalities exceeded the prediction of the Canadian Highway Safety Council as the New Year weekend accidental death toll reached 46.

Of these, 33 were in traffic. The council had predicted 30 deaths for the 78-hour period which ended at midnight Monday. There were 30 deaths in the 78-hour New Year holiday in 1965.

A Canadian Press survey to 5 p.m. EST Monday showed four killed in fires, one drowning and eight dead from other causes. The survey started at 5 p.m. local times Friday.

TOPS LIST
Ontario headed the list, with 19 deaths, 17 in traffic, one drowning and one in a fire. Quebec was next with 13 deaths, 10 in traffic, one in a fire and two from asphyxiation in a parked car.

Saskatchewan had four deaths one in traffic, two by fire and one by exposure. Three persons

died in a plane crash in British Columbia and one was accidentally shot to death.

Alberta had three road fatalities. Another exposure death came in Manitoba. New Brunswick and Nova Scotia each reported a traffic death. Only Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island were fatality-free.

The survey does not include natural or industrial deaths, known suicides or slayings.

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NEW YEAR STRADDLERS

Twins born to Mrs. Romeo Cormier of Middle River, N.B., were born in different years. In an added twist, one was born in a town, the other in a city. Dianne, left, was born in

the town of Bathurst at 11:37 p.m. Dec. 31, 1965. Susan, right, was born six minutes after Bathurst became a city at 12:01 a.m. Jan. 1.

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