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Rail service in balance after missed chance

By KEITH HARPER

The Government last night seemed to throw away a last-minute chance of conciliation in the railway dispute, just when it appeared that both sides were preparing to move towards a settlement.

Mr Maurice Macmillan, Secretary for Employment, said he did not think he could call both sides in for further discussions. "If the difference between the two is so small, then let them settle it," he said.

The Government's tough line means that unless there are surprise developments over the weekend, the fate of railway services next week will have to await the outcome of a joint meeting between the three railway unions on Monday. If nothing happens then, the Government will have a few hours to make a vital choice.

It will have to decide whether to apply for an extension of the 14-day cooling period which expires at midnight that day, or ask the Industrial Relations Court to impose a compulsory ballot on the industry's 230,000 workers.

The fact is that far from hardening its position, British Rail last night greeted with interest the suggestion from Sir Sidney Greene, general secretary of the National Union of Railwaymen, that they could split their differences. Before committing himself, however, BR would want joint agreement by all unions.

The one hopeful sign last night was that it looks as though the threatened ban on overtime and work-to-rule on the London Underground is off. London Transport said it had reached its own agreement with the unions on a pay deal for Tube workers. London Transport also agreed to pay from May 1—the date from which the railway workers want their pay deal to start.

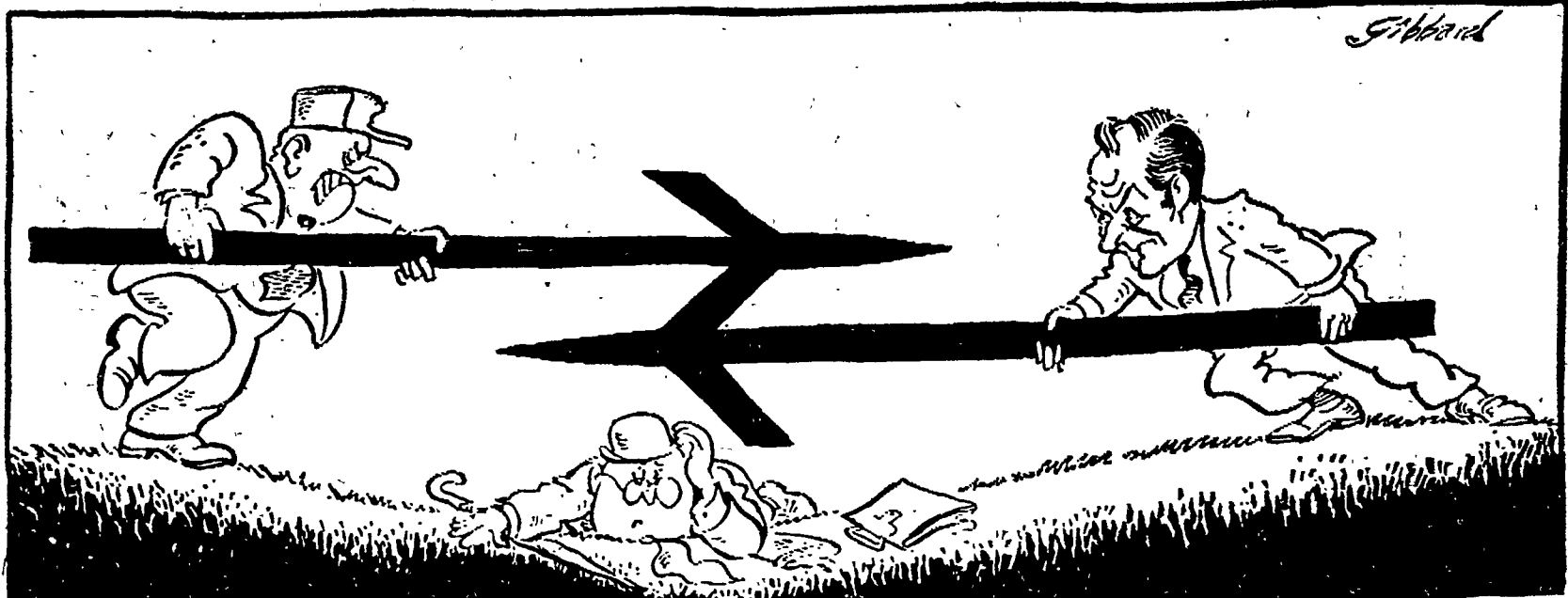
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Unions would urge their 18,000 Tube workers to work normally. The agreement between it and the unions therefore cuts extra pressure on British Rail to come some way at least towards meeting the proposal of Sir Sidney.

With London Transport's declaration of intent, there is now a chance that BR may be prepared to go some way towards meeting the rail unions on the date of implementing their deal. This could be done any time between today and Monday night, in which case the threat of any further industrial action on the railways could be eliminated altogether. Sir Sidney said he hoped London Transport's announcement would convince BR that further talks were necessary.

Sir Sidney had declared earlier he had told BR he would be prepared to accept the 12½ per cent pay rise with a £20 minimum weekly wage from mid-May.

Through this week's negotiations BR has been insisting that it should date from June 5.



Troops clash on frontier

INDIAN and Pakistani troops clashed violently in Kashmir yesterday and spokesmen for both sides said fighting was still continuing last night. Informed sources said casually figures were heavy, and there could be more than 100 killed and injured.

Hijack row

A HIJACKED airliner landed at Dulles Airport, Washington, for the second time yesterday to collect a ransom of \$303,000 (£116,000) in large bank notes. The gunman complained that the ransom paid to free 49 passengers the first time was in small change. Later the plane took off for New Orleans.

Meanwhile, near Salt Lake City a gunman hijacked an airliner carrying 81 people and ordered the pilot to fly to Hanoi.

Pachman free

LUDEK PACHMAN, former chess grandmaster was sentenced to two years imprisonment in Prague for subversion and other offences, but was freed on health grounds. He has been in prison 18 months.

Police chief

SCOTLAND YARD named Chief Superintendent Raymond Anning head of its new complaints department. Mr Anning, who is to become a commander, will have a police staff of 60 when he takes up the post on June 1.

Leaving York

LORD JAMES (below), Vice-Chancellor of York University since its foundation in 1963, will retire in September next year. Lord James, former High Master of Manchester Grammar School, was chairman of the committee on higher education.



Nixon prepared to send troops back

From ADAM RAPHAEL, Washington, May 5

President Nixon has not despaired of a negotiated Vietnam settlement, but is prepared to intensify the bombing and reintroduce US ground combat troops even at the risk of the possible cancellation of the Moscow summit should the North Vietnamese seek a humiliating military victory.

This much emerged definitely here today in public and private briefings, together with the first indications of what led to the suspension of the Paris peace talks. Dr Henry Kissinger, the President's national security adviser, is reported to have proposed to Hanoi during his recent visit to Paris on Tuesday that there should be an immediate standstill ceasefire in South Vietnam, which would be followed by the early resignation of President Thieu and by elections and the formation of a Government of "national concord."

Although the proposals follow the guidelines of the previous American eight-point peace plan, they are understood to be more flexible on the timing of the various political steps. However, the Kissinger negotiations with Le Duc Tho, the senior Hanoi Politburo member, apparently broke down on the North Vietnamese insistence that any ceasefire should be tied to the immediate ousting of the Thieu regime and its replacement by

an interim coalition Government. A negotiating breach between the two sides is not total lies in the fact that Kissinger has yet again cancelled his visit to Japan, and is obviously ready to return to Paris at the first hint of flexibility from Hanoi. The Nixon Administration, confronted by this situation, is taking a hard line in public, which nevertheless leaves the door open to negotiations. The State Department repeated again today that preparations

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were going ahead on schedule for the Moscow summit later this month, while other Administration officials indicated that active consideration was being given to renewed heavy bombing of targets in the Hanoi-Haiphong area. Observers here do not expect such raids to take place until the next phase of the Vietnam fighting is under way and until the impasse in the peace negotiations appears impenetrable. The Pentagon, meanwhile, made clear today that 5,000 United States Marines on board ships of the American Seventh Fleet in the Gulf of Tonkin would be sent ashore, if needed, to help to protect and evacuate American troops should the

115 dead in air crash?

Palermo, May 5
AN ALITALIA DC-8 airliner carrying 115 people crashed into a mountainside as it was coming in to land at Palermo Airport tonight. Rescue workers said there appeared to be no hope of any survivors.

The aircraft was on a flight from Rome to Palermo with 108 passengers and seven crew on board.

It crashed into the side of a 2,250ft-high mountain on the southern side of the airport after coming in over the sea to land, and exploded in a ball of flame.

Rescue workers equipped with floodlights said they found charred and dismembered bodies on the wooded mountainside where the disaster occurred.

Wreckage appeared to be scattered over a wide area, and rescuers said it appeared impossible that anyone could have survived.

The airport, about six miles north of Palermo on the coast, is ringed by mountains. People in the nearby town of Carini reported seeing a huge flame splitting the sky a few minutes before the aircraft was due to land. The flames were seen by the inhabitants of other towns.

All available ambulances from Palermo and firemen and police rushed to the scene. But rescue work was hampered by the darkness.—Reuter.

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Two internees now in psychiatric care

From SIMON HOGGART in Belfast

Two internees who underwent the hooding and wall-standing treatment in August last year are now suffering from severe psychiatric disorders. They are now in the camp hospital at Long Kesh and are receiving treatment from a psychiatrist called in by the camp authorities. It is thought that one of the men, Mr Sean McKenna, aged 42, will be transferred to St Luke's psychiatric hospital in Armagh.

Mr Patrick McGrory, a Belfast solicitor, who visited the two men at Long Kesh yesterday afternoon, said that he plans to ask Mr William Whitelaw, Secretary for Northern Ireland, to release them both immediately. "They are clearly in no condition to continue prison life. Their condition seems to be related to the treatment they received when they were first arrested, and it appears unlikely that they can recover while in confinement."

The worst case is that of Mr McKenna, who has been in the camp hospital since March. He shakes continually and now finds it hard to articulate sentences. He complains of severe headaches and of recurring nightmares about being surrounded and attacked by groups of men.

His brother-in-law, Mr John McKenna, who visited him a fortnight ago, said that he broke into tears after every sentence he managed to utter, and a Dungannon priest, Father Denis Faul, who visited him in February, said that he claimed he could not bear to be alone at any time.

Next week's Guardian

SEX in the cinema: Philip Jenkins's report on the examination in Guildford cinema.
On Monday: Profile of a woman who has been leading a strike that has gone on since last summer.
The menace of speed: soon it will be possible to drive on motorways all the way from North London to Carlisle in four and a half hours. *Melioring.* Guardian asks: What about those who will do it much, much quicker?

hooded for 33 hours. During this period, the report acknowledges, he had told BR he was deprived of sleep and given only bread and water at six-hour intervals over four days. A continuous hissing noise was emitted while the men were against the wall. Mr McKenna also complained of being beaten on the legs, hands, and buttocks, though Compton found no evidence for this.

The other psychiatric case in the hospital is Mr James Auld, aged 21, who according to Compton was made to stand against the wall intermittently for a total of 43½ hours, longer than anyone else mentioned in the report. He complained of having his head banged against the wall and a baton rammed into his back, though again Compton did not confirm this.

Mr Auld collapsed in his hut at Long Kesh a week ago and was taken to the hospital. He revived after a short while, but collapsed again as soon as he was discharged. He shudders spasmodically and complains of violent headaches, insomnia, and nightmares when he does get to sleep.

The two men are believed to be the worst psychiatric cases

to have occurred in Long Kesh since internment began. It is by no means certain that their disorders are directly related to the sensory deprivation treatment they received on their arrest, though both attribute their condition largely to it.

A senior psychiatrist at St Luke's said yesterday that the treatment given to the men would not normally have long-term effects, though it could be damaging in the case of someone already suffering from psychiatric problems or in poor physical health.

Mr McKenna had a hernia in 1968 and has suffered minor heart trouble. Mr Auld, though apparently perfectly healthy on arrest, appears, according to Compton, to have received deprivation treatment for an exceptionally long time.

Mr McGrory said yesterday that he would consider whether to raise the problem with the International Red Cross or to go directly to Mr Whitelaw. "I feel that some form of urgent action is necessary as the men need to have their cases considered almost immediately," he said.

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Hello, is this the Crunch line?

From GENE AYRES, San Francisco, May 5

HAVE THEY captured Captain Crunch, legendary hero of "phone phreaks" and the man whose dialling of "Ma Bell" the telephone company, has become an inspiration to us all?

The FBI believes so. Yesterday agents tapped the shoulder of John Thomas Draper, just after he left class at City College in San Jose, about 40 miles south of here.

Draper, who is 28, is also a part-time employee of California Microwave, an electronics firm. The mild-mannered student wears glasses and his hair down to the nape of his neck. "I was really surprised," he said after the arrest.

Does he turn into Captain Crunch when he enters a phone booth, much as Clark Kent turns into Superman?

"You know I can't talk about anything like that," he said after his hearing was set for May 26 and he was released without bail.

The FBI says he fraudulently used the telephone company's long-distance network to make free calls on March 27 and 30 and May 1. If true this would be a mild feat indeed compared to the mighty machinations attributed to Captain Crunch. Crunch is the guru of phreaks in this country who love to tinker with telephone company circuits and make calls free.

Captain Crunch earned his name when he discovered that the toy whistles offered as prizes in boxes of Captain Crunch cereal emitted, a perfect 2,600-cycles-per-second sound signal. Phone

company tandems, circuits which connect the world's cities, also have a 2,600-cycles-per-second signal, showing that the line is idle.

The Crunch legend now has it that he toured the country for a time in a Volkswagen bus loaded with electronic equipment. He would stop at a phone booth on an isolated road, plug into the phone and summon up Paris, London, New York and other exotic circuits around the world. The captain has called himself on an around-the-world circuit.

It is reported with awe that he once called himself around the world eastwards and westwards at the same time, one via cable, the other via satellite. When both phones rang at the same time he put the receivers together, and

Dr Craig 'not on probation'

BY OUR CORRESPONDENT

A letter saying that Dr David Craig, of Lancaster University, was still a full member of staff was issued yesterday by the Vice-Chancellor, Mr Charles Carter, had said that Dr Craig was on permanent probation.

A motion for the dismissal of Dr Craig had been temporarily dropped and he was moved from the English Department.

A letter written by Dr Craig's lawyer, Professor John Griffith, to the London University, was circulated to 80 members who attended the Lancaster branch meeting of the Association of University Teachers last night.

The letter contested the interpretation that Mr Carter put on the Craig settlement following the University Council ruling last Tuesday and said it was not so that Dr Craig is more or less on permanent probation.

Professor Griffith stated: "Dr Craig remains a full tenured member of the staff, dismissable only when proper cause is shown. The Vice-Chancellor said that charges could be reviewed at any time. This is not so and is not the meaning of the word sine die. The Vice-Chancellor said that Dr Craig had admitted the charges against him. This is not so."

The letter continued: "Dr Craig was charged with exhorting and inciting, actively seeking, encouraging, counselling, and advocating. In the agreed statement, Dr Craig said that he regretted those of his actions that were an encouragement. The Vice-Chancellor said that Dr Craig had been removed from his department and this is a serious step, but the Vice-Chancellor agreed in writing to recommend to Senate that Dr Craig should continue with his normal duties and gave verbal assurances that no demotion was intended.

"Surely," added the letter, "there was value in the idea that the head of the English Department, who was so closely engaged in the controversy, should no longer be Dr Craig's superior. The Vice-Chancellor seems for ever compelled to claim victories, but he must not try to rewrite treaties."

Mr Marcus Merriman, president of the branch, said that the letter had been circulated, but not discussed.

Just before the close of the AUT meeting, a group of teachers walked out of the hall and one said: "We are disgusted that we cannot put our point of view."

The meeting passed a resolution saying: "It is the policy of the Lancaster University AUT that the student body shall not be involved in negotiations on behalf of any of its members." Another motion said the branch welcomed the Taylor inquiry into the university troubles and invited the executive to cooperate fully. Mr Merriman said: "The meeting very largely reaffirmed the AUT stand that the association works through the constitutional procedures which have been agreed with the university."

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