

PARIS GARBAGE STATES OWN CASE

Elegant Paris began to smell to high heaven. Dustmen and cleaners, normally the humblest of citizens, became nearly the most important - just because they weren't there. They were on strike, and Parisians didn't have to read the papers to know it.... You dirty dog!...

There were no speeches by strike leaders. The dustmen merely did nothing, and the refuse put up a case that simply couldn't be answered. When the army set the dustcans in motion housewives were only too glad to ~~lend a hand~~ ^{lend a hand.} The bigger the output of garbage, the more popular the cry, for export only.

At the Hotel de Ville, townhall of Paris, the garbage grenadiers made a mass protest against low wages, little food, the black market, the ^{administration} government, and a host of other misfortunes such as we in Britain take lying down.

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The outcome of it all was that the authorities met the men more than half way and the city is clean again. When the rubbish had got whiskers on it, the dustmen really had Paris by the nostrils.