

UNOFFICIAL TRANSPORT STRIKE

Garage petrol tanks began to run dry. The strike of about 3,000 petrol distribution workers drove home the fact that the enormous road traffic of London runs on a fine margin. Motorists began filling up whenever they could, but nowadays the car's own petrol tank is the only storage space, ~~available~~. Faced with rapidly-emptying tanks themselves//garages began rationing/regular customers ~~and turning others away.~~

\* The strike was unofficial. Over at Stratford the men met to consider their union's appeal to return to work. Their leader told reporters they had turned down that advice, <sup>Fuel</sup> sticking to their demand for a ten shilling rise. ~~Transport~~ means food. Neville's Bakery, like others in London, burns oil - just one instance of what this <sup>strike</sup> ~~could~~ <sup>do it for you</sup> could ~~do~~ <sup>if it went on</sup> the public ~~if it went on~~. London began to wonder why army drivers were not being used. <sup>at 7 days</sup> At another meeting the strikers reaffirmed their decision to stay out and reject the employers' offer of 5/6 a week. The big tank lorries they drive stood idle at the depots of Shell and other oil companies. Nobody in the yards could follow the advertisement's advice.... London's millions <sup>looked</sup> ~~were~~ like being up against it.

At a later meeting the strikers decided to return to work while their union resumed negotiating with the employers. The big tank lorries had stood idle a dangerously long time, at Shell and other companies. Nobody could follow the advertisement's advice..... Now, it was all over.

*In event of 'return to work'*