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=====General strike, disturbances

After the Confederation of Finnish Trade Unions (= S.A.K.) had announced general strike in the whole country, due to risen costs of living, there were disturbances in different parts of Finland, chiefly owing to disagreements in the distribution of petrol (gasoline). The petrol stations considered it their duty to distribute petrol freely to everybody who wanted, but the most radical part of the strikers wanted to restrict the distribution by excluding transportations subject to strike and in the end insisting on finishing the distribution in its entirety, after they had obstructed the transportation from the warehouses to the petrol stations.

There were some serious conflicts between the Police and the hooligans, in which the Police was compelled to resort to e.g. riding policemen.

The costs caused to Finland by this general strike that lasted 19 (nineteen) days, were about 25 milliard Finnmarks.

The work fight resulted in the victory of S.A.K. (Confederation of the Finnish Trade Unions) and a general rise of wages.
