

4.8PM. ADD: B.M.C. STRIKE

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THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE INTERFERENCE WITH LORRIES ENTERING THE SERVICE STORES GATES AT OXFORD THIS AFTERNOON BUT A STRONG POLICE GUARD SOON GOT THEM THROUGH. IN ONE CASE THEY HAD TO DRAG AWAY SEVERAL MEN WHO WERE SITTING ON THE ROAD IN THE PATH OF THE LORRIES.

IN ANOTHER CASE A MAN LAY DOWN AS A LORRY APPROACHED. THE DRIVER, HOWEVER, WAS NOT INTIMIDATED AND DROVE SLOWLY ON. JUST IN TIME THE STRIKER CHANGED HIS MIND AND SCRAMBLED OUT OF THE WAY.

MR WALLY PAGE, CHAIRMAN OF THE LOCAL CENTRAL STRIKE COMMITTEE, SAID THIS AFTERNOON THAT A PRIORITY TELEGRAM HAD BEEN SENT TO THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S CONFERENCE ASKING PERMISSION FOR ONE OF THEIR NUMBER TO SUBMIT A PAPER ON THE B.M.C. DISPUTE AND DRAWING ATTENTION TO WHAT IS ALLEGED TO BE THE HARSH WAY IN WHICH THE DISMISSALS HAD BEEN IMPLEMENTED.