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TRUMAN BREAKS U.S RAIL STRIKE

It's not all peace and plenty in food-happy America. Railway yards, engines, loaded freight trains, everything that runs on U.S railroads stopped dead when striking loco men came out in the first general rail strike in 52 years. At New York's Pennsylvania station firemen and drivers hopped off the trains and stayed off. A quarter of a million rail workers in a bid to dictate to the Government. Stranded crowds packed the stations. The answer they got was "No trains to anywhere - today." Reply came hours later in a gloves-off speech from President Truman. Calling in Army Chief Eisenhower, the President threatened to order soldiers to take over the trains and to call up every striking railman for military service. Result - strikers surrendered and called the whole thing off. A decision that postpones, but doesn't end, America's Labour crisis.