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RAIL STRIKE PARALYSES FRANCE

From France, our cameramen reports on the nation-wide rail strike. Only a week before, bakery workers returned to work after a strike which cut the already low bread ration of  $8\frac{1}{2}$  ozs. After that it was the turn of the wholesale petrol supply workers to come out. The railway strike spread all over the country paralysing transport and industry alike. Rejecting appeals by Premier Renadier, the rail workers refused to go back. Travellers all over France had their journeys interrupted. To Britons on the Continent, the strike joined up with Black Max Intrator and the £75 currency limit, to put a damper on the holiday spirit. Emergency feeding arrangements were set up to cope with the stranded thousands.

A brisk trade in black market transport sent the price of a seat in a lorry up to £100 a go. If you had a car and lived near the Channel ports, you cleaned up big sums.

A threat by the Gas and Power men to join the railway workers could bring French industry to a standstill. For France it was a week of crisis - arising out of deep rooted political problems.