

SERVICE STOPS IN 14 STATES

# Rail Strike Settlement Sought

CHICAGO (AP) — Representatives of the Illinois Central Railroad and the United Transportation Union met Wednesday in an effort to settle a strike that tied up the railroad's service in 14 states. Some 40,000 Chicago commuters were among those affected.

The railroad also sued in U.S. District Court in Nashville, Tenn., for a temporary restraining order against the union whose 4,000 employees left their jobs Tuesday night. Judge William E. Miller promised a ruling by Thursday or Friday.

Union representatives said 15,000 IC workers belonging to other unions were observing UTU picket lines.

The walkout crippled commuter transportation from the South Side of Chicago and ended all freight and passenger service of the line that stretches from the Great Lakes to the Gulf of Mexico and calls itself the "Main Line of Mid-

America."

M. S. Stuckey, general chairman of the IC system branch of the union, and J. P. Sanders, vice president of the local union, met with Earl C. Oliver, IC vice president who returned from Washington to join the talks.

Stuckey said the strike resulted from a feud between rail unions and carriers which dates to 1964. The union wants the IC to restore an extra man to train crews which are generally made up of an engineer, a conductor and either two trainmen or two yardmen.

The crew dispute has been taken to the U.S. Supreme Court and was studied by a presidential emergency board without resolution.

Oliver said the railroad "has offered to settle the dispute by adding to present train crews close to half the extra men demanded by the union."

No warning was given before the strike. Stuckey

said the action was determined after Tuesday's unsuccessful meeting with IC representatives.

The Chicago commuters who use the IC to get to the downtown area from their South Side and south-suburban homes switched to private cars, taxis and buses. Expressway traffic was jammed.

The Chicago Transit Authority put on extra buses on South Side routes and the Chicago South Shore and South Bend Railroad, an electric commuter line, had jammed coaches.

The strike affects the entire 7,200-mile IC system with minor exceptions of a few small lines whose workers are covered by other contracts.

The UTU represents freightmen, brakemen, yard engine foremen and switchmen.

The IC operates in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Alabama, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Tennessee, Arkansas, Nebraska and South Dakota.



Picasso's "Woman Weeping" was among 25 paintings valued at about \$720,000 stolen from the home of Sir Roland Penrose, a trustee of London, England's Tate Gallery. This Picasso has an estimated value of between \$144,000 and \$192,000. (AP Photo)

## Outburst By Sirhan Interrupts Sum-Up

By HARRY F. ROSENTHAL

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Shouting out "He's lying! He's lying! He's lying!" Sirhan Bishara Sirhan interrupted Wednesday the state's case against him in the assassination of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

"He's a dirty..." Sirhan said as Deputy Dist. Atty. David N. Pitts said that on the night of the slaying Sirhan had left his wallet—all identification—in his car. Pitts asked the jury to convict Sirhan of first-degree murder.

It was only a few minutes before normal morning recess time and Superior Court Judge Herbert V. Walker quickly halted proceedings and ordered bailiffs to remove Sirhan from the court.

Before his blowup, Sirhan twisted nervously in his seat as Pitts, silver-haired trial veteran, called Kennedy "a man of hope, a man of respect," and said Sirhan was fully aware of what he was doing when he shot Kennedy last June 5.

The New York senator, seeking the Democratic presidential nomination, had just won California's primary and had left a cheering crowd of supporters when Sirhan shot him.

The defense has admitted that Sirhan killed Kennedy, but has said he was so mentally impaired that he was not legally responsible.

Opening the state's summation, Pitts quoted a statement attributed to Sirhan after the shooting, "Do you think I'm crazy so you can use it against me?" At the time Sirhan was refusing to make any statements to police.

# Anguillans Renew Anti-British Protest

ANGUILLA, West Indies (AP)—New anti-British demonstrations have broken out in Anguilla to protest actions of police and the British Commissioner, Tony Lee.

"It's personal," Lee told an interviewer. "They are after me for personal reasons."

There are reports of arrests and at least one person was ordered off the island. An American doctor from Philadelphia also was asked to leave, but reportedly had gone into hiding with Anguillian supporters.

There seemed to be a general feeling that the British had betrayed the islanders following an agreement worked out between Lord Caradon, the British U.N. ambassador, and Anguilla's temporary President, Ronald Webster.

Webster left the island over the weekend to seek support from the United Nations. He is due back in Anguilla today, and demonstrations of support are planned. Lord Caradon is scheduled to arrive on Friday to review the situation.

The largest demonstration occurred Tuesday when about 300 Anguillans protested at the airport against the departure of Dr. Felix Spector of Philadelphia, who had been under contract to the Anguillian government as medical officer.

The demonstrators would not let Spector leave, and led him away. They reportedly had him in hiding Wednesday.

Lee said he had not deported Spector. "I only asked him to leave the islands," he said. "His qualifications as a doctor were not up to British standards. He tried to schedule surgery in the hospital," Lee said.

Two persons claimed they were taken into custody by the British for lengthy interrogation. One, Alfred Gumbs, said he was questioned at length about the existence of an underground defense force on the island. The second, Charlie Fleming, said he was questioned about the theft of some water. He claimed he was beaten, but Lee denied this.

A Virgin Islands resident, William Greer, was ordered off the island.

Whether the reports of arrests and beatings were exaggerated or not, there obviously was a considerable increase in tensions.

The Anguillans seemed caught by surprise by a 14-page document issued by Lee to the Anguilla Council last week, called "the Anguilla Temporary Provisional Order, 1969." It imposed the right to search persons, property and homes, without warrants, by police and British soldiers, if there is suspi-

cion "they are being used for any purpose prejudicial to the maintenance of law and order."

It provided that British authorities may declare areas of the island as "protected areas" and restrict or prohibit movement in them.

It requires that permission must be obtained in writing for any meetings of more than five persons.

The British landed paratroopers in Anguilla on March 19 to put an end to its unilateral declaration of independence and force its 6,000 islanders back under British jurisdiction.

Lee acknowledged in an interview that searches of homes by British police, which has continued this week, could "inflamm" passions.

He said, however, that he had no control over the police, but he added that "I'll speak to the police about it."

There have been almost daily demonstrations against the British presence since Good Friday, and against Lee although the demonstrators often have been few in number. They have shouted their demands that "Lee must go."

Lee had not tried to go to his office yet this week.

"I view these demonstrations more in sorrow than in anger," he said.

## British Occupation Of Anguilla Backed By Premier Bradshaw

ST. THOMAS (AP) — An angry shouting Robert Bradshaw, Premier of the British Associated State of St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla, says that Anguilla "is part of the Associated State and will so remain."

Bradshaw likened the arrival on Anguilla of British paratroopers to U.S. involvement in South Vietnam. He also said "it was required by treaty."

Asked about the agreement which was signed by Anguilla leaders and a representative of her majesty's government, Lord Caradon more than one week ago, Bradshaw questioned

the existence of an agreement. Referring to Anguilla leader Ronaldo Webster, Bradshaw said, "poor Webster...the idiot that he is."

The premier said that the British government took over

Anguilla rightfully "though two years too late. "He said it was done to "rid Anguilla of a scourge of gangsters."

Bradshaw passed through St. Thomas on his way to Washington to-in his words-"survey the same."

Claiming the U.S. news media are misrepresenting the situation in Anguilla, the premier said that Americans are forgetting history. He referred to President Lincoln, and the U.S. Congress in 1861, and he said they were not concerned about slavery "but about preserving the union, and they brought the South back to its...senses."

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## ONE CITIZEN SEEKS AGENT WHO

# Tax O



Income tax inspector Rafael her tax form Wednesday at Photo by David Acevedo)

## Reforma

PONCE (AP)—The head of the girls Wednesday flatly rejected criticism stitution is worse than the island's jails. But, Director Juan E. Correa Rodriguez the school has its serious problems. The problems include the presence of "mental cases" at the school—possibly per cent of the enrollment. Correa Rodriguez this circumstance "makes the rehabilitation inmates impossible, and completely initial purpose of the institution."

## STEPS TAKEN TO S EXPROPRIATION P

By FRANK RAMON STAR Special Writer  
Public Works Secretary Antonio Sant Wednesday that steps have been taken to person whose properties are being expro-

Interviewed during a visit to La Fortaleza said that under a plan worked out with the affected persons will be able to begin shortly after their properties have been public use.

The practice until now has been to Board reserve land for public use—such of a highway—because there is usually a lag between planning and actual realization the person whose land has been thus reserved wait many years before the government Funds for land acquisition are usually until the project is ready to begin.

In the meantime, because the land for public use, landowners cannot use the any other purpose, be it to construct business.  
Santiago Vazquez said that under the Land Administration will make payments affected persons as soon as their land has for future public use. The Public Works later reimburse the Land Administration, he said. The Public Works secretary said payments to the affected persons either in full or on a basis.

