

London: Decisive Rail Talks

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London: With the threat of a ^{National} rail stoppage menacing Britain's hard-won recovery, ~~the Ministry of Transport~~ ^{MINISTRY} becomes the nerve centre of top-level ^{TALKS} meetings. Sir Brian Robertson ^{Chairman of the British Transport Commission!} leaves - after vital discussions. 12

Later, Sir Walter Monckton, Minister of Labour, presided at a decisive meeting at his Ministry, when the Transport Commission promised the immediate re-opening of wage negotiations. And this brought a ray of hope from Mr Campbell - General Secretary of the N.U.R. / SOUND.

~~And so it proved - following the meeting of the Union Executive - the strike notice was withdrawn, with hopes of pay increases of 10% and 15%.~~ ^{AND COMPLETE AGREEMENT REACHED}
~~100,000~~ ^{THE PROSPECTS OF A BIGGER PAY PACKET}

That was to prove the prelude to agreement - and a bigger pay packet for Britain's Railwaymen.