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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The Electric sign-board in the Washington D.C. station signalled the nation's labor crisis today.

It read -- "All Pennsylvania trains annulled. All Baltimore & Ohio trains annulled. All departures annulled. All TRAINS annulled."

But congress, WASN'T annulled. Acting with unusual speed, and on direct orders from the President, it prepared a bill to end the nation's rail strike, probably tomorrow.

Senate democratic leader -- Mike Mansfield -- took the floor to read the President's letter. It said -- "No man, and no institution can stand above the American people and our men in uniform defending our country around the world. There comes a time when the public interest must be paramount over private interests. That time is now."

At first -- Senate and House negotiators tried to agree

on the rail-strike bill which has been stalled for a month. But after a brief period, they dropped that ide -- and went back to write an emergency measure -- something specifically tailored to today's crisis.

As for the effects of the rail strike -- they've followed the expected pattern. Passenger and freight trains stalled -- even Viet Nam shipments held in the switchyards.

The auto industry said it would run out of parts for its assembly plants in less than a week the steel industry said it would begin to slow-down if raw materials were delayed more than a few days.

Commuters in several major cities took to their cars -- and traffic problems were worse than usual this morning. In San Francisco however, traffic experts said the situation was bad, but that its always bad, and the mystery of where everybody parks, still remains a mystery.

WITH RAIL

Despite the rail strike, and continued labor unrest in the rubber industry -- the nation's economic health continues to improve.

The Commerce Department reporting -- the economy resumed its upward trend in the second quarter of this year.

The gross national product -- that's the nation's total output of goods and services went up Nine Billion Dollars -- more than twice the increase of the first quarter.

UAW

The auto workers union presented the last of its thirty nine position-papers to the industry today -- a demand that the (auto firms) set up joint company and union scholarship programs for employees and their children.

The proposal brought no immediate response from the industry -- but privately, officials indicated it was a relatively minor matter -- and now they can begin talking about the major UAW demands -- the most expensive list of proposals in the history of auto labor negotiations.

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RIOT

A tense calm -- with only an occasional sniper's bullet to mar the silence, prevails in Newark, New Jersey tonight.

Governor Hughes has told the national guard, and most of the state police that they can withdraw, and has promised to bring massive Federal and State efforts to bear on the problem of re-building the ravaged area. Governor Hughes quoted the late President Kennedy in vowing "to get moving once again."

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but a police official said he'll need more. S^{aid} Captain Fred Doakes -- "you can't reason with the people involved.

They're a hard-core group. All they understand is force."

The Captain said the rioters have armed themselves with equipment stolen from an arms factory at Middlesex -- most of it automatic carbines. But he added: "Thank God they're a new model, and they don't know how to use them."

WITH RIOTS

The summer unrest has even extended to Fresno, California, where the temperature has been One Hundred and Five the past few days.

A city poverty worker was wounded by a negro private patrolman, who said he fired his gun when someone threw a bottle at him. Vandals and rioters set Twenty Three fires in Fresno during the night. Thirty persons were arrested.

FOLLOW WITH RIOTS

As you might expect, the Russians are having a field day, reporting the U.S. riots.

Pravda said today -- "It's an American war which will exist as long as Capitalism exists. Two America's are at war with each other -- the America of the rich and the strong, and the American of the poor and humiliated most of them negroes."

With the story -- Pravda carried a picture showing a National Guardsman crouching behind an armored car.

Marine fighters went inland to beat Communist artillery in the buffer zone -- trying to silence the big guns that have been shelling Marine positions the past few days. No word yet on results.

VIET NAM

Massive force against the Communists in Viet Nam today -- B-Fifty Two bombers dropping a million-pounds of high explosives on Communist positions from Da Nang on the North, to the outskirts of Saigon on the South.

And -- the carrier Oriskany is back in service -- repaired and re-staffed after a disastrous fire Nine months ago, which killed Forty four men and injured Sixteen. Today, the Oriskany's planes were over North Viet Nam, attacking rail targets, and also shooting up Communist patrol boats along the coast.

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CONFERENCES

Two Arab presidents flew into Moscow a few hours ago -- ready to confer with Soviet leaders, and brief them on the Cairo summit meeting.

President Boumedienne of Algeria and President Rahman Aref of Iraq were so un-expected in Moscow that their embassies heard about their arrival four hours after they were there.

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FOLLOW CONFERENCES

A note of moderation featured a conference in The Hague -- as the Premier of Communist Roumania arrived.

The independent-minded Premier Ion Gheorge Maurer calling on the Eastern and Western blocs of European countries to scrap their defense organizations -- and let each country live in peace, and "be the master of his own house."

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TRUCE TEAMS

The U.N. truce teams -- finally in position on both sides of the Suez Canal, after a day of diplomatic snags.

Two teams took up their posts, at sunset, with four men to a post, about fifty miles apart.

U.N. officials emphasize -- this is not a biffer force -- only an observing team to see and report any violations of the cease-fire.

The chances for trouble apparently are greater on the water, than on the desert. Cairo Radio said the first Israeli boat that "tries to float on the Canal" will be considered a violation of the cease-fire order, and will be dealt with promptly.

Israel, on the other hand says its patrol boats are in the Canal, and will remain there.

FOLLOW TRUCE TEAMS

As the U.N. teams went into action, the U.N. General Assembly went backstage to seek a political resolution of the Arab-Israeli war.

General Assembly President -- Abdul Rahman Pazhwak of Afghanistan said he'd wait Three days to see if the delegates make some progress -- otherwise -- it's back to the normal session. But Abdul Rahman Pazhwak seemed faintly optimistic. He said -- "there is now a prospect, however slight, of reaching agreement on a resolution.

PRISON CAMP

That prison camp fire at Berrydale, Florida -- the one that took thirty-seven lives -- how did it start?

Prison officials said tonight -- the convicts set it deliberately -- and then were trapped as flames roared thru the old wooden barracks. Only fourteen men escaped alive, and six of them were badly burned.

The Florida state prison director says he believes the inmates wanted to cause slight damage -- and get transferred to a newer camp -- but, that soon the whole building was on fire, almost momentarily.

Florida has been replacing its wooden barracks with concrete buildings -- but it had twelve of the wooden structures left. Now, eleven.

RESCUE

A space-age rescue plan -- approved today by the U.S. and Russia.

Negotiators in Geneva said the American and Soviet delegates have reached preliminary agreement on a treaty for rescuing each other's astronauts, if they're in distress.

The announcement came at a U.N. sub-committee meeting on peaceful uses of outer space.

The agreement covers that embarrassing situation in which a space-man may be forced to land in the wrong country. Under the pact signed today if he does he won't be an interloper. He'll be a guest and given all the help he needs. Also, if a space machine lands on someone's house -- the country responsible agrees to pay for the damage. Can you imagine a space ship coming down on your home, Warren? I can't. But S-L-U-T-M.