BRITISH OFFICIAL PRESS - 7/5/26 No development giving promise of bringing strike to end has occurred since stoppage began on Tuesday morning. General Council of Trades Union Congress is in constant session and executive of Miners Federation met for time this morning after which several members proceeded to consult with General Council and others went to House of Commons. In today's issue of strike newspapers British Worker which is published by General Council reply is made to statement of Prime Minister that Government was prepared to resume negotiations immediately General strike is called off. Reply states that at this stage with no knowledge of subsequent line of policy that Government intends to pursue general Council cannot comply with Prime Minister's request for unconditional withdrawal of striker notices. It indicates readiness to resume negotiations for honourable settlement but adds that any preliminary parleys with view to discovery basis for negotiations can only be undertaken in free and unfettered atmosphere. Ramsay MacDonald, Labour Leader made statement "I am not letting moment pass unused for some attempt to devise ways of peace and accommodation". Official Communique issued this evening says - " No serious disorder has occurred in any part of the country. Work of feeding people and maintaining light power and essential communications is being successfully accomplished Over 2000 trains were run yesterday or nearly double day before. There has been further substantial improvement today both on main lines and in metropolitan and suburban services. Number of buses running in London is constantly increasing. No shortage of food is reported anywhere. There has been obstruction of food supplies at many places in Country, in some cases accompanied by violence. Govt., however, is dealing with it effectively. In order to give widespread protection to those engaged in maintaining food supplies and other essential services in London area it is proposed . to raise number of special constables as quickly as possible. Twenty five thousand volunteers enrolled in London and home counties yesterday bringing total in that area up to 76,050. Mining Areas are quiet miners observing peaceful attitude. Attempts have been made in some provincial Towns to cut off supply of electricity for essential services by calling out men from power stations. Strikers however, are being replaced successfully in London area position at seventy four power stations is satisfactory except at Fulham where man struck this afternoon. Postal Services which at first suffered some delay have improved to such extent that London post offices were reported at five o'clock this afternoon to be practically clear. With regard to fish supplies one hundred eighty two vessels in all have landed today at various ports and their total catches will not be less than 2,000 Tons. Emergency transport has been organised almost entirely by fish5; industry itself and is working efficiently. Owing to lack of steamer transport considerable consignment of mails from various parts of England was conveyed to Belfast today by destroyer from Resumption of publicating of Newspapers is announced from all parts of country. London journals which will reappear tomorrow morning are Daily Telegraph, Daily Express and Daily Mirror. On Stock Exchange while there is still little disposition to transact business there is feeling of confidences and securities display very steady appearance prices being well maintained. Gt. Western Rly. states that additional trains on its system are being run in all parts of country. Situation and prospects are bright and hourly improving. One of hest Centures is steady maintenance of milk supplies.

Its area is thirty two percent more than yesterday. Situation is to be described therefore as generally quiet and reassuring. Foreign news correspondents in London in their comments pay tribute to calm and lack of passion with which industrial struggle has so far been conducted and has been accepted by general public. Two unfavourable developments today were strike of workers at Robert Blast Furnaces at Willingborough and Kettering and closing of several cotton mills in Preston District.

Negotiations which have been taking place for remains several months between representatives of conference of ambassador and German Government regarding German Aircraft resulted in agreement today. It takes form of Exchange of notes with annexes between Ambassadors Conference and German Ambassador in Paris. Texts of various documents have been initiated and will be signed when approved by Governments concerned.