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Binmen collections are to resume in Belfast after a 3 week's stoppage caused by a strike of drivers, but it will take about a fortnight to clear the backlog of collections and in the meantime special dumps, opened during the strike, will still be available. And householders will also be able to collect free rubbish bags from cleansing depots until bin collections gets back to its normal frequency. Work on clearing the dumps began over the weekend when the first of the drivers returned to work. Desmond McKibbin, Director of Technical Services for Belfast, appealed to householders to use the dumps as little as possible to enable them to be cleared quickly. The drivers stopped work over a pay dispute. Mr Hugh Minnis of the Municipal Workers said the return to work was unconditional.

A 28-year-old full-time member of the UDR has died in Craigavon Hospital from a bullet wound in the head received in a shooting incident at his home. He was Thomas Nelson Beattie, a married man of Hill Street, Millford outside Armagh, and the shooting happened early on Saturday morning. A police spokesman said that foul play was not suspected.

There have been 2 armed robberies. In Lurgan, 3 masked youths, one with a machine-gun, raided the Ulsterbus Office in Branwell Terrace. They used a black Cortina which had been stolen earlier in Craigavon and got away with £700. In Strabane, a bookmaker's clerk was robbed of nearly £500 as he was coming from the Hibernian Bank in Butcher Street. The clerk, Michael Cunningham, was forced into a waiting car, but released a short distance away.

People living in George's Street in Dungannon were out of their homes for most of last night because of an unexploded bomb. The bomb was one of two planted in Dan Davidson's Garage in the street. One exploded just before 10.00 o'clock last night causing extensive damage. The area was kept sealed off until the second bomb, a .25 pounder, was defused by an Army expert this morning.

A pipe bomb was found this morning at the back of St Coleman's Primary School at Lambeg near Lisburn. The school was evacuated and an Army bomb disposal expert carried out a controlled explosion. 4 windows in the school were broken.

A teenager accused of murdering one man and attempting to murder another man in July was remanded in custody until Friday at Belfast Magistrate's Court today. Robert James Kitchen, 19, unemployed labourer of Seventh Street, is charged with murdering Leonard Rosborough and attempting to murder Alfred Hill in Belfast. A detective told the Court that when charged yesterday, Kitchen pleaded not guilty to both offences.

The inter-party talks on forming an Executive resumed with Mr Whitelaw an hour ago and they are expected to continue until late this afternoon. One of our political staff says the agenda is now thought to be approaching the point where the lines of an acceptable compromise, on disputed issues, after the continuation of detention and control of the police, will have to be worked out.

Northern Ireland's only whiskey distillery, Old Bushmills, has announced a £1 million expansion programme. The Managing Director, Mr Richard Burrows, said the Company plan to increase turnover five-fold within the next ten years. He said the expansion would enable the Company to fully supply the Home Market and to build-up its Export trade.

Announcement of the Belfast Telegraph says that production of today's paper would be normal. Last week the paper didn't appear on 2 days because of a dispute involving distribution workers. Talks on the dispute are still going on.

A Court in Cookstown has been told that a 16-year-old boy wounded a police constable with a knife in the town yesterday. The boy was remanded in custody to a further court on Friday on a charge of having 2 knives without lawful authority. A police officer said that a civilian had also been wounded and further charges would be brought against the boy.

#### WORLD AT ONE

Oil supplies. The Government are expected to assure MPs once again this afternoon that there is no need to bring in rationing at present.

Mrs Meir is home from her talks in Washington and its speculation that she now has to sell a compromised plan on the trapped Arab troops and the question of the prisoners.

It is thought changes planned in the Common Market's Agricultural policy could save Britain a £100 million in a few years' time.

The motor factories seem to be hardest hit in the series of strikes over the finds on the Engineering Workers' Union.