

Concorde: It's sweet sixteen

THE Concorde superjet is going ahead. Sixteen of the world-beating airliners are to be built, it was decided at an Anglo-French summit meeting last night.

The decision means that the jobs of most of Britain's 21,000 Concorde workers are safe for the time being.

But the £1,000,000,000 project will start being phased out unless there are massive new orders from other countries by the end of next year.

The plan to go ahead was put forward by Premier Harold Wilson during a meeting with President Giscard in Paris.

Eagerly

The number to be built is three fewer than the French were demanding.

But the plan was eagerly snapped up.

It means that Concorde will now definitely go into service on the Transatlantic run.

Union leaders in Bristol, home of Britain's Concorde, welcomed the decision last night.

From PETER STEPHENS and VICTOR KNIGHT in Paris

Mr. Lew Gray, chief shop steward at the British Aircraft Corporation's Filton works, said: "I am confident that by the time all the sixteen are built, the plane will have proved itself internationally."

Yesterday's Paris talks also brought an agreement to hold back further spending on the Channel Tunnel project for at least a year.

It was revealed that the Government have ruled out Kent as a rail terminus for the tunnel. They are now looking for a suitable site west of London.

The great X-ray strike

MOST of Britain's hospital X-ray departments were at a standstill yesterday as more than 5,000 radiographers staged their first strike. The twenty-four-hour stoppage, in support of a 20 per cent. interim pay claim, was backed by 90 per cent. of the members of the Society of Radiographers. An emergency service was manned by union volunteers.

PRINT WORKERS FACE THE SACK

By BRYN JONES, Industrial Correspondent

THE closure of one of Britain's biggest printing works — the Odhams factory at Watford — began last night because of an inter-union "who does what" squabble.

More than 2,800 workers will lose their jobs if the plant finally shuts down.

Last night the International Publishing Corporation, the group which includes the Daily Mirror, sacked 250 Odhams print-workers belonging to the National Graphical Association.

The NGA has claimed work currently being done by members of another print union, the Society of Lithographic Artists, Designers and Engravers.

The row has hit the printing of some of Britain's most popular magazines. An eleven-hour ap-

peal was made to the two unions yesterday by IPC Magazines managing director Derek Bostock-Smith, but no peace settlement emerged.

The rest of the workers at the plant will get their notices next Friday.

NGA general secretary John Bonfield claimed last night that all his union's proposals for resolving the dispute had been turned down by IPC.

He said: "There is no doubt in my mind that IPC intended to close this plant anyway."

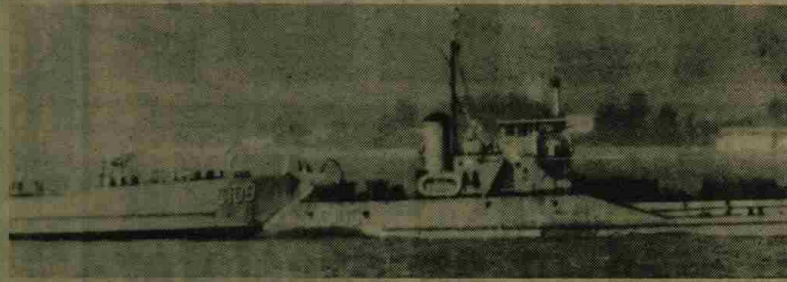
"Before all this trouble began there were plans for savage staff cuts."

"I can only conclude that they are using the unions as an excuse for closure."

Mr. Bonfield warned that his union would prevent IPC printing its magazines at other plants.

Turkey sends off troops as Cyprus nears flashpoint

THE ARMADA



MENACING: Turkish assault landing craft racing towards Cyprus yesterday.

By NICK DAVIES

A HUGE armada of Turkish warships was standing five miles off the Cyprus coast last night waiting for orders to invade.

The fleet, which included thirty assault landing craft, was carrying 10,000 marines and at least thirty tanks.

Turkish Premier Bulent Ecevit warned yesterday that the invasion would go ahead unless Turkey's demands were met. These are...

AN IMMEDIATE withdrawal of all Greek officers from the island, and...

THE REMOVAL from the presidency of former Eoka terrorist Nicos Sampson.

It looked last night as if the Greek colonels' regime had rejected these terms, which were put to them by Mr. Joseph Sisco, deputy to US peace-maker Henry Kissinger.

Mr. Sisco flew to Ankara last night after lengthy talks in Athens — at which, diplomatic sources said, Turkey's demands had been refused.

Pressure

The Turkish parliament meets today for an emergency session when the government will seek "extensive powers for military action."

Pressure was mounting in Turkey yesterday for an invasion of the strife-torn island.

At the same time Archbishop Makarios, the ousted Cypriot President, was in New York preparing to appeal to the United Nations for help.

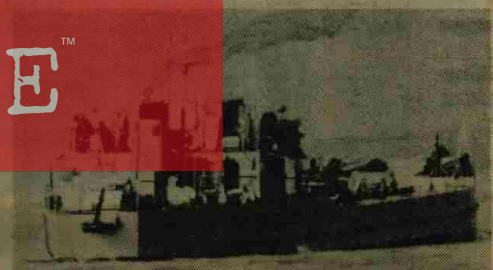
And a fleet of at least six British warships and support vessels was believed to be standing by in the danger area.

A powerful force from the US Sixth Fleet was already nearby — and Russian ships are also believed to be in the neighbourhood.

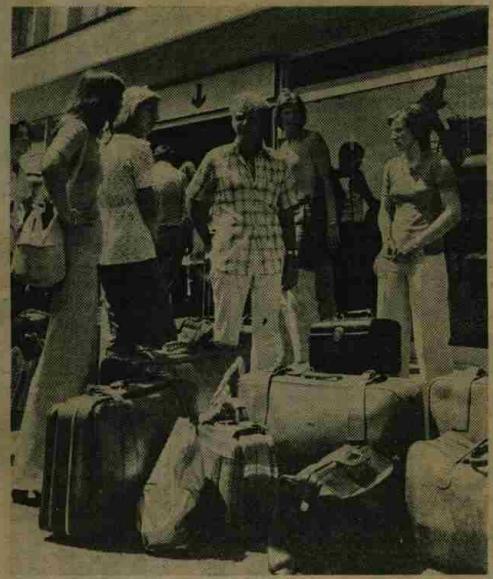
As the crisis neared flashpoint, heartbroken holidaymakers began fleeing from the tense island.

Convoys of coaches ferried more than 3,000 tourists from resorts to Nicosia, where lines of planes queued to fly them home.

But many holidaymakers refused to leave, finding it impossible to take seriously the threat that today's sweltering beaches could be the bloody battlefields of tomorrow.



ADVANCING: Another Turkish ship in the great armada.



LEAVING: Tourists at the airport. Picture: PETER STONE.



Mainly dry, with sunny intervals. **OUTLOOK:** Changeable.

London, S.E., E. and Central S. England, Midlands, E. Anglia: Mainly dry. Cloudy at first, sunny later. Max. temp. 23 C (73 F).

Channel Islands, S.W. England, S. Wales and Mon: Mainly dry. Cloudy, but sunny intervals later. Max. temp. 21 C (70 F).

SEA CONDITIONS: North Sea, moderate; English Channel, slight.

SUNSET: Derby 9.12; Plymouth 9.18; Birmingham 9.18; Bristol 9.17; London 9.07.

POLLEN COUNT: 40, which was low.

HOME	Max. Temp.	C.	F.	Weather
Blackpool	16	61	Drizzle	
Bournemouth	20	68	Sunny	
Brighton	19	66	Sunny	
Cardiff	15	59	Cloudy	
Clacton	22	72	Sunny	
Deal	17	63	Cloudy	
Exmouth	20	68	Sunny	
Hastings	19	66	Sunny	
Jersey	20	68	Sunny	
London	21	70	Fair	
Lewes	22	72	Sunny	
Margate	22	72	Sunny	
Scarborough	18	64	Cloudy	
Sheffield	18	64	Sunny	
Torquay	21	70	Sunny	

ABROAD	Max. Temp.	C.	F.	Weather
Athens	32	90	Sunny	
Barcelona	24	75	Sunny	
Belgrade	17	63	Cloudy	
Geneva	13	55	Cloudy	
Gibraltar	24	75	Fair	
Lisbon	28	82	Sunny	
Majorca	25	77	Fair	
Malaga	27	81	Fair	
Nantes	24	75	Fair	
Nice	19	66	Rain	
Paris	20	68	Fair	
Venice	21	70	Cloudy	

SHORT HITS AT 'DIRTY TRICKS'

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Zurich and interview Mr. Short next week.

One of Commander Morrison's earliest calls is likely to be to Deputy Assistant Commissioner James Crane, head of the Fraud Squad.

The sound was called in earlier this year after Mr. Short requested an inquiry into rumours that he or his wife had received undisclosed payments from T. Dan Smith, the former planning chief who was jailed for corruption.

Mr. Short, who described the rumours at the time as "vicious lies," told me he had invited the police to examine his and his wife's bank accounts for any period they wished.

One of the problems the Yard faces is the screen of secrecy which surrounds Swiss bank accounts.

Before leaving the Commons yesterday to spend the weekend in his constituency, Newcastle upon Tyne Central, Mr. Short said: "I am surprised that anybody would have taken all that trouble to concoct the documents. I just can't think who would do it."

'BELSEN' PARENTS WIN JAIL CUT

The parents of dead "Belsen boy" Max Piazzani, four, had their prison sentences for his neglect cut to eighteen months by the Appeal Court yesterday.

Music teacher Pauline Piazzani and her husband Fausto, 45, had been jailed for the maximum of two years at Old Bailey Crown Court, Essex, in April.