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### One-day transport strike cripples travel in Britain

walked, cycled, hitchhiked, shared ciation. cars or simply stayed home Wednesday as a one-day strike idled the national railroads and London's buses and subways

British Rail and London Underground.

made it less nightmarish than commuters expected, however

London hotels were full of employees spending the night in the city to beat the strike. Many companies hired fleets of buses, and Thames River passenger ferries re-

ported business was booming.
Some judges at the Old Bailey
Central Criminal Court spent the
night in their offices, and hundreds of judges, lawyers and jurors walked or cycled, enabling 17 of the 19 courtrooms to function normally. An early shortage of stenographers forced some judges to take their own notes as hearings got under way.

slow-moving traffic, carrying his gown in a bag on his back, and he said he wouldn't like to repeat the

said. "It really is a most dangerous occupation.

the roof, two in the back, and five people in the car," said Patrick Gilli-gan of London Bicycle Co. "I guess of behavior for members of Conthey just drive as far as they can and get on their bikes.'

Forewarned by police to drive only if necessary, motorists set out two or three hours early. "Traffic

New test helps

identify babies

born with AIDS

BOSTON (AP) — A new test

can identify babies who are born

infected with the AIDS virus so

they can be quickly treated in an effort to delay or stop fatal ill-

When mothers are infected

with AIDS, they have about a one

in three chance of passing it on to

their babies during pregnancy. But doctors have had to wait

more than a year before knowing

The still-experimental test can frequently — though not always

sort this out soon after birth.

"It's something of a break-through," said Dr. Martha F. Rogers of the U.S. Centers for

by the fact that we don't have di-

agnostic tests in infants. We need

that critically because people would like to start treatment with

ing every child born to a (virus)

positive mother with a fairly toxic

drug, and you'll be treating some

kids who don't have the infec-

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which newborns are infected.

nesses, researchers say.

- Britons London," said the Automobile Asso-

Manchester, Liverpool, Edinburgh and Glasgow also reported earlier rush hours, with traffic a little worse than normal.

the capital. However, free parking Careful planning and bright skies was set aside for buses bringing in ing in London

row and Gatwick airports were urged to use buses rather than taxis. Gatwick's express train to central London was idled, as was the subway line to Heathrow.

It was believed to be the first triple-barreled transport action since the 1926 general strike, according to Taxon Darking garages were packed, and police refused to ease the 1926 general strike, according to parking restrictions, saying it would red double-decker buses and 10,500 encourage more people to drive into subway workers, leaving only some private suburban bus routes operat-

### **House GOP launches** investigation of Lukens

Republicans, seeking to defuse a political problem, took the unprece-dented step Wednesday of trigger-ing an investigation of one of their own: Rep. Donald E. Lukens of

Senior prosecutor John Bevan cycled for several miles through convicted last month on charges in-The action on Lukens, who was volving sex with a 16-year-old girl, came on a show of hands in a closeddoor meeting of the Republican Conference, the organization of all experience. Conference, the orga "My nerves are shattered," he GOP House members

Minority Leader Robert Michel, I saw a car with three bikes on R-Ill., sought in a statement to portray the move as part of a Republigress which reflect honorably on the institution and the nation."

However, House Speaker Thomas S. Foley, D-Wash., said the Republicans seemed to be trying to was in fact quieter than normal on score "a political point . . . apparmost of the motorway routes around ently at the expense of one of their embarrassment to his own party.

tempt to make ethics a partisan issue was "absolute nonsense and the public knows it.'

The House ethics committee, formally the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, had been expected to investigate Lukens anyway. If the committee finds he violated House rules it could recommend penalties ranging from a reprimand to expulsion.

Republicans have set ethics re-

form in the House among their top priorities for the 101st Congress. And their political operatives hope to capitalize in the next elections by pointing to the resignations of Democratic House Speaker Jim Wright of Texas and Whip Tony Coelho of California in the face of ethics alle-

But Lukens' conviction on May 30 in Franklin County, Ohio, of contributing to the unruliness and de-

### Two in five first-borns conceived out of wedlock WASHINGTON (AP) — Two of

every five American women giving birth to their first children weren't married when they became pregnant, the Census Bureau said Wednesday, a rise over the past two The bureau also found a jump in

the birth rate among women in their 30s, noted that a majority of the women having a baby in the year ending in June 1988 were in the work force, and said minorities tend to have higher birth rates.

In all, the bureau said the national fertility rate was 69.7 births per 1,000 women aged 18 to 44 in that prime childbearing ages.

Fertility rates have remained at about 70 births per 1,000 women during this decade and the figure for 1988 is not considered signifi-cantly different from the 71 recorded the year before.

But changes have occurred the women becoming moth-

measure was first taken from 1970

The 40 percent of new mothers who conceived out of wedlock included 11.7 percent who got mar-ried before the child was born and 28.3 percent who were still unmarried when the baby arrived.

The major change was among that second group, the women who were still unmarried when the baby arrived. They increased from 17.9 percent of all first-time mothers in the early 1970s to the 28.3 percent recorded in 1985 to 1988.

This shift "may reflect the opinion of some women that they may be better off in the long run by relying more on the support of their parents and relatives for financial and emotional assistance than by entering a potentially unstable marriage undertaken solely to prevent an out-of-wedlock birth," bureau analyst Amara Bachu said in the report.

At the same time that the share of unwed-mothers was rising, the per-For women aged 15 to 29, the bu- centage of women conceiving while reau found, 40 percent of their first-born children from 1985 to 1988 were conceived out of marriage, up from just over 30 percent when the

### Students rally at Houston consulate during reception for Chinese consul

HOUSTON (AP) — About 150 Chinese students angered by the government crackdown against pro-democracy demonstrators in their country shouted at guests attending a reception Wednesday night for the departing Chinese consul in Houston. The sign-carrying students yelled "Don't go" and

"Shame" at people who arrived the consulate's building near downtown Houston. "We just want to show our anger to the whole world and let them know what the Chinese government has

done. The government lies. They want to keep the truth from the people," said Patty You, 29, an industrial engineering student at the University of Houston.

Ms. You, like many of the other students, carried

signs reading "No more executions" and "Don't eat with

butchers, don't deal with animals.

Chinese students attending colleges in Texas and Louisiana have staged similar protests outside the consulate's building in recent weeks to show their support for fellow students in China.

In addition, the students mailed about 121 letters over the weekend to civic leaders and foreign consuls asking them not to attend the party for Gen. Ni Yaoli, said Fan Lu, a research associate at Rice University

Ni is returning to China after completing his threeyear term in Houston as consul general "We respectfully urge you not to go, as a gesture of

personal protest against the recent heinous crime against humanity committee by the 'government' of the People's Republic," the letter said.

### **Baker considers creation of office** to coordinate U.S. border affairs

State Department is considering setting up a special office to coordinate U.S.-Mexico border affairs, said Secretary of State James A. Baker III.

"Because of the increasing impor-tance of the U.S.-Mexico border, and the rapid growth of activities connected with it, we are aware of the need to focus greater attention upon this area," Baker told Sen. Lloyd Bentsen in a letter this week.

Bentsen, a Texas Democrat, in May asked Baker to consider cre-ating a special office for border issues within the State Department.

are sensitive to those local issues that are international because of the existence of a legal boundary.

The border has unique problems that require creative solutions, Bentsen argued, and the United States needs a "regular point of contact and coordination when U.S. agencies operate in conjunction with Mexican officials.

Baker told Bentsen, the chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, that the State Department is considering creating a three-officer unit within the Office of Mexican Affairs Bentsen said full-time experts to deal with southern border issues

"in a more consistent and intensive

Baker said establishing the unit depends "in large part upon our ability to find positions that can be reprogrammed for this purpose."

The unit's responsibilities would include coordinating relations between U.S. agencies and their counterparts in Mexico. Mexico has already established a director general for border affairs.

Baker suggested the unit could carry out certain responsibilities now performed by the Mexican Affairs director, who maintains a close liaison with the governors

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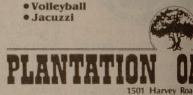
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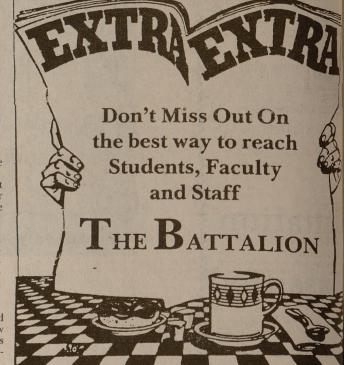
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