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Governor S Supply In V

RICHMOND (AP) — Gov. Mills Godwin Jr. and a host of federal and state officials and oil company executives today went into a high-level conference to discuss Virginia's burgeoning gasoline crisis.

At the outset of the meeting, Godwin asked the press if they would be so kind as to "excuse us for a while."

"There are some decisions that have to be made here today," the governor said.

The full-dress conference was preceded by a meeting of high state officials in the Governor's conference room.

Shortly before 10 o'clock, Godwin, accompanied by Atty. Gen. Andrew Miller, Secretary of Administration Maurice Rowe and other state officials emerged, without comment, and headed for the large-scale meeting.

The shortage reportedly has reached crisis proportions in Tidewater, where drivers Thursday found lines stretching for miles from those gasoline pumps still operating.

An estimated 20 to 30 per cent of the area's gasoline stations have already closed due to a lack of gasoline, and other operators predicted a 98-per cent effective strike through Tuesday.

The strike was to protest short allocations and new federal rules

banning preferential treatment for regular customers.

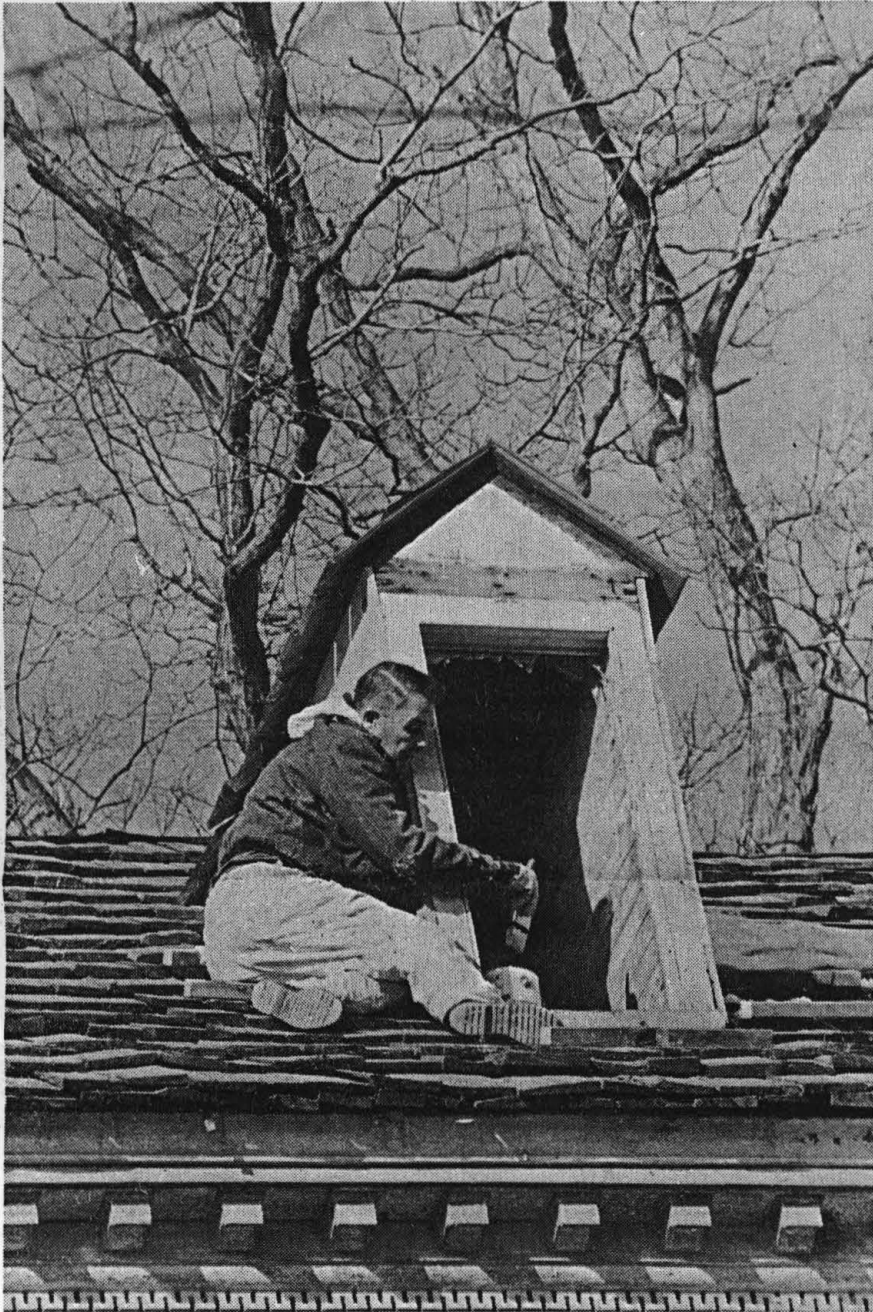
Several dealers told police of threatened violence if they remained open and asked for police protection, officials said.

Service station operators from Virginia Beach, Norfolk, Portsmouth and Chesapeake met Thursday and voted overwhelmingly to strike, participants in the meetings said, and a survey of 51 stations in the four localities indicated only nine would be open today.

Influen Threat

An outbreak of flu that hit many Prince William students early this week appears to be leveling off, according to school officials.

Daniel Link, superintendent of pupil personnel, reported that a spot check of county schools revealed that absenteeism is subsiding in most schools after apparently peaking on



Prince William Public Library
Manassas, Va.

Getting A Facelifting

One of Prince William's most impressive historical showpieces, the 18th century house, Rockledge, is currently getting a facelifting. The three-story house built in 1758 was purchased recently by the Donald Sonners family who are authentically restoring the structure and will move into it when finished. A story on the Occoquan dwelling was carried in Tuesday's paper.

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