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Governor Supply

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

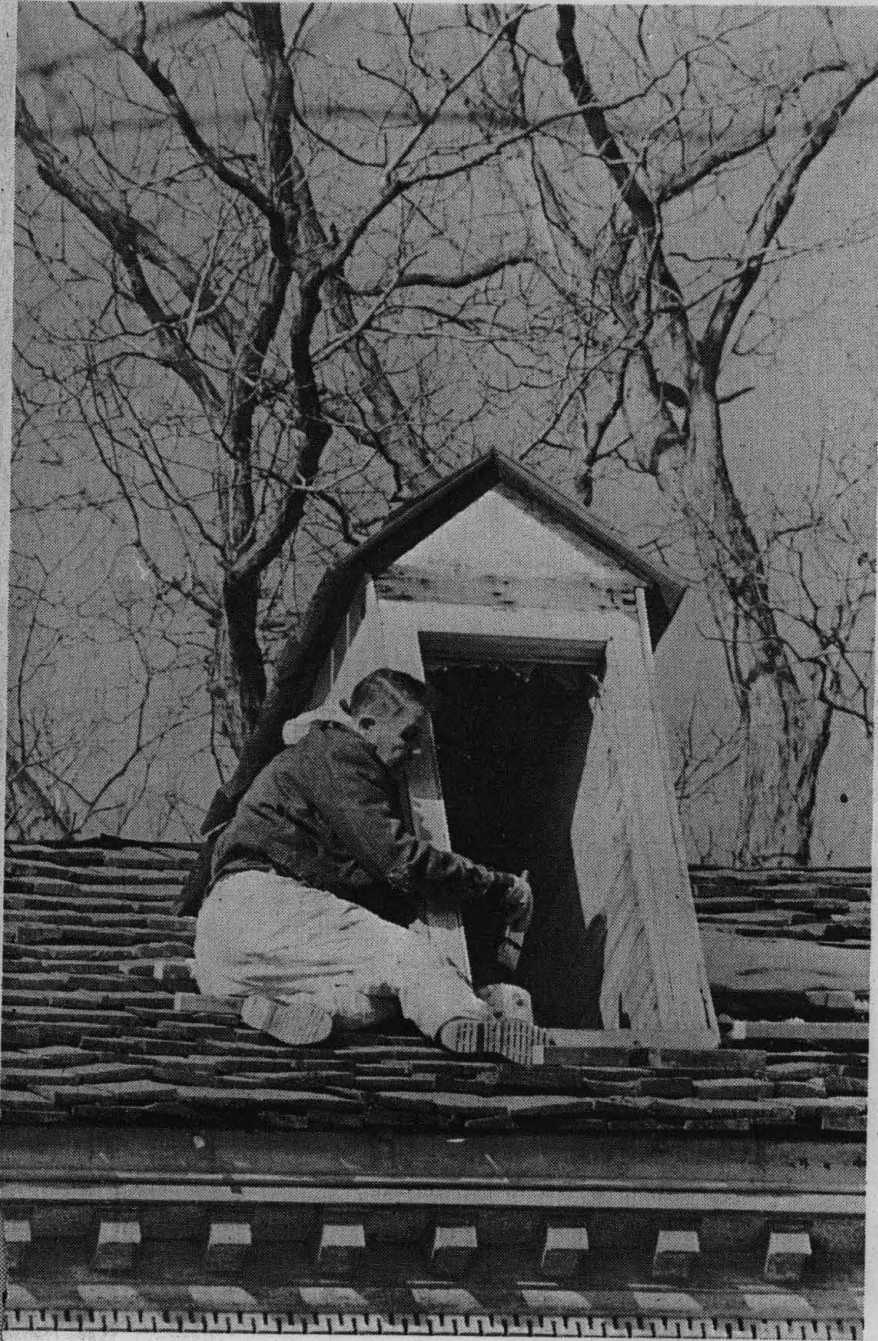
regular customers. Several dealers threatened to close their doors if the law was open and asked the governor to

officials said. Service stations in Virginia Beach and Chesapeake voted over the weekend to participate in a survey of 51 localities indicating whether they would be open today.

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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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