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LIVERPOOL STRIKE CANCELLED - REPORT
LIVERPOOL'S ALL-OUT INDEFINITE TOWN HALL STRIKE HAS BEEN CANCELLED
AT THE 11TH HOUR, ACCORDING TO COUNCIL SOURCES.

THE CITY COUNCIL'S JOINT SHOP STEWARDS COMMITTEE WAS STILL IN SECRET
SESSION TONIGHT AFTER THE WHITE-COLLAR UNION NALGO VOTED TO REJECT
THE STRIKE, WHICH WAS SET TO BEGIN TOMORROW.

BUT AS AN OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT WAS AWAITED, COUNCIL SOURCES
INDICATED THERE WAS NO PROSPECT OF THE STRIKE GOING AHEAD.

THE LABOUR GROUP IS NOW PLANNING TO REVERT TO ITS ORIGINAL PLAN OF
ISSUING 90-DAY NOTICES TO THE 31,000 WORKFORCE ON FRIDAY - A LEGAL
DEVICE WHICH WILL ALLOW THEM TO KEEP PAYING THEIR WAGES UNTIL
DECEMBER 18.

COUNCIL TRADE UNIONISTS WERE ANGRY TONIGHT AT NALGO'S VOTE AGAINST
THE STRIKE.

IT WAS NALGO WHICH FIRST REFUSED TO ACCEPT THE 90-DAY NOTICE PLAN,
THEREBY BRINGING THE COUNCIL FINANCIAL CRISIS TO A HEAD.

IF THE 90-DAY NOTICES WERE NOT ISSUED, LEGAL COMPLEXITIES WOULD NOT
ALLOW THE COUNCIL TO PAY ITS STAFF BEYOND THE END OF SEPTEMBER.

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