PRIME MINISTER

You enquired the other day as to what had happened to the P&O dispute.

I went to the Backbench Trade and Industry Committee last night to listen to Mr Peter Thomas, Director of Corporate Affairs at P&O.

He reckons that they will have the whole of their fleet back in operation by the end of the month and that it was really all over for the NUS who were contemplating amalgamation with either the TGWU or the NUR.

The moderate leadership of the NUS favour the NUR and he thought that would be the most likely outcome.

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