

STRIKE STOPS WORK FOR MASS PROTEST

Daily Mail Reporter :

Tens of thousands of Paris workers held a mass demonstration of protest, against recent cuts in the bread ration yesterday.

In response to appeals by the Communist-controlled C.G.T., thousands of workers, and some State servants, formed a procession, marching through Paris with banners carrying such slogans as: "Resign Ramadier."

The parade was marked by the presence of many women, most of whose banners said: "Profiteers in Prison," or "Give us Bread—We'll restore France."

Other banners read: "Present conditions represent slavery for the workers," or "Wheat for the worker—maize for the zazous."

All buses and the "Metro" stopped running for an hour at 3.30 p.m., and taxis did not ply for hire between four and six o'clock. Postal employees ceased their day's work at three o'clock, but the emergency transmission of telegrams was assured.

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Police did not join in these token strikes, which took place as an expression of sympathy with a mass demonstration in the Champs de Mars, the open space at the foot of the Eiffel Tower.

Here the main procession ended its march, and helped swell the crowd to the final total of tens of thousands that listened to addresses by workers' leaders.

Chief speakers were MM. Gaston Monmousseau and Albert Bouzancourt, Joint Secretaries of the C.G.T., and M. Eugène Hénaff, General Secretary of the Parisian Region of the C.G.T.

They all demanded restoration by the Government of a bread ration of 250 grammes, ruthless measures against "speculators who were endeavouring to corner the potato market," and the ending of the war in Indo-China.

Extra police were on duty, but although there was a wave of booing when M. Ramadier's name was mentioned by one speaker, and shouts of "Resign Ramadier," there was no violence.