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H.M.S. Ulster back after Nassau trip

H.M.S. Ulster arrived back in Bermuda yesterday morning after an absence of almost seven weeks, during which members of her crew operated a power station, helped police and performed guard duty in strike-bound Nassau.

"When we got there, the | strike was well under way and no one was working at all," the Senior Naval Officer, West Indies Station; Commodore G. E. Hunt, R.N., said yesterday in his cabin on the Ulster.

The Nassau strike began on January 12, when taxi drivers in the tourist resort walked off the job. The strike quickly spread to hotel workers, maids, bartenders, musicians, and entertainers.

The Ulster a fast anti-submarine Frigate, left here on January 16, and arrived; in Nassau on the 13th. There was no friction between the local populace and the crew, as members of the ship's company took over the; power station which was paralyzed, Commodore Hunt said

Other members of the crew assisted police in routine patrols, while still others guarded strategic points. The Commodore emphasized, however, I that the ship was merely ñmaintaining essential servicesò in Nassau, and; was not acting primarily as a military force.

By January 28th, Commodore Hunt said, although the strike was still in progress, the Governor, Sir Raynor Arthur a former Colonial Secretary in Bermuda, decided the situation had improved greatly.

Commodore Hunt said that all the, employees of the power station returned at the same time, and that other persons "were dribbling back to work."

The Ulster sailed for Jamaica on January 28th, where she remained for several days. There, Commodore Hunt called on the Commander-in-Chief of the Home Fleet.

Before returning to Bermuda, the Ulster joined the United States Navy in manoeuvres off Key West and called, at Miami for three days.

She will leave Bermuda j March 10 to engage in manoeuvres with the Home Fleet and the Royal Canadian Navy, returning to Bermuda on March 19.