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The iron gates leading to the station and the former headquarters of Scotland Yard were open and guarded by a pair of tall London bobbies. They denied entrance to newsmen, saying: "The desk sergeant is not available."

Hundreds of tourists passed by the entrance to Cannon Row, but none was seen venturing down the narrow street. Police signs blocked the path of automobiles.

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