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Prime Minister

What is surprising is not
the outrageous nature of
Mr Scargill's demands but
the fact that it was reported
to you last Friday that
Mr MacGregor was detecting
signs of realism. Either a
change of tactic by the NUM,
or some deficiency in the
reports.

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MINERS' UNCOMPROMISING 10-POINT PACKAGE

MINERS' LEADER ARTHUR SCARGILL TODAY TOLD THE N.C.B. IT HAD TO AGREE EXTEND THE LIFESPAN OF EVERY EXISTING BRITISH PIT AS PART OF A 10-POINT PACKAGE TO END THE STRIKE.

THE UNION PRESENTED A 12-PAGE COMPREHENSIVE DOCUMENT TO THE BOARD AT TODAY'S SESSION OF SECRET TALKS, SAYING AGREEMENT HAD TO BE REACHED ON ITS CONTENTS "IN ORDER TO SETTLE THE STRIKE AND PROVIDE A FRAMEWORK FOR THE INDUSTRY IN LINE WITH THE PLAN FOR COAL."

TOP OF THE LIST OF DEMANDS WAS COMPLETE WITHDRAWAL OF THE COAL BOARD'S PIT

OTHER POINTS ON THE LIST INCLUDED:

- :: INCREASED WAGES:
- :: A FOUR-DAY WORKING WEEK
- :: AN EARLY RETIREMENT SCHEME FOR MINERS AGED 55 WITH THE SAME TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS THOSE ACCEPTING REDUNDANCY.
- :: CONSOLIDATION OF THE INCENTIVE BONUS PAYMENT
- :: DEVELOPMENT OF THE FULL 40 MILLION TONS OF NEW CAPACITY FROM NEW PITS OUTLINED IN THE PLAN FOR COAL, AND
- :: AND RAPID MOVEMENT ON PROJECTS TO DEVELOP NEW USES FOR COAL.

THE DOCUMENT SAID THAT IF ALL SIGNATORIES OF THE 1974 PLAN FOR COAL, UNIONS, THE GOVERNMENT AND THE NCB, REITERATED AND HONOURED THEIR COMMITMENT TO IT, BRITAIN COULD ACHIEVE A THRIVING DEVELOPING AND EXPANDING INDUSTRY CAPABLE OF SUPPLYING ALL INTERNAL COAL NEEDS AS WELL AS INCREASING EXPORT MARKETS.

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