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Daily Coal Report - Tuesday 11 September 1984

Pit categories

	<u>Number</u>	<u>plus on holiday</u>
(i) Working normally	45	-
(ii) Turning some coal	9	-
(iii) Some men present	15	2
(iv) On strike/picketed out	85	18

The situation is much the same as yesterday.

In Scotland 160 men again reported at Bilston Glen. Some men are present at all producing pits except Barony.

In the North East the situation is unchanged.

30 men have reported for work in Yorkshire.

In North Derby 235 men have reported at Bolsover (compared to 215 last Tuesday), 159 at Shirebrook and 155 at Warsop.

In Kent, 4 men reported at Betteshanger and 23 at Tilmanstone, as yesterday.

The Coal Board have reported continuing good attendances in Nottinghamshire and also in those Lancashire pits which have now returned from holiday.

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Coal Movements

132,000 tonnes were moved yesterday, 10,000 tonnes up on last Tuesday.

28 coal trains ran.

Law and Order

The number of pickets in Scotland increased to some 400 this morning.

In Yorkshire the situation is generally quieter than yesterday, though some 3,000 pickets turned up at Kiveton Park. There was some skirmishing with injuries both to police and pickets.

A further 20 arrests have been made in Kent, though picketing is now reported as orderly.

There are a small number of pickets at the Orgreave coke plant, where fresh coal is being taken in.

Docks Dispute

D/Employment report there has been evidence of a hardening of attitudes in the dispute. Only a small number of dockers crossed picket lines at Tilbury this morning.

Dockers at Grimsby and Immingham - the biggest group of registered dockers still working - have been called to a mass meeting tonight when union leaders will try to persuade them to join the strike.

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But dockers at Yarmouth have voted by a substantial majority to overturn a previous decision to join the strike.

Dockers have again crossed picket lines at Bristol to report to work.

Talks between the NUM and the NCB

As at 5.00 pm the Coal Board report that these talks are still continuing. We will offer further advice when the outcome is clear.

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