

Daily Coal Report - Wednesday 19 September 1984Pit categories

	<u>Number</u>	<u>plus on holiday</u>
(i) Working normally	42	(3)
(ii) Turning some coal	8	(1)
(iii) Some men present	17	-
(iv) On strike/picketed out	103	-

The general picture is much the same as yesterday.

In Scotland the number reporting has now risen to 165. Picketing is light but the Coal Board report that there is some evidence of intimidation away from the pit.

In the North East the position is virtually unchanged. The single miner who worked at Westoe pit yesterday did not report for duty today. The windows of his house were smashed last night and petrol bombs were thrown into the pit yard early this morning. The pit is now heavily picketed.

In Yorkshire 35 men have again reported. Yorkshire is again the main centre of activity for picketing (see below).

In North Derby 225 men have reported at Bolsover. Shirebrook is now up to 162 and Warsop to 163.

No other notable features. Attendances in the working areas remain good.

Coal Movements

154,000 tonnes were moved yesterday.

Law and Order

The most serious incident over the last 24 hours has undoubtedly been that at Westoe, reported above.

In Yorkshire there are reported to be 2,000 pickets at Kellingley, 1500 pickets at Kiveton Park and 1,000 pickets at Markham.

Industrial Relations

At last Friday's press conference following the breakdown of talks, Mr MacGregor expressed his willingness to explain the Board's case to the TUC. The Board has since indicated this directly to the TUC and it is hoped a firm arrangement can be made shortly.

Press speculation that ACAS has launched a major new initiative is misplaced. ACAS is updating itself on latest developments without commitment to further action - a routine process.

The ending of the dock strike will undoubtedly lower the NUM's morale. News just in suggests - unsurprisingly - that Scargill does not accept the pact made by the steelworkers and dockers over the supply of coal to Ravenscraig.

Line to Take

As yesterday Stress generosity of Coal Board's offer.
Stress need for ordinary miners to be given the chance to vote.

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