

Daily Coal Report - Friday 21 September 1984

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	<u>Number</u>	<u>plus on holiday</u>
(i) Working normally	<u>42</u>	3
(ii) Turning some coal	8	1
(iii) Some men present	18	-
(iv) On strike/picketed out	<u>100</u>	2

Brookhouse (South Yorkshire) where 4 men are in, has moved from category (iv) to category (iii).

In Scotland attendance at Bilston Glen has risen to 174 - up 14 from last Friday.

In the North East the situation is much as yesterday.

39 men have reported in Yorkshire, including 7 contractor's men at Maltby, despite massive picketing (see below).

In North Derby 228 men have reported at Bolsover, 155 at Warsop and 150 at Shirebrook. Numbers at the other 5 North Derby pits are as yesterday.

There are good attendances in other working areas. The Coal Board have reported that in their western area yesterday there were record attendances at Wolstanton and Silverdale.

Coal Movements

175,000 tonnes were moved yesterday, including 132,000 to the CEGB.

46 coal trains ran.

Law and Order*(or 6,000 according to other reports)*

Some 10,000 pickets massed at Maltby (Yorkshire). At the time of writing air guns had been fired and marbles and other missiles thrown. There had been several arrests. The Home Office report that police resources have been severely strained. *3 officers reported hurt.*

Industrial Relations

The TUC's Finance and General Performances Committee is mounting a concerted campaign to raise money to "alleviate hardships in the coalfield". It has also agreed to make a separate appeal to unions to explore ways of providing "operational funds" for the NUM.

Although some major unions may be prepared to make loans it would be surprising indeed if ordinary trade unionists were prepared to make sizeable voluntary donations to a union which in many cases poses a threat to their own livelihood.

There is evidence to suggest that the power workers unions resent yesterday's attempt by the TGWU to black coal deliveries to power stations. It is still too early to measure the response to the TGWU's advice to its members.

Line to Take

As yesterday This needless strike is putting at risk the jobs and welfare of ordinary miners, and all who depend on the industry. It is time for a national ballot.

Any workers asked to take sympathy action - or to donate money - in support of Mr Scargill and his fellow militants should remember that the third of the miners who have been able to vote have voted overwhelmingly to continue working. All those who believe in democratic values should respect and support the democratic decisions of these working miners.

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