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Daily Coal Report - Tuesday 9 October 1984

	<u>Number</u>	<u>plus on holiday</u>
(i) Working normally	45	-
(ii) Turning some coal	10	-
(iii) Some men present	22	-
(iv) On strike/picketed out	97	-

There are good attendances in all the working areas and generally the picture is much as yesterday:

- 323 men again reported in Scotland, including 187 at Bilston Glen.
- NACODS men have reported at 8 Scottish pits, but have refused to cross NUM picket lines at another 5.
- The position in the North East is unchanged with 19 at Wearmouth and both Wilkinsons in at Easington.
- 72 have reported in Yorkshire plus 125 contractor's men.
- In North Derby 221 men reported at Bolsover, 181 at Shirebrook and 152 at Warsop. There are also 22 at Markahm, 22 at Whitwell, 18 at Renishaw Park, 4 at Arkwright, 3 at High Moor - much the same as recently.
- In South Wales NACODS have refused to cross picket lines at Coedely pit.
- The situation in Kent is unchanged.

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Coal Movements

159,000 tonnes were moved yesterday - a smaller figure than hoped for because of the mechanical breakdown of loading equipment. The fault has now been repaired.

24 coal trains ran - a smaller figure than expected because of the loading difficulties.

A handful of left wing local councillors are putting pressure on the Coal Board to stop lorry movements from the mid-Cannock opencast site. They contend that the use of lorries breaches planning conditions. The Board are planning to meet the councillors to discuss the situation. Meanwhile the lorry movements are continuing.

The coke run from BSC's Orgreave coke plant to Scunthorpe restarted yesterday without difficulty.

Law and Order

The single working miner who has been reporting to Woolley pit near Wakefield (where Scargill once worked) was attacked on his way to work this morning by 4 men wearing balaclava helmets. He is in hospital with injuries to his face, head and chest.

At Barrow pit (in the Barnsley area), where a single miner reported yesterday, an air rifle was fired at members of the pit management staff.

Scargill and colleagues are due to appear in the High Court tomorrow to answer allegations of contempt.

Industrial Relations

ACAS are having further discussions with NACODS today.

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Line to Take

It is in the interests of the coal industry, and mining communities, to invest in a profitable, cost-effective future. This is the Coal Board's aim and the Government's. It is time all miners were given a democratic choice to vote for their future. Those who have been able to vote so far, have voted overwhelmingly to work.

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