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	<u>Number</u>	<u>plus on holiday</u>
(i) Working normally	45	-
(ii) Turning some coal	10	-
(iii) Some men present	23	-
(iv) On strike/picketed out	96	-

Denby Grange (Yorkshire) has been upgraded to category (iii).

Otherwise little change since yesterday:-

- There are good attendances in the main working areas.
- Attendance in Scotland is up by 2 to 325, including a record 188 at Bilston Glen.
- NACODS men are now in at only 5 Scottish pits, and are picketed out at 8.
- The position in the North East is unchanged.
- 71 reported in Yorkshire. These included the single working miner at Woolley pit who was beaten up by masked men yesterday. In the Selby complex 125 contractors' men reported again.
- In North Derby a record 190 men reported at Shirebrook. Otherwise numbers were much as yesterday.

Coal Movements

177,000 tonnes were moved yesterday.

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37 coal trains ran.

The coke run from Orgreave is continuing without difficulty.

Law and Order

There were more pickets in Scotland today.

Elsewhere the main centres of picketing activity were Wearmouth (North East) and Yorkshire. There were 1200 pickets at Kellingley, and large numbers also at Denby Grange, Rossington and Yorkshire Main.

In many locations there were reports of stones and other missiles being thrown, though there was no serious trouble.

Contempt Proceedings - High Court Decision

Scargill has been fined £1000 and the NUM £200,000 for contempt of court. The judge said he would consider an application to sequester NUM funds if the union's fine were not paid in 14 days. Scargill has 28 days to pay his fine.

Industrial Relations

Mr Roy Ottey, general secretary of the NUM power group craftsmen based at Stoke on Trent, has resigned from the NUM national executive because he was unwilling to break the law. So far there are no indications that other moderates will follow his lead.

The Coal Board and the NUM meet at ACAS tomorrow to resume negotiations. NACODS, who met ACAS yesterday, may also be present in the building.

The electricians' union (EETPU) are balloting their members on support for the miners' strike - and have strongly recommended

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against any action.

Line to Take

If Mr Scargill really has the interests of his members at heart, he will acknowledge that the Coal Board's offer is a good one, and approach tomorrow's talks in a constructive spirit. The number of miners reporting back for work continues to grow. This is the clearest evidence that ordinary miners want to see an early end to this senseless strike and the organised mob violence which so many mining communities are now suffering.

[If asked to comment on today's High Court proceedings: the High Court has made it's decision. This is a matter entirely for the Court].

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