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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	-

So far the breakdown of talks between the Coal Board and the NUM has not resulted in any major change in attendances. However in North Derbyshire a new 24 hour attendance record of 1027 has been set: 16 up on the previous best and 55 up on yesterday. 195 men reported at Shirebrook pit this morning - also a new record.

336 reported in Scotland including 188 at Bilston Glen.

In the North East 20 reported at Wearmouth, and both Wilkinsons at Easington.

In Yorkshire there are now 68 men at 19 pits plus a further 117 contractors men in the Selby complex.

#### Coal Movements

158,000 tonnes were moved yesterday.

26 coal trains ran.

The movement of coke from Orgreave continues without difficulty.

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Law and Order

There was trouble yesterday evening at Grimethorpe near Barnsley in Yorkshire. In what appears to have been a reprisal against the police, who had previously arrested a number of people on suspicion of stealing coal, the village police station was stoned. Several people were injured including 5 police officers. 7 pickets were arrested.

At Allerton Bywater pit in Yorkshire, where six men reported this morning, a crowd of 3,000 pickets gathered. They dispersed after minor skirmishing.

In Scotland 15 were arrested outside Bilston Glen last night following disturbances by some 650 pickets.

NCB/NUM Talks

Last night's breakdown was hardly surprising and the blame clearly rests at the NUM's door. For its part, the Coal Board had previously accepted the ACAS formulation for ending the dispute, as put to all the parties on Friday. Although it fell short of the Board's objectives, the Board said they were prepared to accept it as a basis for settlement in order to get the industry back to work.

It included the proposal for an independent advisory body to be involved in the colliery review procedure, which had been an integral part of the NACODS proposal.

NACODS have deferred until tomorrow an announcement of their decision on whether or not to take strike action. At the time of writing there is no firm intelligence about this decision.

Other News

Some 90 striking Nottinghamshire miners have been expelled from the NUM by the local branch secretary who is still working: the strikers had fallen behind on their payment of union dues.



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The NUM Executive had demonstrated yet again their ruthless determination to sustain a strike for political ends. For its part, the Coal Board accepted, in good faith, the formula proposed by ACAS. It is time for ordinary miners to show loyalty to their families rather than Arthur Scargill and return to work.

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