

# Compromise ruled out by Scargill

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Mr Arthur Scargill yesterday moved to quash optimistic reports that the National Union of Mineworkers was working towards a settlement of the 13-week strike by declaring that there would be no "compromise" on pit closures.

Speaking at a jobs festival in London, organized by the Greater London Council, he said: "This dispute will continue until and unless Mr MacGregor withdraws the pit closure programme".

Accompanied by Mr Michael McGahey and Mr Peter Heathfield, the general secretary, Mr Scargill is due to have a fourth round of talks this week with the National Coal Board and yesterday introduced a "shopping list" of further demands.

These include a settlement of the pay dispute, early retirement, a shorter working week and extra holidays. In mentioning these Mr Scargill was indicating that a settlement of the strike is a long way off.

He also made it clear that any deal reached in the secret negotiations would have to be referred for approval to a re-called session of the union's militant delegate conference.

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