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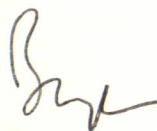
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PRIME MINISTER

With the help of the Home Office we have got together as you requested the attached green folder of cuttings about violence and intimidation.

From it I have extracted:

ANNEX I: articles summarising the worst aspects of violence and intimidation.

ANNEX II: reports of the worst incidents in date order.



BERNARD INGHAM
4 September 1984

ANNEX T

WHY MACGREGOR MUST GO TO LAW TODAY...

Savage tactics that feed on fear



PICTURE: JOHN DORRICOIT

TODAY Arthur Scargill is holding a mass meeting in Mansfield in yet another attempt to coerce the Nottinghamshire miners into joining his anti-democratic strike.

It will mark the beginning of the tenth week of the dispute which has now lost the miners nearly £200 million in wages.

Recently there has been a sudden lurch to new levels of violence and intimidation. Police have discovered a number of fearsome weapons in Derbyshire: Pickaxe handles wrapped in barbed wire; three-inch nails hammered into pieces of wood were found in paper bags on roads near Newstead and Annersley collieries; and nails concealed in cigarette packets were also dropped in the road at Newstead.

The word 'scab' was daubed on the house of a Stoke-on-Trent miner defying the strike—and the same paint was used to blind one of the family's cats and was splattered over another.

Yesterday the blinded cat died, badly burned by the paint. The other had to have its fur shaved off and should survive.

It's not difficult to imagine the traumatic effect that this incident had on a family whose cats and kittens truly are part of that family.

No doubt the miners' leaders will dismiss all this as pure coincidence. Or claim that it is the work of people deliberately trying to discredit them and their cause.

What they cannot deny is that whoever was responsible—angry pickets, Trotskyites, students, or people just settling grudges—the plain fact is that if the miners had had their

HOW ONE NON-STRIKING MINER'S FAMILY SPENT YESTERDAY.

Lyn Oldacre and daughter Katy nurse 'E.T.' and her kittens after that horrific paint attack.

by PAUL JOHNSON

national ballot 10 weeks ago such incidents would never have taken place.

As a result of that ballot the entire mining workforce would now be either 'in' or 'out'.

What they also cannot deny, is that workers coaches and lorries are regularly being stoned by pickets, or that some miners in Nottingham who have had to run the gauntlet of the pit-gate mobs are now refusing to go on night shift for fear that their wives might be attacked.

There was also that well-documented incident at Duckmanton in Derbyshire last week.

Violence

A coach taking Coal Board employees, most of them women, to work was stopped by pickets who surrounded it with their cars. Stones were thrown. Windows were smashed. The women were terrified. The coach driver switched off the power controlling the doors, so preventing anyone entering the coach, and then manoeuvred his way out of the road block.

In the light of the sharp increase in such ugly incidents and violence, the public has a

right to demand that the authorities take a much sterner attitude.

Until now, Chief Constables, perhaps sensibly, have concentrated on ensuring that men who wish to work can do so, and that supplies get through. They have turned a blind eye to many breaches of the law.

From now on, they must see to it that every picket who commits a criminal act is detected and charged. They must make a much more vigorous effort to arrest the ring-leaders of violence and, indeed, charge those who incite it.

Magistrates, who have hitherto been lenient, should now consider imposing exemplary sentences.

Ministers should also put pressure on the Labour leadership publicly to disavow the growing violence.

To date, the most Neil Kinnock has dared to say, or rather whisper, is that he favours a ballot. Not one word has he pronounced against the intimidatory tactics of the pickets.

Roy Hattersley has been equally cowardly. As for Gerald Kaufman, Labour's Home Office spokesman, his chief

contribution so far has been to attack the police for enabling people to work.

The law should also be invoked in the civil sphere. The Coal Board has long since obtained a ruling, under the 1980 and 1982 Employment Acts, that the Yorkshire area of the NUM has been acting unlawfully in picketing the Nottinghamshire coalfield. The Board later reported to the Court that the ruling had been ignored and the judge held that the Yorkshire miners were in contempt.

Contempt

Ian MacGregor and his colleagues should now return to the Courts, report that the contempt is continuing, and demand damages.

MacGregor can, and should, sue the NUM which is also acting unlawfully. It is important to put a lien on the union's funds, for Scargill's executive is spending them lavishly in efforts to sustain the strike.

Many other unlawful actions have been taken by the NUM and other unions. The Steel Board can sue the NUM for unlawfully picketing its plants. British Rail can sue the NUR and ASLEF for instructing its members unlawfully not to run coal trains.

Many transport firms have the right to sue the TGWU for telling its driver-members not to take coal to steelworks like Ravenscraig.

I do not say that all these actions would be wise at this stage. But it is against the public interest that laws designed to deal with this kind of political strike and its side-effects should be totally ignored.

The Coal Board must take the lead, and remind the union bosses that there is a heavy financial price to pay for flouting the wishes of Parliament. Scargill boasted last week that one law overrode all others: 'Don't cross picket lines'.

Arthur Scargill must be taught a salutary lesson. There are real laws in our country, both civil and criminal, and one of their principal functions is precisely to cut down to size destructive demagogues of any kind.

WILLY NEWLANDS

Is our limit a liability?

MRS Ruth Sanders, 26 years a member of the Institute of Advanced Motorists, is one of a rare breed—those drivers who observe the 70 mph motorway speed limit.

In court at Basingstoke recently, she was found guilty of 'driving without reasonable consideration' on the M3. Her crime: travelling at only 65-70 mph in the fast lane.

Her strict letter-of-the-law driving technique left scores of other drivers in a lather. They wanted to cruise at more than 70 mph. Many overtook her on the inside.

Mrs Sanders was fined £50 and her case emphasises the deep divisions over our present M-way speed limit.

The sign that puts Britain's motorways near the bottom of Europe's speed league



The police say it is no longer enforceable and want it raised. Road safety experts say that drivers are more alert at speeds over 70 and there is no evidence that this increases accidents.

The Ministry of Transport still has to make up its mind. But the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (which

a few years ago favoured an increase to 90mph) is now against a higher limit. The higher the speed, they argue, the worse the injuries sustained in a crash.

Our M-way speed limits were the first in Europe and are still among the lowest in EEC countries. France, for example, has a motorway speed limit of 81 mph (68 mph in the wet). Other countries' limits, in miles per hour, are: Germany—81 (recommended, not enforced by law); Italy—varies between 56 and 87; Austria—81; Switzerland—81; USA—55; Spain—74; Holland—62; Belgium—74; Denmark—62.

A COURT last night barred Arthur Scargill's wife from picketing and ordered her to be fingerprinted.

Mrs Anne Scargill, 41, was applauded by miners in the public gallery when she stepped into the dock and was remanded on bail charged with obstructing the police and the highway.

Her appearance before Mansfield magistrates followed her dawn arrest outside a Nottinghamshire colliery and eight hours in a police cell.

And it came at the end of a day of fury and farce with one miner baring his bottom to women demonstrators urging support for the pit strike.

By FRANK WELSBY

Miners' leader Mr Scargill was not in court. But when told of her arrest he spoke warmly of his fiercely-loyal wife.

"I am proud of her involvement and of the role that all women active in the miners'

I'm proud, he says after her arrest

support groups are playing in this dispute," he said.

He backed her earlier refusal to give her fingerprints to the police.

"She's not a criminal," he said. "She was fighting to save the British mining industry."

Miner's daughter Mrs Scargill was one of four women seized by police yesterday at Silverhill colliery, near Sutton in Ashfield, where the miners are defying Mr Scargill's strike call.

She had driven there with 50 other wives from Barnsley, Yorkshire.

She was arrested outside the pit as the women yelled "Scabs" at men going in to

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ARTHUR'S TROUBLE AND
STRIFE: PAGES 4 and 5

Terror toll of a 10-week war

By GRAEME BOWD

MORE than 1,800 miners have been arrested in violent clashes at pits over the last 10 weeks.

Men arriving for work have braved a torrent of verbal abuse and have often been forced to defend themselves against physical attack.

But many miners have felt more intimidated by sinister threats to themselves, their wives and their families.

Blinded

The Coal Board said yesterday that over the last few days several miners' cars had been set on fire.

In some areas red crosses have been daubed on front doors to identify miners refusing to join the strike.

Other incidents include:
A CAT blinded by paint at the home of Staffordshire miner Neil Oldacre who

found "scab" daubed on the windows of his home in Shelton. The cat later died.

LORRIES found with their wheel-nut loosened. Of five coal trucks sabotaged at Birch Coppice near Coventry two crashed—but without injury.

MISSILES cut from steel rods fired by catapult at miners at Rufford, Nottinghamshire.

WOODEN STAVES pierced with nails used as weapons at Annersley pit, Notts.

WORKS BUSES attacked away from the pits, many of them carrying women clerical workers.

A CHILD of six showered with flying glass after a brick was tossed through the window of her home in Ollerton, Nottinghamshire.

THE WIFE of a miner at Awsworth, Nottinghamshire, forced to leave her home after injury threats if her husband did not join the strike.

work. Police said in court they also shouted obscenities.

Her friend Irene Duke said: "It was a terrible shock to see Anne arrested. I don't think the police realised who they had got."

Mrs Scargill of Yews Lane, Worsbrough Dale, Barnsley, was remanded until July 11.

The condition of her bail was that she does not enter Nottinghamshire for the purpose of picketing or demonstrating during the strike.

Chris Chapman, an NUM solicitor for the defendants, opposed this claiming it was "tantamount to the criminal court granting injunctions effectively to the police."

Chief Inspector Gordon Hardy successfully asked the magistrates for the fingerprint order against Mrs Scargill because the alleged offences are punishable by jail.

**GEORGE GALE R
THE RIOT ACT—**



Alan Williams

THE P20
WEEK IN
QUESTION

Whiff of violence for an MP on picket duty

HERE are some incidents which have taken place in this country over the last four months.

A family called Oldacre in Stoke-on-Trent had a pet cat blinded and killed by paint. Nineteen pigeons were strangled

after a pigeon-loft was vandalised at Stonebroom, near Chesterfield.

A 15-year-old girl was threatened with rape, and a number of children in Derbyshire were stopped on their way to school and warned that they would be hurt if their fathers didn't do as they were told.

A 33-year-old man, also from Stoke-on-Trent, killed himself after receiving telephone calls threatening his 12-year-old daughter. A couple of teenage girls in Nottinghamshire were thrown into a lake and nearly drowned.

A lump of concrete was hurled through a window in Rugeley, Staffordshire, and landed up in an empty cot belonging to a pregnant woman who was awaiting twins.

A family near Doncaster had a burning rag soaked in paraffin pushed through their letter-box at 3 a.m. while they were asleep upstairs.

And, last week, a man had his car burnt out by two petrol bombs outside his home in Warsop, Nottinghamshire.

All these incidents have been directed at the families of men who have continued to work during the miners' strike.

But what seems to me even more significant than the incidents themselves, is the way some people have reacted to them.

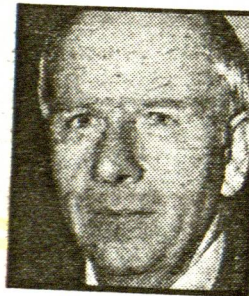
Pluck

For instance, Mr Roy Hattersley's recent attack on violence during the strike has been widely hailed as an act of 'great courage' — although it has taken the Deputy Leader of the Labour Party nearly six months to pluck up this courage.

His colleagues on the so-called moderate wing of the party — Messrs Healey, Kaufmann and Shore — continue to respond to this problem



STRIKERS' REVENGE: The Oldacres cats attacked



EVANS: Arrested

photographs to illustrate them.

In one case, a car belonging to pickets had its windscreen smashed with a truncheon, while its occupants were still inside. In another, a police van drove sideways into a miner's car. A tyre was damaged, the paintwork badly scraped and — wait for it — the aerial broken off.

But these outrages are nothing next to those suffered by Mr John Evans, Labour MP for St Helens North and Shadow Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations. He has recounted what hap-

pened to him when he was arrested recently for picketing outside the Parkside Colliery in his constituency.

He described how the police van taking him to the local station drove so fast that he was 'flung all over the place', and was 'quite relieved when we stopped'. How for several hours he was denied a cup of tea, had to share a cell with a young miner who had 'foul-smelling stockings feet', and how the lavatory in the cell did not flush properly.

Smug

'My experience,' Mr Evans smugly concludes, 'was unpleasant, but I feel that it was invaluable in that I have had an experience that very few MPs can claim.'

Meanwhile, back at the Lubyanka, the Soviet Communist Party newspaper, Pravda, has recently pronounced Mr Scargill a Hero of Labour.

THE SUN

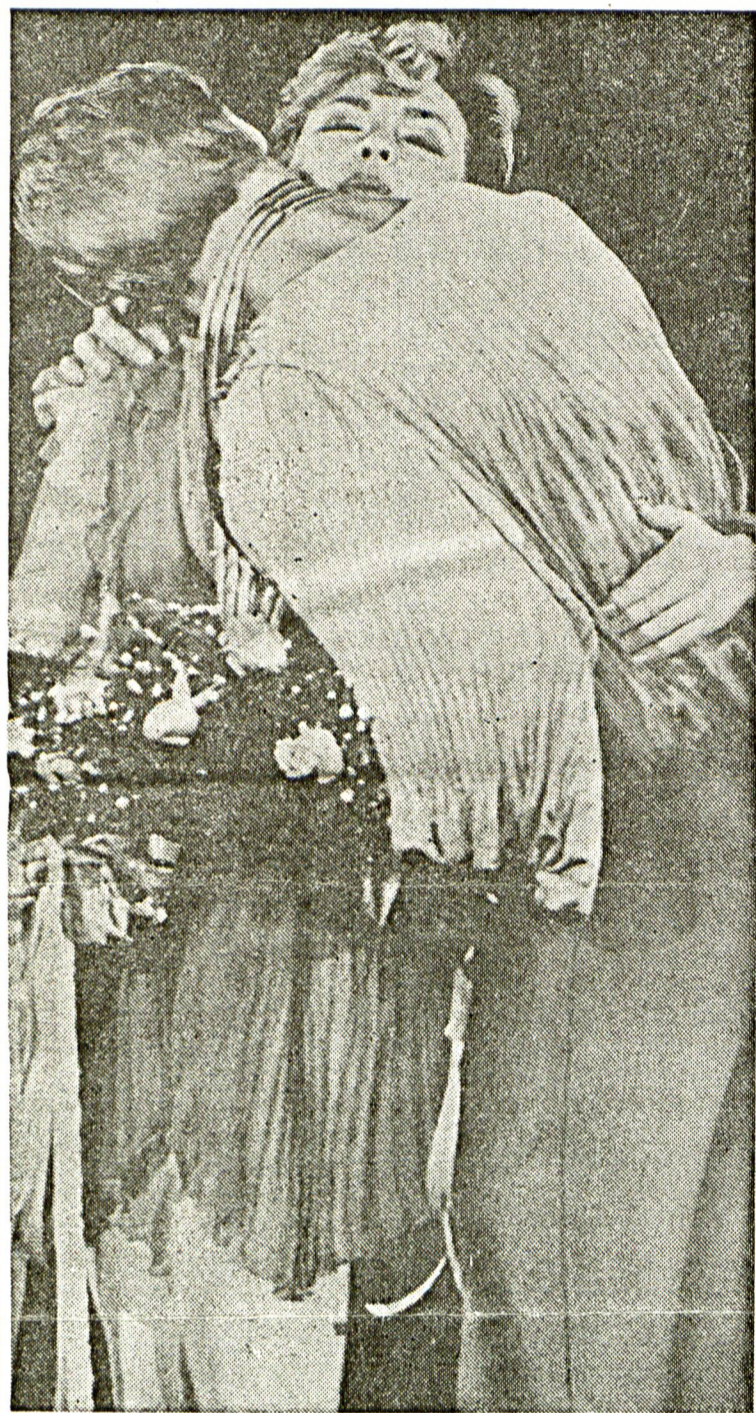
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TODAY'S TV: PAGE 14

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Picture: ROGER BAMBER

★ WE'VE done it! Christopher Dean hugs his partner Jayne Torvill after their thrilling Bolero routine clinched their fourth world title in Ottawa, Canada.

★ Not even a power failure which delayed the contest by almost six hours could ruffle them.

★ Millions of TV viewers, who stayed up until 5am to watch them, saw their performance awarded a record 13 perfect scores of six.

WHAT A TURN-ON! Pages 4 & 5.

ECSTASY ON ICE!

SHUNNED PITMAN TRAGEDY

Striker's suicide

A YOUNG miner who defiantly spoke out against the pit strike hanged himself yesterday—after pals branded him a scab.

Dejected Ian Tarren, 25, strung himself up from his living-room doorway while his fiancée Denise Atkinson dozed in front of the TV.

Ian and his workmates at Durham's Murton Colliery had been called out on strike by local union leaders in the bloody nationwide pit-closures dispute.

The young miner protested about the strike and even tried to go to work one day.

He set off for his shift as usual, but returned home when the pit bus did not turn up.

His defiant views about the strike became known. And when he went to a local club for a drink,

By TOM CONDON

pitmen shouted "scab" at him.

Denise's dad George said last night: "Ian didn't walk any trouble, so he walked out."

"But I know it upset him."

"I definitely feel he would be here today if it wasn't for the strike."

HOME

Ian and Denise, 23, who lived together in a council flat in Peterlee, went out for a drink on Saturday night to relax.

When they got home Denise fell asleep in front of the TV waiting to watch Torvill and Dean's early morning ice dance performance.

She awoke and found the lifeless body of the man she had planned to marry in June.

Denise revealed that

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The Queen fears

Sniper peril to Queen

From
FIONA MacDONALD
HULL in Amman

THE Queen files into Jordan today amid chilling warnings that car bombers and even long-range snipers will be on the prowl.

She and Prince Philip will arrive in the capital Amman surrounded by the tightest security ever seen on a royal visit.

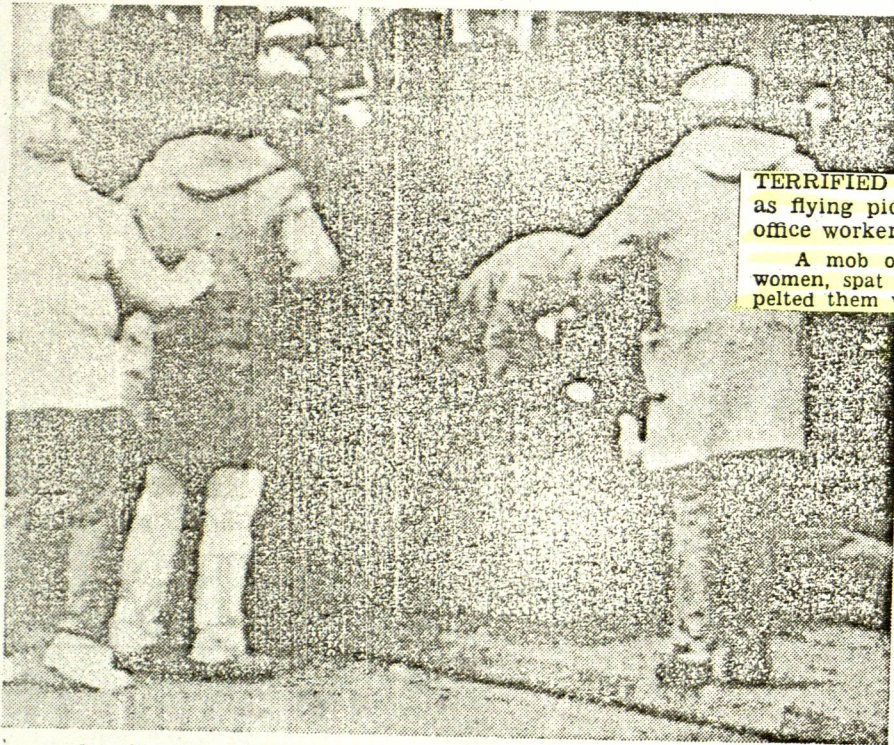
A crack S.A.S. unit is thought to

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Women spat on in new pit fury



A policeman is felled as the Doncaster pickets storm forward

Nurse Pat tells of terror by bullies

By HARRY COOKE and BARRIE DEVNEY

TERRIFIED women ran a gauntlet of hate yesterday as flying pickets turned their fury on Coal Board office workers.

A mob of screaming miners knocked down three women, spat on them as they lay on the ground and pelted them with mud.

Others were pinned against a bulging plate-glass window by burly men bellowing "scabs" and "bastards."

Last night one of the felled victims, 55-year-old nurse Patricia Wroe, talked of her anger and humiliation in the ugly scenes outside the board's Yorkshire area headquarters in Doncaster.

She said: "I am very loyal to the coal industry and to the miners. But I cannot understand how so many of them could do this sort of thing to a handful of women.

Shaking

"Some of the ladies were shaking and in tears. I had to give several of them a drink and a tablet when we finally got inside."

Two hundred pickets descended on the multi-storey building. Facing them were only 30 police.

The board said: "This was mob rule bully boys at their very worst."

"It makes a farce of Arthur Scargill's claim that picket line violence has been caused by large numbers of police."

The trouble flared after police in Nottinghamshire had turned back a picket army trying to reach moderate pits where 24,000 men are still trying to work normally.

Instead, the routed strikers descended on the Doncaster HQ where 1,000 staff process miners' wages. Mother-of-two Mrs Wroe,

a coal industry nurse for 17 years, told how she was bowled over as she tried to go into the building with women clerks.

She said: "Someone kicked my ankle and I fell down. The men threw wet soil at us and swore."

"It was horrific. It got so bad that some of the women thought they might be killed."

"The police were marvellous. They did not try to provoke the pickets, but they were kicked and spat at just as we were."

The board finally closed the building and sent the clerks home because of the violence.

Yorkshire NUM said: "We are investigating the allegations."

Two pickets complained of police "brutality" against them.

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University probe over picket 'guests'

By SUE REID

A UNIVERSITY started an investigation yesterday into how Left-wing students secretly smuggled flying pickets into college bedrooms.

The South Wales pickets—brought in to block production at North Staffordshire mines—were housed as "guests" at Keele University, Staffs, where they slept on floors of student bedrooms and flats.

Last night Brian Rawlins,

information officer at the 2,800-student university, said: "There will be an investigation. If rules have been broken disciplinary action might be taken."

The strikers were invited by students following an appeal from South Wales miners for help in picketing North Staffordshire pits.

Last night Vivien Robinson, secretary of Keele University

Students' Union, said: "We had a message from South Wales miners asking if there was any spare accommodation."

"Some pickets did stay at the university. They slept on floors of students' rooms."

"No money passed hands. They were 'guests'—the majority for one night. It gave students the chance to hear the miners' point of view."

Union

chiefs rescued

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By STANLEY GOLDSMITH

VIOLENCE in the miners' dispute took a further ugly turn yesterday when moderate members of the union's executive were attacked by strikers. They also manhandled Pressmen and TV crews at the union's headquarters in Sheffield.

A can containing beer was thrown at Mr Ray Chadburn and Mr Henry Richardson, the Nottinghamshire miners' leaders. It struck Mr Chadburn on the shoulder.

Both of them were pinned against a wall and roughed up as they left the building, where, earlier, 1,400 police had kept 2,000 jeering pickets at bay while the union's executive held its meeting.

Police vigilance had relaxed after the meeting because most of the strikers — from Wales, Scotland, Kent and Yorkshire — had left.

It was left to a group of about 20 officers to run to rescue the besieged Nottinghamshire leaders.

Amid a shower of missiles Mr Chadburn and Mr Richardson scurried through a screaming, spitting crowd of demonstrators to a waiting car.

'We understand'

Mr Richardson paused only to say: "We understand the feelings of these people, but they must give us the chance to win over our membership. We did not expect this kind of reception to be waiting for us, but we are O.K."

A few minutes before, many of the miners involved in the scenes with the Nottinghamshire miners' leaders had forcibly removed Press and television representatives out of the foyer of the building where they were waiting to speak to the Nottinghamshire men and other members of the executive as they left the meeting.

About 30 miners burst into the foyer shouting "Tory puppets" and "Get the bastards out." They pushed outside about 20 newspaper and television staff in a tangle of cameras and recording equipment.

One Scottish miner shook his fist and said: "Chadburn is going to get this."

When the Nottinghamshire delegates emerged from the lifts, miners stood against the glass doors at the entrance of the building to prevent filming from outside of the scenes inside.

As Mr Richardson and Mr Chadburn strode towards the doors, they were jostled and manhandled.

Once outside, missiles flew at them and they were pinned against a wall before the timely police intervention.

Mr Martin Adeney, a BBC

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Continued from P1 By STANLEY GOLDSMITH

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Union leaders rescued

reporter who stood his ground, was punched and Miss Judy Laybourn, a local radio reporter, was bundled over a wall by a miner who said: "I will smash your face in."

Both reporters were shaken but not seriously hurt.

Simultaneously photographers were pushed and kicked and other Press representatives spat on.

Before the executive meeting began, Mr Arthur Scargill had told the crowd through a loud hailer from his eighth-floor office window that the massive police presence was "yet another example of a police state."

While the meeting went on, police from seven forces kept a clear space in the square in front of the offices.

During frequent surges against the police lines, which were six and seven deep in places, there were several arrests and 13 officers were injured.

One miner was also treated in hospital for slight injuries.

At one stage a bottle flew over the police line into a group of Press onlookers, striking a photographer.

But the police also discovered a vicious new weapon that had been used against them — a bottle top filled with lead into which four large screws had been set.

"It resembled a heavy spiked ball and could have done serious harm," said a police spokesman.

"It has been purpose-made to maim and is a particularly wicked piece of work."

"Luckily it landed harmlessly short of the police lines."

Supt. Terry Swann, of South Yorkshire police, said the operation was the biggest the police had carried out in the county since the coal strike began.

While the demonstration contained many good humoured moments, there was also chanting, much of it obscene and in the style of soccer crowds supporting Mr Scargill or denigrating the Prime Minister and Mr Ian MacGregor.

Fifty-three miners were arrested. Many of them later appeared at a special court in Sheffield.

Six were charged with assaulting the police, but most cases were for threatening behaviour.

Each case was adjourned to be heard at a later time and special bail conditions were imposed by Mr Ian Crompton, the stipendiary magistrate.

He told each defendant not to return to within a quarter of a mile of the NUM headquarters for the rest of the day and all day next Thursday, when the special delegate conference will be held.

POLICE MISS EXAMS

Police promotion exams in England and Wales have been postponed because officers policing the miners' picket-lines have been unable to complete their studies in time for the annual exams next Tuesday.

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MINING ARRESTS

By Our Parliamentary Staff

Mr BRITTAN, Home Secretary, told the Commons yesterday that 897 people had been arrested between March 14 and April 10 in connection with the mining dispute. The figures available centrally did not distinguish between miners and others.

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MACGREGOR

'WILL NOT SURRENDER'

MP accuses pickets of KGB tactics

THE Coal Board chairman, Mr Ian MacGregor, made it clear yesterday that he will not surrender to threats of a prolonged miners' strike, and will wait for them to drift back to work despite the damage that will be done to the industry if the dispute drags on.

As the number of miners reporting for work rose yesterday by 1,200 to 43,500, moderates in the miners' union were preparing to challenge the plan by the Left-wing to lower the ballot majority needed for an all-out stoppage from 55 per cent. to 50 per cent. plus one vote.

A Tory MP for a Nottinghamshire mining constituency, Mr Andrew Stewart, claimed that flying pickets, as well as creating "unprecedented violence," had used "KGB tactics" in knocking on widows' doors late at night to demand lodging without payment.

The miners' president, Mr Arthur Scargill, yesterday lost the High Court case he had personally presented in which he sought to ban investments by the miners' pension fund overseas or in industries competing with coal. The union's pension fund trustees were not putting the interests of the beneficiaries first, as they should do, said the judgment.

Scargill loses, and pictures—P2; Challenge on union rules—Back Page.

Pickets hurl hot cinders

By NICHOLAS COMFORT
Political Staff

FLYING pickets had thrown red-hot cinders on working miners' cars and had sent threats home with six-year-old children, Mr Andrew Stewart, Conservative MP for Sherwood, claimed last night.

They had also adopted a favourite KGB tactic of knocking at homes late at night, he said. They demanded that the "lads" be housed without payment to avoid road checks the next day.

Mr Stewart, who claims more pits and policemen in his Nottinghamshire constituency than any other MP, said that all the charges against pickets could be supported on oath.

When a meeting of 400 miners in his constituency had been asked to vote on whether to invite Mr Arthur Scargill, their union President, to speak to them, 397 had voted against.

"The following proposition was for a round of applause for the police," he said. "This raised the roof and was sustained for two minutes."

Mr Stewart said that the first week of the dispute, culminating in scenes of "mob rule" at Ollerton in which a Yorkshire picket died, had produced unprecedented violence.

Scandalous intimidation

During 5 a.m. visits to local pit gates since the police had moved in, Mr Stewart said that he had seen the police performing a "delicate balancing act" between the rights of the working miners and those of the pickets.

"I cannot praise the police too highly," he said. "The terror to which they were subjected and the methods used to intimidate miners and their families, was nothing short of a national scandal."

During the Ollerton incidents men going to work were "picked off one by one, given a hiding and sent home," he said.

Mr Stewart added: "Red hot cinders thrown on cars with extensive damage done to others which needed garage repairs, caused innocent owners to have to pick up the bill."

7-8 MAY 1984

Day of shame on picket lines

Press

TWENTY policemen were injured yesterday as pickets hurled a barrage of stones amid some of the most violent scenes yet witnessed in the pit strike.

Two miners, who wanted to work, and three pickets were also injured when the battle exploded outside Creswell Colliery in Derbyshire.

In other areas, pickets and striking miners sank to new depths of shame with sabotage, arson, hijacking and intimidation.

At Creswell, police had issued a warning to the 4,000 pickets, mainly from South Yorkshire, against violence and intimidation.

"It is no wonder so many people were injured," said an NCB spokesman.

"A billiards ball was hurled through the window of a bus and the driver received bruises and chest injuries."

Sabotage, arson, hijack and battles with police

By DANNY McGRORY

Thirteen people were charged with offences after the attack, but Creswell miners still managed to work two coal faces during the day.

Near Duckmanton, Derbyshire, car-loads of men ambushed an NCB bus carrying 20 workers, mainly girls, and hurled bricks at the windows.

The driver and several passengers were injured by flying glass.

In Awworth, Notts, miner's wife Yvonne Shaw had to quit her home and be given police protection because of threats to injure her if her husband did not join the strike.

Her husband Robert works at Linby colliery, where most of the 1,170 miners have carried on working.

At Longton, Staffs, 28 pickets were arrested after a trailer was hijacked and set on fire to block a vital Coal Board fuel depot.

At Wivemhoe, Essex, the

brakes of coal lorries running the gauntlet of pickets were sabotaged.

Lorry firm director Mr Michael Bell said: "It could have meant 20 tons of coal hurtling along without brakes, which would have been a disaster."

At Langwood, Derbyshire, an excavator was set on fire, causing a damage worth thousands of pounds.

At nearby Pleasley pit, windows and vehicles were smashed.

At Florence colliery, Staffs, four pickets from South Wales were arrested after bottles were thrown at cars entering the pit — and a policeman was injured.

Warning

Later about 40 men besieged the police station demanding to see the arrested men, but were eventually dispersed.

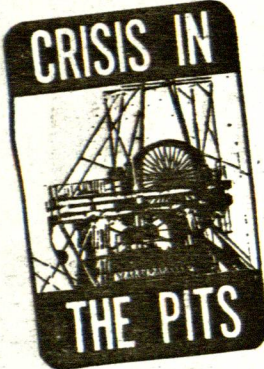
After the day's violence, Derbyshire Assistant Chief Constable Ron Hadfield said pickets were now using tactics to intimidate miners and damage Coal Board property.

If the damage and intimidation continued pickets would be charged with criminal damage, he warned.

● Scotland's biggest morning newspaper, the Daily Record, failed to appear yesterday when its Editor refused to carry a pro-miners statement from Sogat '82 on the front page, rather than on Page 2.

JOIN PIT STRIKE OR WE WRECK 'LIFE' MACHINE

By MARTYN SHARPE
and TOM CONDON



DEATH threats sent by pit pickets to families of two strike rebels were being probed by police last night.

THREAT No 1 was pushed through Tony Walker's letterbox in Keresley, Warwickshire . . . warning him that his son's lifeline kidney machine would be wrecked.

THREAT No 2 was sent to Robert Shaw's home in Awsworth, Notts . . . telling him his wife Yvonne would "get it" if he carried on working at nearby Linby Colliery.

The messages came as pickets went

Notes of hate probe by cops

on a rampage of sabotage and terror, causing thousands of pounds' worth of damage in Notts and Derbyshire and cutting coal lorries brake pipes at Wivenhoe, Essex.

Mr Walker's warning, written in red crayon, read: "Just watch the thing in the back garden . . . that's next."

Mr Walker, 47, is an electrician at Coventry Colliery. His eldest son John, 22, is kept alive by a dialysis machine housed in a cabin in the garden.

Coventry Chief Inspector Norman Skyte said last night: "This is tantamount to a murder threat."

Terrified

Mr Shaw's warning read: "Do not go to work or the woman gets it scab."

Mrs Shaw said last night: "I am terrified."

A BUS carrying terrified coal board office girls to work at Duckmanton, Derbyshire, was stoned by strikers.

MINERS got a £900million-a-year handout from the taxpayer, Chancellor Nigel Lawson said yesterday. But he told the Scottish Tory conference in Perth that the public are no longer prepared to go on subsidising uneconomic pits.

Picket buses turned back

By STUART McCARTNEY

POLICE acted yesterday to stop pickets heading for the Ravenscraig steelworks and Hunterston coal depot.

Buses bringing pickets from Fife were halted on a motorway and turned back when police told them they were in breach of the Public Order Act.

Disruption

As a result, the coal convoys from Ayrshire to the steel plant faced only minimal disruption.

It was the steelworks' most successful day so far with the arrival of 27 English lorries. Around 200 lorries have got into the plant in 24 hours.

The picket buses were stopped as far away as 40 miles from their destination and only an official picket of six miners and six dockers

was allowed at Hunterston.

But no more coal will be unloaded at Hunterston. Tugmen have blacked all ships bringing in coal or iron ore.

In Scotland's day of action in support of the miners, trains were few and many buses were off the road.

Catering staff at several hospitals walked out and some fire stations were out of action for six hours.

At a mass rally in Glasgow, Scottish miners leader Mick McGahay called for the whole trade union movement to close Ravenscraig and Hunterston.

Violence flared on the picket line at Creswell colliery in Derbyshire and 20 policemen, four pickets and two miners were injured by a barrage of stones.

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Bleach 'bombs' at pit homes

By DAVID JACK

THE homes of two miners who have refused to join the coal strike were bleach bombed yesterday in a frightening attack by callous pit bullies, who could have blinded their victims.

Both attacks came in the early hours in the tiny mining village of Langwith Junction in North Derbyshire. First victims were the Steel family, who had vowed in Monday's Daily Express that they would never give in to intimidation.

Doug, 40, his wife Connie and 15-year-old daughter Diana were sipping a late-night cup of tea before going to bed.

Suddenly a stone almost the size of a house brick shattered their lounge window and bounced at their feet.

Moments later it was followed by a bottle of bleach which splattered and damaged curtains and carpets, but mercifully missed the family.

Around the corner just two minutes later, the home of miner Don Wilson was the target of a carbon-copy attack.

His family had just gone to bed, but their lounge light was still on.

"The people who did this are animals," Don said. "Seeing the light, they must have thought we were still up."

Shattered

"A massive stone bounced off the fireplace and hit the settee where my wife Pat had been sitting just two minutes earlier. It could have taken her head off."

The bottle of bleach which followed shattered on the window ledge. It took all the colour out of the curtains.

A BID by Arthur Scargill and 1,500 pickets to halt supplies from British Steel's Sheffield coking plant flopped yesterday. Coke for the Scunthorpe steel works was brought in from another depot.

AND in Edinburgh a sit-in at the Coal Board HQ over holiday pay ended peaceably. Miners were told they would be paid—provided they worked for the week before their leave.

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King Arthur's crazy campaign

ARTHUR Scargill increasingly looks like a commander who has lost all sense of the objectives for which his troops are fighting.

Yesterday a 1,500-strong picket gathered at a Sheffield coking plant to prevent deliveries to Scunthorpe steelworks—only to discover that no coke was scheduled to be moved anyway. By midday the picket had shrunk to 20.

In Edinburgh, miners occupied the Coal Board H.Q. for 10 hours demanding "holiday money."

Holiday money? In the middle of a strike?

They say it is for last year's work, but the impression grows that this is simply one more gimmick in an increasingly crazy campaign.

The National Union of Mineworkers militants have split their own union, enraged the steelmen, and alienated other trades unionists.

If this is the class war of Mr Scargill's imaginings it is turning out to be a civil war pitting worker against worker.

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Bullies of Bilston

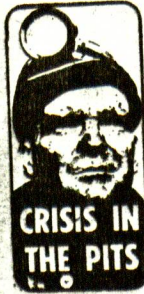
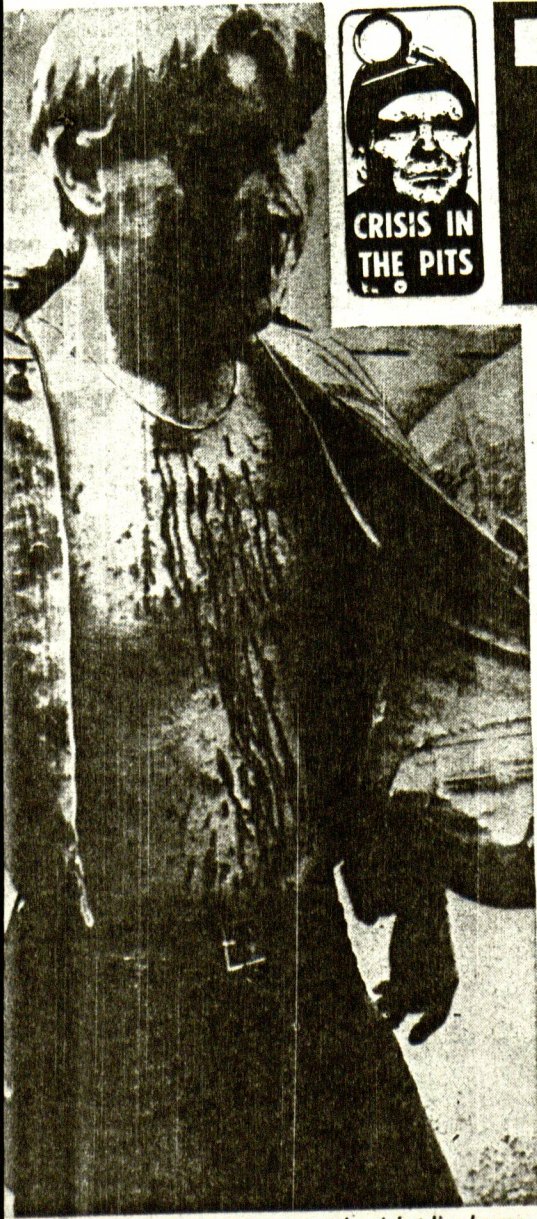
Pickets beat
up miners as
moderates defy
call to strike

By GEORGE PHILLIPS



Trapped . . . one of the rebel miners is kicked and beaten by the mob of pickets

-Bricks, bottles, burning



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Picket army's bloody battle with the cops

A 6,500-STRONG army of miners' pickets fought with 3,000 police yesterday in the bloodiest battle yet of the bitter pit dispute.

Stone-throwing mobs went on a five-hour orgy of violence and destruction. Mounted police backed by baton-wielding bobbies with riot shields charged the massed ranks of pickets to quell the mayhem.

The riot, which left Arthur Scargill as one of the injured, happened at the Orgreave coking works near Sheffield — scene of the union boss's arrest nearly three weeks ago.

Torn

A mass demo to stop lorries leaving the plant erupted into a confrontation that turned Orgreave into a war zone. The pickets:

HURLED bottles, bricks and even a petrol bomb at police.

UPROOTED lamp-posts and telegraph poles to add to their terrifying hail of missiles.

BARRICADED the 300-yard stretch of road leading to the plant with three blazing cars and explosive gas cylinders.

The scrap vehicles had been hijacked from a nearby garage, then set on fire.

Fencing was torn down

By MARTYN SHARPE

and stone walls demolished to provide more missiles and debris.

Wire rope was strung across the road in a bid to maim police horses. Stakes, held upright by lumps of concrete, were another hazard for the "mounties."

But a convoy of 35 coke lorries, bound for the British Steel works at Scunthorpe, finally got through.

Last night South Yorkshire assistant chief constable Tony Clement, who masterminded the police operation, said: "It's a miracle no one was killed."

Mr Clement acknowledged the influence of Left-wing agitators, but added: "It has to be said that a large number of people who caused trouble were miners."

The police chief said drunk had inflamed the mob's fury. He continued:

"NUM leaders say all they want is peaceful picketing. This gives the lie to that."

"This is an attempt to break down law and order."

Convoy

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barricades—even a petrol bo

WAR ZONE



THE RUBBLE

Like a scene from a Middle Ages war — this was the battleground outside Yorkshire yesterday. Stakes intended to maim police horses remain where mi barricades litter the road. But the police won the day . . . the coke lorries go

came after the convoy had got through.

As the furious pickets unleashed another barrage of missiles, mounted police charged them.

One officer was knocked from his horse by a stone.

snatched an officer's riot shield and set fire to it.

Mr Clement said: "There was no way I was going to have red-hot mollen plastic being thrown back at us."

Fled

speaking in the Commons called the pickets "paramilitary rioters."

"Horrified" Labour leader Neil Kinnock urged Premier Margaret Thatcher to change her attitude to the coal industry and remove the causes of confrontation.

odied . . . one man's injuries sums up the picket-line horror

ARTHUR 'HIT'

injured from Page One re — I called, an balance for him."

saw what happened. I don't think I'd be in here if I'd just fallen over."



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Peace talks in the balance

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a compromise deal—or to let the strike drag on in the hope of breaking Government and Coal Board resolve.

The national docks strike was called in protest at the recruitment of outside contractors to do dockers' work at Immingham, South Humberside. Immingham dockers have refused to load iron ore on to lorries destined

for the Scunthorpe steel works because of the railwaymen's blockade in support of the miners.

The new dispute could bring chaos to cross-Channel ferry services if all 14,000 registered dockers at 90 British ports respond to the strike call.

But local transport union officials have been told they can "give consideration" to holiday-makers.

Ferry companies were hopeful last night that

holiday passengers will not be hit.

TWELVE management men trapped in a pit control room by pickets were rescued by police last night.

The men had been besieged for twelve hours by 300 pickets at Rossington Colliery, Doncaster, after going in to make safety checks.

A Coal Board spokesman said: "When some of them popped their heads out of a door to find out what was happening, they

were faced with a howling mob of pickets running towards them, armed with iron bars and stones.

"Windows were smashed in the control room where they were virtually held hostage. They had to lock themselves in for their own safety."

● News of a national dock strike and fears of higher interest rates helped to batter the pound to its lowest-ever level in world currency markets yesterday.

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week.



TERROR RAMPAGE BY JOBS

THIRTEEN pit management men besieged by angry pickets were released last night after a terrifying 12-hour ordeal.

Police in riot gear whisked 12 of them from Doncaster's Rossington Colliery in two armoured vans.

The 13th man, trapped on barbed wire, became separated from the others and fled back to the mine's central tower.

Strikers pelted the armoured cars with bottles, bricks and rocks.

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And it was another hour before police could get the last man away in a second run with one of the armoured cars.

The management men had earlier barricaded themselves in when striking miners ran amok.

The ugly siege began after the men arrived to make safety checks.

Police made a way for them through 300 milling pickets.

The pickets dispersed but returned hours later, crowding the mine's entrance and setting fire to a Coal Board van.

As some held police at bay, about 50 rampaged through the colliery, smashing windows and vital equipment.

The NCB said: "The management team had to run for their lives, chased by the mob."

The pit has been abandoned.

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NUM funds begin to
for contempt of court,
intimidation and violence
picketing will continue.
Thatcher must now
realise that maybe the time
being a one-woman band
is over.

She needs men who can
write signs in the sky for
the Tory government
whether they come from
Left, Right or Centre.
She needs box office
appeal.

She needs for a start to use
the talents of Norman Tebbit
and Michael Heseltine where
they can be of best use

Despite the present storm
clouds, Mrs Thatcher can still
win the next election.

But there is no doubt she has
to beat Arthur Scargill first
and that she is on trial again,
just as she was in the Falk-
lands war.

That time she had the people
behind her. This time she has
the people wondering just what
is going on. And she is going
to need every bit of her already
proven quality plus a few new
skills as well to come through
to an equal triumph.

THE Sun

Towns in aid plea

COUNCILS in the miners' strike "front line" want the Government to help with huge extra costs.

The demand for free school meals and other allowances are draining some districts

THE Sun

SCARGILL'S MEN PUNCH PIT MOD

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New war on strike rebels

By TOM CONDON

UGLY scenes erupted at yesterday's NUM conference as miners' delegates voted to make Arthur Scargill's 18-week strike official.

The only moderate leader there, South Derbyshire delegate Ken Toon, was punched, booed and bussed at.

More than 120 of the 132 delegates walked out in protest when Mr Toon began to speak up for miners still at work.

And as he led his own three-man delegation through 100 pickets massing outside the Sheffield conference hall he was punched in the back.

Mr Toon stumbled and nearly lost his glasses but he recovered and walked hurriedly away.

After the moderates had left, the conference voted unanimously to make the strike official — and allow only the closure of exhausted pits.



Pit rebel
Toon...
hit in
the back

Power

Later a delighted Mr Scargill claimed the vote gave NUM leaders the power to launch a new offensive against rebel miners.

Mr Scargill also warned the Coal Board to retract its "dangerous and inflammatory" offer of pro-

tection to miners who leave their union.

● TRAIN services between London and the North West of England face severe disruption today when BR guards join a day of action in support of striking miners.

STRIKE 2

THE siege of the Scottish holiday island of Arran — which was facing a beer shortage — was lifted yesterday when dockers agreed to let vital supplies through.

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Bullied miner took his own life

MINER James Clay went back to work after 14 weeks on strike—then killed himself when his mates on the picket line turned against him.

Mr Clay crossed the picket line for four days and each time he was spat on and called a scab. Two men later rang his wife and threatened to harm one of their daughters.

The threat was "the final straw," Mr Clay's widow told a coroner yesterday.

Her husband was found dead in his fume-filled garage with the engine of his car running.

Mrs Clay of Sneyd Green, Staffordshire, said that money worries forced her 33-year-old husband to go back

Phone threats 'final straw'

to work at Wolstanton Colliery, Newcastle-under-Lyme.

Then came the telephone threat against their 12-year-old daughter. One of the callers said he knew where she went to school and what a lovely uniform she had.

He said that by the time they had

finished with the daughter she would not have any uniform at all.

Coroner Mr John Wain said: "Mr Clay endeavoured to get his problems over to his workmates, his former friends and colleagues. What was the result? He was spat at, he was called a scab.

"Are the scabs not the two cow-

ards who were in that phone box, the two men who had the job of threatening this woman?

"Maybe certain members of the community would refer to them as scum. The whole of the mining industry must, and I am sure does, dissociate itself from such actions. Verdict: Suicide.

After the inquest, police said that at least 30 other miners in the same area had received similar threats.

Summer of discontent

From Professor Frank Musgrove

Sir, Your timely leading article (July 12) teckles fundamentals. It errs only in underestimating Scargill and the power of unreason.

Scargill is in fact far more dangerous, amoral and powerful than Mosley ever was. Mosley did not effectively control a key sector of the economy. Nor did he lead men of such elemental passions and limited education and understanding.

The NCB has shown quite astonishing naiveté. Letters to miners and big advertisements addressed to them in the press assume not only that miners read but that they understand such words as "economic" and "environment". They do not. Their conceptual range does not extend much beyond "scab".

The present strike is a terrible indictment of our educational system, which leaves very simple and unlettered men at the mercy of

unscrupulous manipulators. Formerly all the boys in a mining village went down the pit, including some of great intellectual gifts; for the past thirty years only C and D-stream pupils have gone that way. D-stream "sec mods" make excellent cannon fodder in politico-industrial wars of attrition.

No man should work down a pit. We must hasten the day when there are virtually no miners left and mining is, as far as is humanly possible, automated. It is precisely modernization towards this (genuinely humane) end that Scargill resists.

And now all the claptrap about "communities"; nobody who has actually lived in an isolated mining village could wish to preserve it in all its narrowness and intolerance.

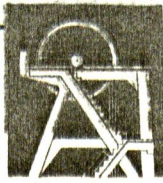
I am, Sir, yours faithfully,
FRANK MUSGROVE

Fin Cop,
Moody Sty Lane,
Grassington,
North Yorkshire.
July 12.

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Bravery of couple besieged in their own home

'We'll never give in to these picket line thugs'

By GEORGE PHILIPS

THE home of a working miner was besieged at 4.30 yesterday morning by about 50 pickets hurling abuse.

As the mob swarmed round the house, the family, including a seven-year-old girl, huddled together inside.

And when they tried to call the police for help, they found the phone was dead.

But later, with a police escort, 49-year-old Philip Inverarity went to work yet again at Bilston Glen pit in Scotland.

Windscreen

And he said defiantly: 'These pickets — or maybe I should call them thugs—won't stop me working.'

'I've been threatened, I've had paint poured over my car and now this. But they won't win. The more they try to stop me going to work, the more determined I will be.'

Mr Inverarity's wife Christine, daughter Helen, 18, and niece Louise, seven, were at home with him in the village of Tranent, East Lothian, when the mob arrived.

Mrs Inverarity said: 'We heard voices. I looked out and saw pickets at the front and the back of the house—about 50 in all. I recognised about a dozen of them.'

'The police had told us after earlier harassment to phone them immediately if we needed help—but the phone was dead for some reason

Mrs Inverarity admitted: 'I was terrified out of my wits.' But she went next door and police were called. They were pretty quick but they had to bring in reinforcements.

'What has been happening to Philip and our family has made him more determined and given him more strength. There's not a man among them. Real men don't harass women and children.'

'There is no way he is going to give in to this kind of mob life. The only way they will stop him is to kill him.'

Only 24 hours before, yellow paint was poured over the bonnet and windscreen of Mr Inverarity's brown Allegro.

Windows in some houses in the same village had the word 'scab' painted on them in the same colour.

For several hours yesterday a policewoman sat with Mrs Inverarity in her neat home while her husband worked and patrol cars made regular checks at the house.

A police spokesman said: 'There was no actual crime committed and eventually these men disappeared from outside the house. No one was arrested.'

Bricks were thrown through windows and plate-glass doors at the miners' union headquarters at Mansfield in the moderate Nottinghamshire coalfield, causing hundreds of pounds' worth of damage.

And the screams of a girl reporter caught up in violence when 2,000 flying pickets blockaded the working Babbington colliery in Nottinghamshire, were heard in the homes of thousands of radio listeners.

Seventy arrests were made as fighting broke out between militants and police equipped with riot gear. Radio Trent reporter Sue Brooks, who screamed when she was knocked to the ground, said later: 'It was horrifying.'

The Nottinghamshire miner code-named Silver Birch, who is spearheading a nationwide back-to-work movement, was thought to be in North Wales yesterday.

The rebel leader, who apparently gained his nickname because of his lanky appearance and silver hair, has made frequent visits during the past two months to moderate miners in Yorkshire, South Wales, Lancashire, Staffordshire and the Midlands.

Back door

One colleague described him as straightforward and honest, and went on: 'He's a very charismatic man. He encouraged people being intimidated to go to work and now he's trying to get financial and moral help for the move.'

Silver Birch claims to have already received threats that his daughter will be raped, his son beaten up and his house burned down and associates were intent yesterday on safeguarding his anonymity.

But he and other rebel miners were challenged to stand up and identify themselves.

'They should come out and argue the case in the open instead of using a traitorous back-door method,' said Dr. Kim Howells, NUM research officer for South Wales.

'We are totally sceptical about reports of this so-called group

Neighbours turn on working miner in 16-week ordeal of fear

Family under siege in 'Scab Row'

By
CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT

LAST WEEK I spent 23 hours in the house of a young miner in Shirebrook, Derbyshire, whose wife and four-year-old son have braved 16 weeks of violence at the hands of pickets and neighbours—all because he insists on working.

The miner is Mr Adrian Walters, 23. He lives in a small, rented "two-up-two-down" in Recreation Drive, a narrow street, known locally as "Scab Row," which is in a state of almost permanent siege.

His 22-year-old wife, Sandra, who is two months pregnant, and son Gary do not go out unless accompanied by a police escort or a male relative.

During the last 16 weeks that Mr Walters has worked, 17 windows in his house have been smashed in 12 separate attacks involving bricks, rubble, milk bottles, a dustbin lid and household rubbish. He has been fired on with an air rifle; the family has received death threats and Mrs Walters was on one occasion assaulted by two women.

CHINESE TORTURE

The worst attack came last Sunday when a mob of 40 men and women smashed seven windows at the house before engaging in a pitched battle with police while the family huddled on the stairs between the rooms for protection from

the bricks. One landed on Gary's bed minutes after his father had taken him out.

"I yelled from the upstairs window that there was a baby in the room and they just laughed," said Mr Walters, an underground haulage worker, who has lived in Shirebrook for four years.

"I feel constantly physically sick. The worst thing is being told that there is going to be trouble and then waiting for it to happen. It's like the Chinese water torture. When it's all over I know I am going to get some rest. It's just where and when they are going to do it. All we want to do is get out of the village.

When I joined Mr Walters on Thursday morning it was 3 am—considered the best time to avoid pickets. He was sleeping on a rug in the downstairs back room.

4.30 am: Mr and Mrs Walters get up. He makes an early start to beat the pickets that he can already hear gathering at the pit just a few hundred yards away from his home. Gary is staying with his grandmother.

5.05 am: Having checked the street, he dashes 50 yards to another of the four working

miners' homes where they are met by seven policemen who escort them to work.

6 am: The jeering and the shouting of the pickets as about 100 NUM members go into work subsides and Mrs Walters goes back to bed. That morning a marble and a ball bearing fired from a catapult shatter two windows in a coach carrying working miners.

6.10 am: Passers-by shout "Scabby Walters" at the front of the house.

6.30 am: Something hits the windows but doesn't break any. It was probably soil and pebbles from the Walters' own front garden.

11.15 am: When Mrs Walters looks out of the front windows for her brother-in-law two near neighbours make obscene gestures.

11.20 am: Paul Walters, 18, who has been threatened several times himself since he began helping his brother and sister-in-law, arrives at the house.

11.40 am: We walk the three-quarters of a mile to the bank in Shirebrook village to draw Mr Adrian Walters wages. It's the first time in weeks Mrs Walters has dared walk down her own street. Her husband cannot safely go to the village at all.

12.40 am: We return by taxi to find police blocking off the street in preparation for the return of the working miners,



Family at bay: Miner Adrian Walters, his wife Sandra and son Gary, 4

but three are still a number of men and women lining the pavement. As we draw up to the house a woman screams to the taxi driver: "What are you carrying scabs for?"

1 pm: Mrs Walters positions herself by the front door ready to slip the bolt, chain and lock to let her husband in while his brother stands by the back door.

1.30 pm: A roar from the pickets at the pit signals that the coaches bringing the working miners have set off.

1.55 pm: Mr Walters runs in the back door of the house escorted by police in a change

of plan aimed at fooling the 100 or so people-pickets, neighbours and even former friends-who have gathered at the front.

The pickets notice the ruse and within seconds have run to the backs of the houses to shout obscenities, death threats and general abuse at the windows of the Walters's home is seen feet away.

4.05 pm: A working miner's wife living nearby is chased by a mob as she goes to catch a bus to go to work.

10 pm: Mr Walters, who has been catching up on his sleep during a lull, gets up to prepare the house for trouble

as he has been tipped off that the house may be attacked again. The mobs normally gather when the pubs and clubs shut.

10.30 pm: Small numbers of men gather near the house.

10.50 pm: Calls of "Come out you scabs."

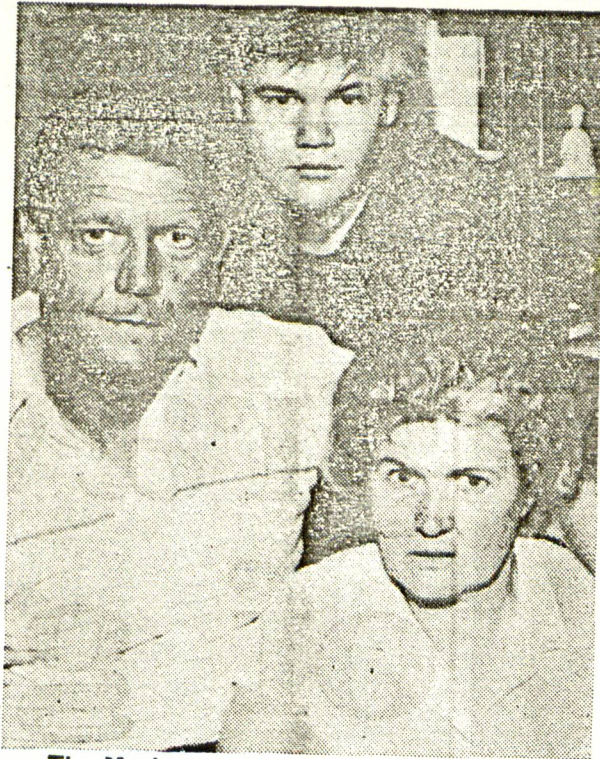
10.55 pm: More groups can be heard gathering at the back of the house. If there is trouble Mr Walters relies on a neighbour with a telephone to call the police. For the next hour or so there is sporadic jeering and caucalls until eventually they disperse and the Walters go to bed.

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Bid to burn down pit family's home

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The Maskrays: Narrow escape in fire raid

A WORKING pitman and his family narrowly escaped death yesterday when arsonists tried to burn his home down in a pre-dawn attack.

Now Mr Brian Maskray fears that he and his wife Lillian, 43, and son John, 17, may be targets of a hate campaign whipped up because of the miners' strike.

Yesterday's blaze, started at 3 a.m. by paraffin-soaked paper pushed through the letter box, was the second attack on his home since the strike began.

Mr Maskray, 44, is a pit deputy and at his home in the pit village of Woodlands, near Doncaster, yesterday, he explained:—

"The only reason I'm working is to carry out safety inspections to make sure the men have a pit to return to and that is being done with NUM approval."

Smoke

But in many mining areas pickets have not made the distinction between safety men and rebels as they go through gauntlets of hate and violence.

Yesterday Mr Maskray was wakened by the smell of smoke and ran downstairs to see the flames.

"It was burning like hell," he said. "Fortunately we managed to put the fire out quickly and only the carpet and front door frame were damaged."

Working miner fears strikers' hate campaign

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"But I dread to think what would have happened if I hadn't woken up. The incident has left us badly shaken, particularly my wife."

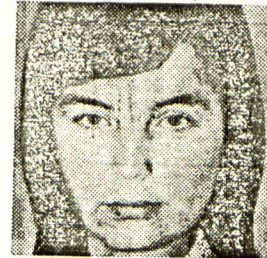
Just two months ago Mrs Maskray returned home to find three young thugs inside, who escaped with jewellery and cash.

Mr Maskray added: "It's anyone's guess whether all this has anything to do with the strike but I honestly cannot think of any reason why we should be picked on like this."

● SCOTTISH police fear a massive invasion by pickets from England this week as the holiday closure of working pits in Nottinghamshire will free them to concentrate on Bilston Glen, near Edinburgh, and two Ayrshire pits.

● TORY MP for Mid-Staffs Mr John Heddle will today ask Environment Secretary Patrick Jenkin to block moves to get £250,000 of ratepayers' cash donated to the miners' hardship fund by Staffordshire County Council.

● MINERS' wives who back the strike plan a mass rally in London next week when they will present a petition to the Queen asking her help in solving the pit dispute.



Ann Clay: Hate victim

Stand by your man, pleads 2 tragic widow

TRAGIC miner's widow Ann Clay yesterday urged other wives: Stand by your man.

Mrs Clay—whose husband Jim killed himself because of a war of hate against her and their three children—said at her Stoke-on-Trent home: "I stood by my husband for 14 weeks."

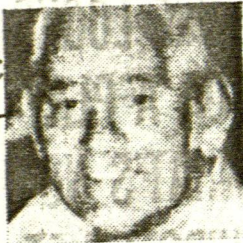
"When he said he was going back I said: 'It's your choice'. Every wife should do the same. The children and I have paid the ultimate price."

"Now we have got to start life all over again. This whole strike has just sickened me."

Monday, 30th July 1984

Guard on pit rebels' talks

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Jimmy ... spoke his mind

TRAGEDY AFTER 'SCAB' TAUNTS

STRIKING miner Jimmy Christie collapsed and died after he bravely spoke out against the stoppage.

It happened as the 51-year-old pitman confronted a pro-striker who was hurling abuse outside his home, calling him "scab" and threatening to "get him."

Jimmy was getting ready for bed when he heard the taunts. He rushed outside — but dropped dead on the pavement.

Hated

His daughter Denise, 33, said: "All my father did was speak his mind. He thought the strike had gone on too long and told people so."

Jimmy's widow, Mary, 52, of Hartington Drive, Barnsley, said: "He used to say he hated Arthur Scargill's guts."

The tragedy happened only hours after Jimmy's other daughter Julie, 21, gave birth to a daughter he never lived to see.

By FRANK CURRAN

POLICE are mounting a massive undercover operation to protect miners at a secret back-to-work meeting.

For a strikers' hit-squad is trying to find the meeting-place and disrupt the talks.

More than 50 miners from all over Britain are expected at the meeting "somewhere in the Midlands" this week.

The get-together, organised by anti-strike crusader Chris Butcher — codenamed Silver Birch — is aimed at coordinating a mass return to work.

Said Mr. Butcher, 35: "We know that certain striking miners are desperately trying to find out where the meeting is taking place."

Last night 46 supervisors ended their 36-hour sit-in at St. John's Colliery in Maesteg, South Wales, after reaching an agreement with NUM officials on picketing.

Released

In Derbyshire, Mr. Maurice Jones, editor of the NUM's journal *The Miner*, was arrested as a suspected flying picket. He was later released with a caution.

Meanwhile magistrates lifted a ban which prevented striker Paul Jones, 23, living at home in Bridgend, Mid Glamorgan, and forced him to live in a tent.

He had been bailed on condition he didn't visit the home of a working miner — but his father is doing pit safety work.

Industrial Editor Tom McGhie writes:

The threat of a second national dock

EXCLUSIVE

strike within a month is looming over a coal shipment.

The crunch will come today when bosses meet in London to decide what to do with the Ostia, the Liberian-registered ship waiting off the Clyde.

Para-military gang

attacks pits

By GRAHAM JONES DT P1

A GROUP of between 30 and 50 people dressed in para-military style uniforms caused widespread damage at two Yorkshire collieries yesterday.

The sudden emergence of the well-disciplined gang, dressed in camouflage jackets, boiler suits and balaclavas and apparently led by a young woman, was described by police as sinister.

They stormed the yards at Bentley Colliery and Markham Main, both near Doncaster, and systematically smashed television cameras, floodlighting and office windows.

Mr Tony Clement, Asst Chief Constable of South Yorkshire, called the development sinister and said he would be setting up a rapid response police team to counter it.

Mr Clement agreed that Northern Ireland style-violence had entered the pit dispute.

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"We have seen the escalation from the early days of abuse and a bit of pushing, through the stone throwing through the large confrontations, through the building of barricades, and now the use of apparently well-disciplined and highly organised groups intent on damaging pit equipment.

"I do not think it needs a police officer to say how sinister and dangerous it is. This adds a new dimension to what is happening," he said. "Where do they go from here. Do they attack winding gear and the control rooms?"

He said someone must be supplying them with the uniforms and organising their movements.

A picket at Bentley colliery last night said the woman who appeared to lead the paramilitary group was a Left-wing sympathiser from Camden in London.

"There is a group of them up here from Camden to support us," he said. He added that he thought the majority of the men were from Bentley. "There were 12 women too," he said.

Mounting violence

The sudden appearance of the pro-military group came on a day of mounting violence at the county's collieries and pit villages.

At Markham Main colliery, in the village of Armthorpe, where lone miner reported for duty yesterday, pickets tricked the police into leaving by claiming they would withdraw.

When the police pulled out, 100 pickets laid siege to the

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Pit attacks

By GRAHAM JONES

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management block. A council excavator was hijacked from its driver and a crane stolen from the pit yard to build a barricade, and then set alight.

Police with riot equipment returned in force and scattered the pickets, chasing many of them through gardens, back yards and into nearby houses.

At one point Armthorpe was cut off from the outside world when police said they could not guarantee the safety of anyone travelling through.

At Bentley colliery, a bulldozer and a miners' welfare coach were used to block the pit entrance, and outside the Yorkshire Main colliery at Edlington another Belfast-style barricade was set alight.

Axe handles

There was trouble further south at Kiveton Park colliery when three returning face workers missed their police escort and were confronted by pickets with pick axe handles.

There was a total of 22 arrests and the violence did reduce the attendance of rebels defying their union in Yorkshire from 18 to 14.

The Yorkshire rebels who stayed away yesterday included Mr Gordon Cuffling of Askern colliery, whose house windows were smashed in the night, and other miners in the Doncaster area. Coal Board said they had been "intimidated" to stay off work.

Only two miners compared with Tuesday's three defied a 600-strong picket at Allerton Bywater, near Castleford. A colliery spokesman said the third, Mr Joe Coffey, was having two rest days to deal with a personal matter, but would be back.

A senior Coal Board official described the escalating violence as "acts of desperate men."

He said: "They are desperate to prevent their pit becoming the first back to work and letting the side down in Yorkshire."

Pit communities were deeply divided over the dispute and mob violence was the only way pickets could stop a big drift back to work, he added.

Coal face power cuts 'put jobs in danger'

Miners at two of the North-east's biggest pits were accused yesterday of endangering their jobs by picketing out safety workers.

The warning came from coal board area management in announcing that it had been necessary to cut off electricity to key underground districts of Easington and Wearmouth collieries in the Durham coalfield. Without electricity, ventilation fans were out of action and there could be a build-up of gas.

The board is required by law to switch off the supply after 24 hours without safety work underground.

Miners' leaders say deputies who carry out safety work at the two pits are not going in as a protest against a rebel miner, Mr Paul Wilkinson, attempting to cross picket lines at Easington and supervisory staff crossing the picket line at Wearmouth.

A board spokesman said the power had been switched off by management after pickets prevented deputies from entering the pits to perform safety duties.

At Easington three of the seven faces are now without power while at Wearmouth two of the seven faces are cut off. About 500 men normally work in the areas cut off.

There was also a fear that the region's biggest and most profitable pit, Ellington in Northumberland, could have parts of its power supply cut off today. Pickets prevented deputies from going in to do safety work yesterday.

Sixteen members of the National Union of Mineworkers' white-collar section ignored hundreds of pickets to report for work at Wearmouth yesterday.

A special miners' union delegate conference will next week discuss recommendations to tighten discipline.

These are likely to include a move to withdraw safety cover at all 28 South Wales pits if the coal board allows even one miner to work in the coalfield.

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● The office of a co Durham taxi firm used by the board to take men into Wearmouth has been attacked. A window was broken, a telephone pulled out and a minibus vandalized.

● Mass picketing prevented Mr Wilkinson succeeding in his third attempt to return to work at Easington.

He was approached by a small number of pickets as he waited for a coal board bus near his home at Bowburn, but they failed to persuade him not to board it. A Durham police spokesman said the bus was accompanied by a convoy of pickets in cars on the 10-mile journey to the pit.

But before it arrived officers advised Mr Wilkinson to return home because there was no hope of getting him through the pickets safely.

● Police are investigating five instances of windows at homes of working miners being broken in north Derbyshire.

A miner at Eckington had all four tyres slashed on his car and a miner on his way to work at Shirebrook had his car damaged by a picket wielding an iron bar.

● Staffordshire police said one picket had been arrested from a group of about 40 outside Wolstanton colliery.

Miner's car hit by petrol bomb

Three men were yesterday questioned by the police after a petrol bomb attack on a car belonging to a miner who had returned to work after being on strike.

Petrol bombs were thrown at the car, but bounced off the bonnet, exploded, and caused slight damage. Three men, wearing combat clothing and dark balaclavas were seen running away from the home of the miner, Mr Kim Barthorpe, aged 18, of Cumberland Avenue, Warsop, near Mansfield, Nottinghamshire.

He returned to work at Warsop colliery for financial reasons on Tuesday after 24 weeks on strike. His father, Mr Arthur Barthorpe, aged 42, a deputy in the same pit, drove off in his car at 5 am yesterday to try to find three men seen by a neighbour in the area but was unsuccessful.

At Easington colliery, co Durham, several striking miners were arrested when more than 100 pickets gathered to try to stop a miner, Mr Paul Wilkinson, getting into work.

Several police officers needed first-aid treatment after one incident when the pickets nearly broke through the police line.

There were two arrests in north Derbyshire, one at Renishaw Park when some pickets in a group of 110 stoned a coal board bus. At Whitwell colliery there was another arrest when 750 pickets tried to stop men going to work.

Merseyside police are hunting two men after an arson attack at the Sutton Manor Miners' Institute at 4am yesterday.

Two strike officials prepared last night for their second night without food or water underground at Castlehill Colliery in Fife.

Mr Tom Mylcreest and Mr Sam Cowie began their sit-in underground on Wednesday in protest against the management's switching off power to part of the mine.

Sussex police said last night they may need reinforcements from outside the county to cope with expected demonstrations by striking miners at the Trades Union Congress meeting beginning in Brighton on Monday.

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Miners meet TUC after ordering mass NCB picket

Miners' union leaders have met the TUC for the first time since the pits strike began in an attempt to avoid a damaging split at next week's Congress

A proposal allowing limited coal supplies through Hunterston and to end the docks strike is likely to emerge at the TUC Congress

Dockers at Grimsby and Immingham voted to continue working. At Tilbury there was confusion after both sides claimed to have won the vote

A state of emergency might be considered if the docks strike began to bite, Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Employment, said

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From Paul Routledge, Labour Editor, Brighton

Pit union leaders last night met the TUC for the first time since their strike began six months ago to "discuss ways in which the dispute could be brought to a conclusion satisfactory to the National Union of Mineworkers".

The NUM Triumvirate of national officials - the president, Mr Arthur Scargill, general secretary, Mr Peter Heathfield, and Mr Michael McGahey, vice-president - met three leading TUC officials in a seafront hotel in an attempt to head off a damaging split in the ranks of the Labour movement.

Before they travelled south for the Brighton summit, the miners' leaders ordered a mass picket of every pit, coke works, and maintenance depot next Monday when a concerted move for a return to work is expected to be mounted by NUM rebels opposed to the strike.

"We are aware of certain suggestions that the coal board may try to get some of our people into work, and we think it essential that we have a mass picket at every place of work," Mr Scargill said after a meeting of his union's national executive in Sheffield. "We want to demonstrate how many people we can muster and show

tremendous solidarity behind this dispute."

But the NUM faced a rather more difficult problem in mustering wider solidarity behind its strike last night, as centre-right union leaders who dominate the TUC general council, voiced reservations about proposals for a pact on "no crossing of NUM picket lines".

The train drivers' union, Aslef, has proposed that all trade unionists should refuse to cross the miners' picket lines

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wherever they are placed, but Mr Alistair Graham, general secretary of the Civil and Public Services Association, said: "There is a very strong feeling that this step could bring British industry to a stop".

NUM leaders were being asked last night to confine their secondary picketing which is unlawful under the 1980 Employment Act, to establishments that produce, import, or use coal and coke, and special dispensation is being sought for steel making plants so that they can continue with a minimum of disruption.

Miners' leaders have held the TUC at arm's length for many months, arguing that, while they welcome moves to channel cash aid to the strikers, they will not bow to pressure from moderate unions to surrender their control of the dispute to the general council.

Last night's talks were clearly intended to break this deadlock, but it seemed unlikely that the NUM would bend to arguments that it should go back into talks with the coal board on Mr Ian MacGregor's "final offer" on terms for pit closures.

The TUC team - the general secretary, Mr Len Murray, chairman, Mr Ray Buckton, and Mr David Basnett, of the General Municipal, Boilermakers and Allied Trades Union - was carrying out the mandate from its "inner cabinet" to discuss how the TUC may be of help to the union, in coordinating financial assistance from other unions, and giving practical effect to some of the proposals raised by the NUM and its allies in a policy motion and amendments to be debated at next week's Trades Union Congress.

That was the agenda for the summit, Mr Murray said,

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MINERS INTIMIDATION

COAL STRIKE 1980

STRIKE BEGAN
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Angry miners fight it out as
 the pit strike gathers pace

PUNCH-UP

ON THE

PICKET LINES

By MICHAEL EDWARDS, GEORGE PHILIPS
 and ROBERT TURNER

MINER fought miner
 yesterday as flying
 pickets tried to close pits
 where men wanted to
 work.

Their union was being torn
 apart, with more than half its
 members on strike by the end of
 the day but the rest working on.

As pickets from pits which had
 stopped turned out in force to put
 pressure on others still open, there were
 ugly scenes of violence and hate, to the
 disgust of many miners who wanted to
 vote on whether to strike.

The worst trouble was at Bilston Glen
 Colliery, near Edinburgh, where fighting
 broke out and at Harworth, in North
 Nottinghamshire, where miners' wives were
 spat on and abused by pickets from York-
 shire when they demonstrated in support
 of their husbands at work.

Outsiders

At Bilston Glen, some of the 70 men who
 reported for the afternoon back shift were
 punched, kicked and spat on by pickets.

Bricks, stones and fruit were hurled and
 policemen—who had been brought in by the
 score when the fighting broke out—were
 knocked to the ground and crushed against
 cars.

Later, Bilston Glen's NUM chairman,
 Davie Clarke, blamed 'outsiders and Left-
 Wing trouble makers' for the violence.

'When our own lads were picketing in
 the morning there was not a hint of a
 problem,' he said. 'It was peaceful
 persuasion.'

The trouble started when these people
 from Polmaise colliery near Stirling and
 Castlehill in Fife came along in the after-

noon with other outside
 elements looking for
 bother.

'There is no doubt that the
 picket line was infiltrated
 with Militant Tendency people
 and extreme Left-Wingers
 who have nothing to do with
 Bilston Glen. I am totally
 disgusted.'

'I can never remember see-
 ing miners fighting with other
 miners.'

Surface worker, John Pup-
 kiss, 44, was 'very bitter
 against the union. Like 95 per
 cent. of my colleagues here, I
 wanted a free, democratic
 vote,' he said.

'If that had ended in any
 decision to strike I would
 have gone out with the rest
 of my colleagues. As it is I
 will be back at work tomor-
 row, as normal. I couldn't
 believe it when I saw a young
 lad getting kicked and booted
 to the ground by two thugs
 claiming to be pickets.'

Boiling

Another miner said:
 'Going through that lot was
 the most terrifying experi-
 ence of my life.'

The pickets turned nastily
 on journalists. Daily Mail
 reporter George Philips and
 photographer Brian Logue
 were jostled and threatened
 with violence. A BBC TV
 cameraman was pushed
 through a hedge.

But the NUM delegate for
 Polmaise, which faces closure,
 John McCormick, defended
 the pickets. 'I can understand
 the men's feelings,' he said.
 'They were at boiling point.
 However, I would have pre-
 ferred to see a peaceful
 picket line and no violence.'

Despite the fighting there
 were no arrests and only one
 man — a Castlehill picket
 whose foot was run over by a

car—was injured.

By the evening, the 70 men
 at Bilston Glen were the only
 miners out of 14,000 in Scot-
 land to be still working.

The Coal Board, however,
 reported that more than half
 of the 5,500 on the day shift
 in Scotland reported for duty,
 but most would not cross
 picket lines.

At Harworth, more than 40
 miners' wives formed their
 own counter-picket line when
 about 250 strikers, mostly
 from Markham Main in South
 Yorkshire, arrived to try to
 stop the afternoon shift
 working.

Their shouts of 'Let our men
 work!' were met with jeers,
 and calls of 'Get back to your
 kitchens and get on with the
 cooking.'

Mrs Dawn Musson, aged 27,
 said that NUM president
 Arthur Scargill was 'nothing
 but a coward because he
 daren't have a vote, and
 didn't even call for one.'

'We will not be deterred even
 though the pickets spat on us
 and used obscene language at
 us and we will be here in
 strength for every shift
 change.'

Mrs Gail Downs, 30, jok-
 ingly brandished one of her

children's toy guns and said:
 'I'd love to shoot Arthur.'

'We don't care about the
 spitting or the bad language
 because our children have to
 be fed.'

About 60 men on the 220-
 strong afternoon shift were
 persuaded not to work.

Nottinghamshire miners'
 leaders said they would again
 ask their colleagues in York-
 shire to call off the 'renegade'
 pickets until an area ballot
 later in the week.

Most of Nottinghamshire's
 25 pits and 34,000 men were
 working normally.

'Elsewhere in the country,
 this was the situation after
 the NUM executive's call for
 area by area strikes against
 pit closures:

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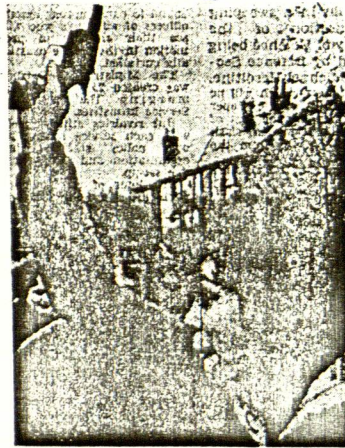
In South Wales where
 miners voted at the weekend
 to work on, NUM president
 Emlyn Williams said 85 per
 cent. were out.

Yorkshire pits were at a
 standstill, although the Barns-
 ley winders branch secretary
 Bob Copping, 51, was one of
 three men who defiantly
 turned up for work. 'This
 business is a tragedy,' he
 said.

In Durham three pits were
 working, but the majority
 were on strike. Kent was out,
 with 2,800 men on strike.

Other areas working nor-
 ally but due to ballot later
 in the week were: Derbyshire
 North Wales, Staffordshire,
 Warwickshire, the Midlands,
 Lancashire and Cumberland.
 Northumberland's 5,300
 miners were working nor-
 mally, having already voted
 not to strike.

NUM Vice President Mick
 McGahey predicted 'a total
 stoppage' by the end of the
 week. Coal Board chairman
 Ian MacGregor warned that
 the action would only speed
 up pit closures.



Protest: Notts miner's wife Gail Downs
 gunning for Scargill with toy pistol.

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Story: CHARLES RAE Picture: NIGEL CAIRNS

THIS is the flying picket who escaped with a bloody face after his chum died.

They were victims of some of the worst picket-line violence ever seen in Britain.

And the violence ended in victory for miners' leader Arthur Scargill, as moderate pitmen agreed not to work.

The picture was taken outside Thoresby Colliery in Nottinghamshire yesterday, only hours after the death of 24-year-old

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BLOODY FACE OF ARTHUR'S ARMY

Raffles hunted for £5m silver robbery

By DAVID PRYKE

A MASTER criminal nicknamed Raffles was being hunted last night after a £5million silver raid on Woburn Abbey stately home.

Arch-crook Richard Haynes—who escaped police clutches for the **THIRD** time only two weeks ago—is thought to have been behind the daring break-in.

Several hundred-weight of "totally priceless" heirlooms, including a 40lb silver salver, were stolen when the burglary gang slipped past sophisticated security alarms.

The raiders used a workman's wooden ladder found in a shed to reach the first floor of the Duke of Bedford's historic family seat.

STRIPPED

Then they stripped the banquetting room, which has been seen by millions of day-trip visitors, of **FORTY-SEVEN** valuables and carried them down

DARING RAID AT WOBURN

the ladder to a getaway vehicle 100 yards away.

The Duke of Bedford's son, the Marquis of Tavistock, lives at the Bedfordshire mansion and the marchioness were abroad when the raiders struck.

But security staff were on duty—and pet King Charles spaniels failed to raise the alarm.

And a police spokesman said the robbery had "the hallmark all over it" of 29-year-old Haynes.

CUNNING

He is already being sought in connection with the theft of antiques worth more than £1million from country houses. Police want to question him about a £500,000 robbery near Aylesbury, Bucks, a £100,000 burglary at Anglesey, Cams., and an £80,000 raid at Ipswich.

Haynes, a cunning master of disguise who had already escaped from cells in a jail AND a crown court, was arrested by detectives in a

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Scargill

Bully boy pickets turn hate on office girls



Scargill: Legal move

Steelmen say: We'll keep coal moving

TERROR tactics again erupted in the miners dispute yesterday when the bully boys turned their war of hate on Coal Board clerks and women typists.

Massed pickets hurled abuse at office staff, threw stones and threatened violence in two separate incidents at regional headquarters. A pregnant woman's car was damaged and a man was butted in the face.

Worst trouble spot was the Barnsley area HQ at Grime-thorpe where police restrained about 100 angry miners.

Terrified office workers had to run the gauntlet to get to work.

A woman in her fifties later described the scene. She said: "It was very frightening. We were shaking like jellies."

"I saw two men kicked. The side of a car was kicked in and the aerial of another ripped off. One woman whose car was damaged is pregnant."

Ran

"They tried to rush us but the police managed to hold them while we ran as fast as we could. One miner warned a member of staff they had his car number and that he was a marked man."

An NCB official said "This is yet another example of bully-boy tactics by pickets."

Ten pickets were arrested as out-numbered police struggled to hold back the angry mob who turned their spite on the office after being barred at the Notts border in their bid to picket mines across the county line.

By BARRIE DEVNEY

Industrial Editor

The other trouble spot was at the NCB's western area HQ at Stoke-on-Trent. It was here that a picket butted a clerk in the face. The victim had to be taken to hospital for treatment.

● Delegates representing 35,000 Notts miners at 25 pits are to decide today whether to endorse a call by their executive to order men not to cross picket lines.

● The 18,000 members of the National Association of Colliery Overmen, Deputies and Shotfirers today begin a ballot to decide whether to strike over a closure.

● In an interview published today, Coal Board chairman Ian MacGregor reiterated that he would not give in. "It's going to be a long hard dispute," he said.

"These are tough times we live in and I think they could get tougher."

STEEL union chiefs representing workers at the giant Ravenscraig plant in Lanarkshire warned miners' leaders yesterday: "No one dictates to us."

They are determined that coal supplies will get through — pickets or not.

Scottish steel union boss Clive Lewis, said: "We will go it alone if necessary to ensure supplies. Jobs are vital and orders are at stake."

And Ravenscraig shop stewards' convener Tommy Brennan added: "We will do ANYTHING to keep this plant alive."

Clear

He agreed there could be confrontation with pickets if lorryloads of coal continued to turn up.

The two men had earlier attended a special meeting of the Scottish TUC economic committee at which Mr Lewis made their stand clear.

● MINERS' leader Arthur Scargill yesterday refused to condemn the Russian magazine Trud which he claims made up an interview with him.

Instead, he is consulting lawyers about extracts from the alleged interview which appeared in some British newspapers.

Tebbit's pit claim

THE PIT strike need never have happened, Industry Secretary Norman Tebbit claimed yesterday. After pointing to numerous cases of privatisation turning loss-making industries to profit, he went on: "If we had denationalised the coal industry 10 or 20 years ago, we would probably have cheaper coal, cheaper power and better-paid miners."

100 pickets arrested after strikers raid two pits

By Craig Seton, Paul Routledge and Julian Haviland

About 100 pickets were arrested yesterday and last night outside two pits working normally in Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire after police were taken by surprise by "mass raids" by more than a thousand strikers.

Derbyshire police said early today that 20 pickets had been arrested at Creswell colliery and six policemen and a Creswell miner injured in what a spokesman described as "the worst violence we have had in Derbyshire since the strike began".

Earlier six officers and one miner were slightly hurt in clashes outside Creswell and Babbington collieries on the eve of the long-awaited emergency Commons debate on the dispute.

There were nearly 60 arrests at Babbington, in Nottinghamshire and a further 19 men were held at Creswell after scuffles between the police and some of the 700 pickets outside the colliery.

Five miners' cars were damaged and a young miner was brought off his motorcycle when 1,000 pickets converged late last night on Creswell colliery. In one incident a railway shunter's steel pole was thrown through the car windshield of a miner arriving for work.

Late last night it was estimated that more than 100 miners, 60 per cent of the night shift, had got past the mass picket and into work.

Meanwhile, left-wing manoeuvring to forestall a national ballot on the strike gathered pace behind the scenes in the run-up to a critical meeting of the National Union of Mineworkers' executive.

In the traditionally-moderate Durham coalfield, area leaders were deadlocked on a proposal to switch their support to the militants.

It took the casting vote of Mr Harold Mitchell, chairman of the union's coalfield executive, to break a 4-4 tie, in favour of a secret pithead ballot on the strike.

But that recommendation is almost certain to be overturned at an area conference of the union in strikebound Durham today.

Last night the moderates were still confident of winning a national executive majority for a ballot, but the hard left was optimistic that there would be a 12-12 tie, leaving Mr Arthur Scargill, the union president, with the casting vote.

Today's Commons debate will focus sharply on the police tactics in the dispute, which yesterday halted work at 122 pits.

Mr Gerald Kaufman, the shadow Home Secretary, has a dossier of complaints about police actions, some of which he has put before senior police officers.

But Mr Leon Brittan, the Home Secretary, has been vigorous in defence of the police and their tactics, accusing Labour of seeking to divert attention from the substance of the dispute.

Yesterday, it had been expected that Mr Kaufman would, at last, move for the debate, but the Speaker appears to have indicated that he would look more kindly on yet another application from the back benches.

As a result, Mr Allen McKay, Labour MP for Barnsley, West and Penistone, and a NUM member, rose to ask for an emergency debate on "the implications for civil liberties and the rule of law of policing operations connected with the miner's dispute".

This time the Speaker had no hesitation in agreeing.

More than 40 miners were remanded on bail at special sittings of magistrates courts at Chesterfield and Mansfield last night, charged with such offences as assaulting the police, obstruction and threatening behavior.

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HUNDRED PICKETS HELD

Thatcher praises 'superb police'

STONES were thrown at working miners by 1,000 pickets besieging Creswell colliery, Derbyshire, last night in the culmination of one of the worst days of violence since the miners' strike began more than a month ago. One hundred people were arrested at the two collieries which bore the brunt of the picketing.

On the eve of a Commons debate on the role of the police in the miners' dispute, Mrs Thatcher said on BBC television last night that it was "totally wrong and false to cast a slur on the police for the superb way they have kept open a man's right to go to his place of work unmolested."

The chief constables of Nottinghamshire and North Wales said they had deployed officers in plain clothes among pickets in an attempt to identify violent pickets.

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By JAMES O'BRIEN

ONE HUNDRED flying pickets were arrested during clashes with police. Miners reported for the morning and night shifts at two collieries yesterday.

In violent incidents involving 1,000 pickets at Creswell Colliery, Derbyshire, last night a miner reporting for work escaped serious injury when a railway shunter's steel pole was hurled through his car windscreen.

Four other cars belonging to miners had windscreens and windows smashed by missiles.

A young miner was brought off his motorcycle and received hospital treatment for head injuries.

Pickets threw stones at the police and there were 20 arrests. Six police were hurt, none seriously.

Some pickets "were the worse for wear due to drink," said a Coal Board spokesman. About 60 per cent. of the nightshift reported for work despite the pickets.

Home stoned

Early today Derbyshire police said the pickets had taken the violence to the homes of Creswell miners.

One miner who had apparently defied pickets had the windows at his house broken by stones.

The police spokesman said: "We have received very strong accounts that the homes of other miners at Creswell have been marked with crosses for future attention by pickets."

He described last night's violence as "a deliberate and clear escalation by pickets."

At Babbington Colliery, near Nottingham, police faced 2,000 pickets and were pelted with stones when they made more than 60 arrests in the morning.

Seven police received treatment for cuts to the head and legs. One officer had an eye injury, and Mr David Potts, union branch secretary at Manton Colliery, near Worksop, was also injured.

Less than half the normal shift of 200 men went into work, but the pit was able to start production.

Another 19 pickets were arrested during morning scenes involving 400 pit strikers outside Creswell Colliery.

Mr Austin Fairhurst and Mr Peter Elliott, president and vice-president of the North Derbyshire area of the miners' union, were arrested at Creswell, and Mr Jim Colgan, Midlands area secretary, was arrested at Silverdale Colliery, Staffs.

40 in court

After the morning incidents at Babbington Colliery, 20 mineworkers from Yorkshire and one from Nottinghamshire were released on bail by Mansfield magistrates.

Twenty more men appeared at a further court at midnight, leaving 40 others who were expected to be brought before a special hearing today.

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2 pits in day of violence

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By ROBERT PORTER
Political Correspondent

LABOUR MPs have secured a three-hour Commons emergency debate today on police handling of the miners' strike.

But Ministers believe that any criticism of the police will rebound, with the public labelling Labour as the anti-police party and Labour's law and order image tarnished.

SDP leader Dr David Owen claimed that Mrs Thatcher had blundered tactically in allowing Labour to get away with a debate confined to police and civil liberties. She

Labour's police critics face Tory fight-back

could have made sure the entire conduct of the strike was included, he said.

But Home Secretary Leon Brittan and many Tory MPs remain unconcerned, intending to concentrate today on issues of law and order on the picket lines.

They believe that police conduct overall compares very favourably with that of the pickets, and they are refusing to go on the defensive.

The debate, they feel, gives them a powerful public opportunity to demonstrate that the

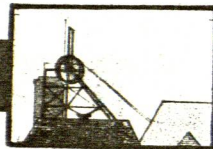
changes in law to curb picketing power were necessary.

Left-Wing MPs are delighted that the debate is taking place only two days before the NUM executive meets over calling a national pithead ballot.

But moderate Labour MPs believe the debate will constitute unacceptable pressure on those NUM executive members pressing for a ballot.

Labour leader Neil Kinnock ducked out of giving his opinion on whether there should be a national NUM ballot when he was interviewed on BBC radio. 'The NUM is the appropriate and proper body to consider these calls,' he said.

AT THE PITHEAD ... VIOLENCE FLARES AGAIN



2,000 pickets in colliery 'ambush'

By ANDREW CHAPMAN and KEITH COLLING

VIOLENCE escalated on the coalfields yesterday when 2,000 flying pickets swooped on two pits to ambush miners who are refusing to join the strike.

Pickets from Yorkshire and South Wales evaded police checks by abandoning their vehicles on the hard shoulder of the M1 and marching a mile to Babbington colliery, on the outskirts of Nottingham.

More than 70 pickets were arrested at Babbington and another 18 later, when they moved on to Creswell in Derbyshire.

There was more trouble at Creswell when the night shift arrived.

Five cars were damaged by a hail of missiles including bricks and ball bearings, two mineworkers were taken to hospital and one young motorcyclist was knocked off his machine as he rode past 500 screaming pickets.

But 130 men managed to clock on and production began.

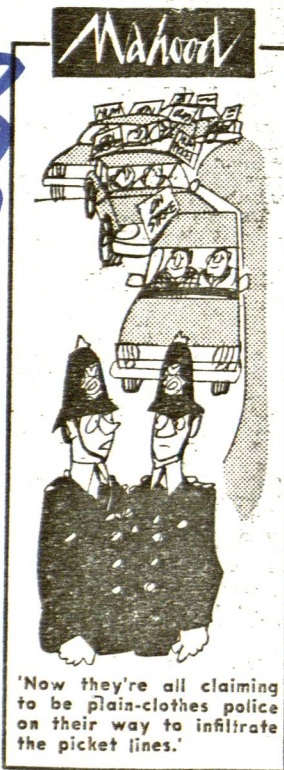
At one point the pickets rocked a wagon on its axles and officers tried to disperse the milling crowd. A spokesman at the colliery said the scenes at the pit entrances were 'frightening'.

He said: 'We've had cars belonging to miners wrecked, smashed up by miners. One young man who had just finished his training had bought a brand new Escort only to have it smashed in.'

Snatched

At Babbington seven policemen were injured by stones hurled by chanting pickets who had worked themselves into a frenzy. At one stage only about 300 police were left facing more than six times as many pickets.

A Yorkshire NUM official, David Potts, was also hurt in



in the area were working normally and all was quiet.

Then the pickets raced south, abandoning their cars, vans and mini-buses on the M1 near junction 26 while police tried to head them off.

Half the day shift at the pit reached their jobs. Across the country 46 pits were working normally when the morning shift began—a rise of five since Friday. But last night this had fallen to 43.

Engineering union president Terry Duffy warned NUM leader Arthur Scargill yesterday that he is likely to lose the pit strike campaign because of lack of unity.

He also attacked strikes in the public services that hit the old and the weak.

Mr Duffy, speaking in London, called for a reappraisal of the unions' attitude towards the use of the strike weapon.

Blacked

In the past strikes were aimed at hurting the employers. 'But now strikes, particularly in the public services, hurt the weak, the old and the sick,' he said.

'We have got to rally round some of the old fundamental beliefs. We have to change and some of the policies propounded by the Labour Party will need to be rethought.'

'For example, people wish to buy their own houses nowadays — they wish to have money in the bank—and it is up to the Labour Party to recognise this.'

Chief Constable of North Wales, Mr David Owen, admitted yesterday that he is using plainclothes detectives to police picketing at Point of Ayr, near Prestatyn, the only colliery in Wales still producing coal. Mr Owen said the detectives were trying to identify people committing offences.

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Vandalism by frustrated strikers

By JOHN WILLIAMS

GROWING frustration among striking miners over their failure to bring the coalfields to a complete halt appears to have brought an increase in vandalism and violence.

Police in Northumberland are investigating an arson attack and an incident of criminal damage at two open-cast mines.

And at Bold in the Lancashire coalfield, police were asked to investigate a suspected arson attack after wood was placed under coal lorries and set alight, damaging tyres and machinery.

In North Staffordshire, bunches of four-inch nails, welded into balls, were found on the ground where mounted police had been on duty at Silverdale colliery, near Stoke.

Chief Supt Walter Jones, in charge of the police operation at Silverdale, said the devices were a clear indication that someone was "spoiling for trouble."

Stones were hurled by up to 200 miners outside the colliery and three arrests were made as all production ceased at the pit.

A spokesman for the NCB's Western Area described the nail balls as "brutal weapons." He added: "They had been

thrown on the ground in the vicinity of the police horses. Had a horse or a human stood on them they would have been lamed."

At the privately-owned Callerton pit, near Newcastle airport, a bulldozer and mechanical shovel worth more than £50,000 were set on fire and badly damaged.

At Widdrington, near Morpeth, an electricity substation was broken into and instrument panels smashed.

Five arrests

At Haigh Colliery, Cumbria, cars were reported to have been damaged when it was picketed for the first time.

At Agreecroft pit, near Manchester, 1,200 flying pickets from Yorkshire arrived at the gates, but they failed to stop 700 miners from working.

Police made five arrests for breaches of the peace. At one stage a security barrier put up to prevent pickets from going through the main gates collapsed under the weight of jeering pickets, but no-one was hurt.

At Chesterfield, a miner's wife was ordered to leave the area NUM headquarters after she asked for money to ease her family's budget.

The woman, who remained anonymous, said afterwards:

"I told them what I get for Social Security is not enough for a single person let alone a family and £15 is stopped in lieu of strike pay."

A union spokesman declined to comment.

Nation is 'fully behind the police'

By Our Parliamentary Staff

THE conduct of the police in the miners' dispute was praised by Mrs THATCHER in the Commons yesterday as MPs were about to embark on their three-hour emergency debate.

"I believe the police have overwhelming support in the country and among those miners who have been able to go to their place of work because of the careful attitude of the police in this matter," she said.

Mrs Thatcher was commended by Mr FERGUS MONTGOMERY (C. Altrincham and Sale) for

her "robust" support of the police in the difficult task of ensuring that people who wanted to work could do so unmolested.

Another Conservative, Mr MICHAEL LATHAM (Rutland and Melton) was cheered when he asked the Prime Minister to prescribe an early cure for the "sad political laryngitis" which was stopping the Labour Front Bench from condemning loutish picketing.

Before a reply could be given, the SPEAKER, Mr Weatherill, intervened to point out that Mrs Thatcher could not answer for the Opposition.

Mr GEOFFREY LOFTHOUSE

(Lab., Pontefract and Castleford) asked: "Has the Government any plans to encourage alternative industry into these mining areas, or is it your intention that these miners will never work again?"

Mr DAVID ALTON (Lib., Mossley Hill) wanted to know of any plans for revitalising areas hit by pit closures.

Mrs THATCHER said that where those pits were already in special development areas, they would be eligible for the many grants which were available. She also drew attention to the allowances to help small businesses.

The government had no plans to increase the number of enterprise zones, she added.

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Night shift halted by violence

By JAMES O'BRIEN
NIGHT shift production at Creswell Colliery, North Derbyshire has been stopped at the request of miners fearing further violence by flying pickets.

Management decided yesterday to switch night shift workers to day and afternoon duties after miners determined to go to work despite the picketing by 2,000 strikers on Monday night and early yesterday had asked for the change to be introduced as a temporary measure.

Production will now continue on two shifts, a practice already introduced at some other collieries due to heavy picketing.

Miners reporting for work have expressed their concern at the violence of some pickets.

On Monday night a miner driving into the pit yard had a railway shunter's steel pole "thrown like a javelin" through his windscreen and other men reporting for duty had windcreens and car windows broken. Police are investigating the incidents.

Community shocked

British Transport Police are also carrying out enquiries into the circumstances of a 10ft length of disused railway track being placed across a railway line. The track was struck by a diesel locomotive approaching the colliery to take out a coal train.

The violence outside the pit has shocked the local mining community and police have described the action of pickets as a "deliberate and clear" escalation of the situation.

Individual miners have been threatened and one man who has defied pickets had the windows of his house broken by stones and bricks.

PICKET KEPT IN CUSTODY

A miner released on bail a fortnight ago, charged with obstructing the police, was remanded in custody for a week by Mansfield magistrates yesterday accused of threatening behaviour near Babbington colliery, Nottinghamshire.

Ronald Wilson, 34, of Wombwell, south Yorkshire, was among 71 pickets and demonstrators in the court following picketing at Babbington on Monday. Most were bailed to appear next month.

POLICE BLOW FOR LABOUR

By JAMES WIGHTMAN
Political Correspondent

LABOUR MPs critical of some police tactics in the coal strike were heavily defeated in a Commons vote last night at the end of a three-hour emergency debate.

A motion to adjourn the debate was lost by 321 votes to 164. The Government majority of 157 was 16 more than its overall majority with the support of Liberal and SDP MPs.

Earlier, the police handling of miners' pickets was defended by the Prime Minister and the Home Secretary, Mr Leon Brittan.

During questions before the debate, which was confined to the police aspect of the five-week coal strike, Mrs Thatcher told MPs: "I believe the police have overwhelming support in the country."

Clear intent

The debate was held at the request of Mr Allen McKay, Labour MP for Barnsley West and Penistone, a mining constituency, with the support of the Opposition front bench.

Allegations about "excessive" police action against pickets were made by Mr McKay, Mr Kaufman, Shadow Home Secretary, and other Labour MPs.

Responding to the Labour charges in an occasionally bitter debate, the Home Secretary said: "There is nobody in this country today who can have the slightest doubt of the clear intent of the miners' leaders."

"It was to avoid a national ballot at all costs and to bring about the closure of the whole coalfield by picketing in such numbers, accompanied by such intimidation, that most people who want to go to work would not dare to try, and those who tried would be physically prevented from getting there."

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Miners mob moderates

MODERATE miners' leaders were mobbed by hundreds of angry pickets yesterday.

They were attacked as they left the executive meeting where they had lost their battle for a national strike ballot.

Police had to rush in to rescue Nottinghamshire president Ray Chadburn, who faced the full fury of waiting miners outside the NUM headquarters in Sheffield.

He was jostled to jeers of "scab" and "judas" as police forced a tortuous 100-yard path to his car.

Shaken, Mr. Chadburn said: "I know how they feel, but I just want to get away."

Trevor Bell, the white-collar leader, was man-handled by miners who had forced their way into the union building.

He said: "I've just been mauled and I am not waiting around for it to happen again."

Violence broke out among the demonstrators when Mr. Scargill appeared at an 8th floor window and publicly condemned police tactics.

Across the ranks of

By TERRY PATTINSON and TERENCE STRINGER

police surrounding the building, he shouted through a loudhailer: "This is another example of Police State '84."

The miners responded with chants of "Sieg Hell" and tried to burst through the blue cordon.

Thirteen policemen and two demonstrators were hurt in the fighting and fifty-three people were arrested during the day.

Police estimated that there were 3,000 demonstrators in the city. Nineteen hundred policemen drawn from six forces were on duty.

Militant miners' lodges want to expel Nottinghamshire from the NUM. The move will be debated at the union's annual conference in July.

Mr Scargill was clearly delighted at the outcome of yesterday's executive meeting.

The Right wing of the union was totally routed by him.

Its challenge to his ruling that a call for a national ballot was unconstitutional was defeated 13-8.

The outcome means that the strike will intensify and more unions will be urged to give the miners full backing.

Terror spike bomb thrown at the cops

A HORRIFYING new weapon emerged yesterday as violence flared once more in the increasingly ugly miners' dispute.

A policeman was hit when a demonstrator hurled a lead-filled bottle top in which four jagged screws had been embedded.

The man was saved from injury by his heavy tunic, but a police chief angrily hit out: "This could have blinded the officer. It was made with one intent — to maim

This vicious new development occurred as angry demonstrators massed outside the National Union of Miners' headquarters in Sheffield.

The lethal missile was produced at a Press conference later.

South Yorkshire deputy chief constable Mr Frank Gutsell said: "I have never seen anything like this used before."

Punched

Moderate miners' leaders Ray Chadburn and Henry Richardson from Nottinghamshire were both attacked by striking miners when they left the NUM meeting.

The protesters were furious that Nottinghamshire miners decided to keep on working until a national ballot was called.

The Notts union chiefs were punched and spat at and had eggs thrown at them.

Designed to maim

A LEAD-FILLED cap from a lemonade bottle, with four screws sticking out at angles, was hurled at police during violence outside the miners' union offices in Sheffield.

Police described it as "a wicked piece of work made to injure or maim."

The missile fell short of a line of officers controlling a crowd of 2,500.

A police spokesman said: "Lead was poured into a bottle top and 1½ inch screws set into the lead."

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Shayburn runs the gauntlet of jeering miners after the meeting

LABOUR BACKING

LABOUR leader Neil Kinnock yesterday gave his full support to the miners' fight against pit closures.

But he made it clear he would prefer a national ballot, and claimed yesterday's decision by the NUM executive meant the poll would come sooner rather than later.

By DAVID BUCHAN
Political Editor

There were angry scenes in the Commons as Mr Kinnock and Mrs Thatcher clashed.

The Premier claimed the NUM decision would anger many miners. "They will be greatly

concerned that the chance for a ballot has been delayed still further," she said.

And she condemned as "disgraceful and callous" the alleged use of home-made weapons on picket lines.

Mr Kinnock claimed massive closures of British pits, and the importing of Australian coal for industry, could cost us £120 million a year.

Pickets attack Press

STAR REPORTER

PRESSMEN and TV crews were manhandled out of NUM headquarters yesterday by angry pickets. Radio reporter Judy Laybourn was thrown over a wall and told by one miner: "We'll smash your face in." A colleague said: "She was badly shaken but not seriously hurt."

During the violent scenes BBC TV's industrial reporter Martin Adeney was punched and kicked after he refused to leave the foyer of the NUM building. More than 50 miners—who accused the media of bias in reporting the pits dispute—were arrested.

Redundancy

Added to that, he said, would be £160 million in redundancy payments, plus the £300 million the Treasury has forked out during the last two years as the mining operation declined.

But Mrs Thatcher insisted the industry now had a better deal than it had ever enjoyed with Labour.

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EXPRESS OPINION

The miners' real enemy

LEICESTERSHIRE miners' leader Mr Jack Jones sees riots and revolution on our streets this summer if the miners' dispute persists, as now seems likely.

Such warnings, from a man of his experience and good sense, must be taken seriously. He confirms that Arthur Scargill and his extremist allies have a bigger battle in mind than that over pit closures.

This is undeniable. If the dispute were all about keeping pits open how could Scargill and Co be hellbent on a strike that could permanently close down at least 20 pits on geological and technical grounds?

No, Scargill and his Communist string-puller, Mick McGahey, want to topple the Government. They will be encouraged, as Mr Jones warns, by the presence of a younger, hooligan element in the pits.

But the fact remains that they have chosen the wrong time and picked on the wrong Government.

Mrs Thatcher is determined there will be no 1974-style cave-in. The police, heartened by this determination, will do their job.

And the miners—"aided" by the antics of Arthur Scargill in recent years—have exhausted their store of sentimental credit with the public and other trade unionists.

We may be in for a prolonged and bruising battle. But the outcome, provided there is a will, is already on the cards.

Six long weeks of pit terror 2

THE MINERS strike enters its sixth week with the sorry toll of blood and bitterness growing by the day.

One miner died, there have been suicides, 85 police have been injured and 976 people arrested.

The police operation has cost almost £20 million, with the figure rising by £1 million a day.

Each day sees confrontation between pickets and police but it all began on:—

MARCH 12: About 100,000 of the country's 180,000 miners are on strike. 400 flying pickets from Yorkshire descend on Ilwaco, North Notts.

MARCH 14: Police in Notts are pelted with bricks and lumps of wood. Seven are hurt. A working miner finds his car overturned. Nearly 1,200 police arrive in Notts.

MARCH 15: Yorkshire miner Stephen Jones dies after violence at Ollerton, Notts.

MARCH 18: Police begin halting miners cars and buses far from the picket lines.

MARCH 19: Fighting at Barnsley NUM headquarters. Policeman hit by brick.



PICKET POWER FLASHBACK

Miner John Smith, with £140 per month mortgage, found hanged at Featherstone, Yorks.

MARCH 23: Pickets throw stones at car windscreens and use sticks with nails to burst tyres of workers at Hem Heath, North Staffs.

MARCH 25: Miner Ian Tarren, called a scab by workmates, found hanged at Peterlee, Co. Durham.

MARCH 26: Women spat on by pickets at Coal House, Doncaster.

MARCH 27: Miners blockade motorways with their cars. Fighting breaks out between miners and angry drivers. Work-in at Heath Colliery, North Staffs.

MARCH 28: Car blockade on A38 in Derbyshire. Leicestershire "moderates" demand national ballot.

MARCH 29: Violence outside Blyth power station in the north-east.

APRIL 4: Women spat on at Stoke on Trent. Pickets hurl milk bottles and eggs at clerical staff going to work at Barnsley.

APRIL 9: Babbington colliery, Notts, surprised by 2,000-strong picket. Seven police taken to hospital after being pelted with stones. Steel pole thrown through windscreen at Cresswell, Derbyshire.

APRIL 10: Steel girder halts train near Cresswell.

APRIL 11: Nail weapons found at Clipstones, Derbyshire. Similar weapons found at Silverdale, North Staffs.

APRIL 12: Arthur Scargill vetoes ballot. Journalists attacked at 2,000 strong rally.

Stricken by the strike 17

EVEN in the rarified heights enjoyed by the deputy leader of the House of Lords one cannot escape from the antics of Arthur Scargill. Thus poor Earl Ferrers, 54, whose only claim to fame is that one of his ancestors murdered a steward and became the last peer to hang in this country, has fallen victim to this latest dispute.

Eccentrically, Ferrers is draining a lake in the park of his new home, Ditchingham Hall in Suffolk, with the aid of steam traction engines. For the past two weeks there has been no steam coal to fire the engines' boilers.

All of which should give King Arthur a laugh or two as he marches forward in his battle against class warfare.

Wives' Army on the move 2

TWO desperate miners wives have launched a peace campaign to end the pit war.

Mrs Margaret Gilbert, 35, and Mrs Marjorie Shillito, 48, have already enlisted many women recruits for their anti-strike army. Mrs Shillito contacted Mrs Gilbert after reading her story of humiliation and debt in the Daily Express.

"I sympathised immediately, we are absolutely broke, too," Mrs Shillito said yesterday at her home in Kings Road, Doncaster, South Yorkshire, which she and her husband Frank, 57, are being forced to sell.

"It is time us women got up and said to Arthur Scargill we have had enough, we want our men back at work."

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Irene

Proud Irene drives Bob to showdown at dawn

REBEL miner Bob McGibbon and his wife Irene will together defy the wrath of pickets at dawn today as Bob becomes the first man to return to work in the militant Kent coalfield.

"I'm taking a hell of a risk," admitted 47-year-old Bob. "The other miners will be in a vicious mood."

And Irene, 39, who will drive Bob through the gates of Betteshanger pit in time for the 6a.m. shift, added: "I'll face the pickets with him although I'll be terrified of what might happen."

"I'll have to face them again when I pick him up after the shift. We can't leave the car outside the

pit because it might get wrecked by the pickets."

Bob has no illusions about what his decision will mean. There are 2,600 men on strike in the coalfield and he has warned Irene of the risks of violence and abuse and the likelihood of being expelled from the National Union of Miners and losing his job.

But Irene said: "When Bob told me he had decided to break the strike I said I would back him all the way. I feel proud, he had the nerve to do it. Other miners' wives have phoned us to congratulate him."

Sitting in his comfortable 18th century cottage in Walmer, Kent, Bob explained that his decision was a matter of principle.

"My wife has a lucrative dressmaking business," he said. "We could outlast the strike easily. I'm doing this to fight for the miners' rights to make their own decision instead of being used as political pawns by Arthur Scargill."

Both Bob and Irene, who have sons aged 11, 15, and 18, say they would respect a national strike ballot.

"There are other miners in Kent who want to go back," said Bob. "If I'm successful at beating the pickets I'm sure others will follow."

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14 PICKETS ARE ARRESTED

Fourteen pickets were arrested outside collieries in Nottinghamshire yesterday—10 at Warsop, one at Annesley and three at Bilsthorpe, but police said the level of picketing was generally quiet.

At Hem Heath, North Staffordshire, a brick was thrown through a car window. An NCB spokesman said another worker there was punched after stopping his car to talk to pickets.

POLICE THANKED

A group of north Staffordshire miners who have been working have sent a letter to Staffordshire police thanking them for the "excellent job" they are doing. The letter, from 36 miners, said: "If the police were not there, no one would get into work in an area which voted to work."

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Handwritten initials and a checkmark.

Miners' strike begins to bite as NUM considers rule change

From Paul Routledge, Labour Editor, Sheffield

Miners' leaders are set to change their union rules to make it easier to mount a national strike, but an immediate pithead ballot looks unlikely.

As the "rolling stoppage" in the coal industry reaches the end of its sixth week, the left is guardedly confident of getting its way at a special delegate conference in Sheffield today.

If it does, there will be no early ballot to determine whether the 183,000 miners want an all-out official strike, but further - as yet unspecified - measures will be taken to bring the industry to a halt.

The conference takes place against an attitude of hardening militancy in Yorkshire, the coalfield where the stoppage started. Pitmen are defying the instructions of their area union leaders to supply 16,000 tonnes of coking coal a week to British Steel's plant at Scunthorpe, and 7,000 production workers there could be laid off soon.

The dispute is also beginning to affect the railway industry. Mr Bob Reid, British Rail's chairman, said the strike was

costing £4 to £5m a week in lost revenue. This "serious threat" clearly put jobs at risk, he argued yesterday.

The TUC General Council had a report from Mr Len Murray, TUC general secretary, disclosing that the miners' union was still not asking for intervention or assistance from the TUC. Mr Murray is in regular contact with Mr Peter Heathfield, secretary of the mineworkers' union, but no direct moves to get involved in the stoppage are expected.

That leaves today's delegate conference a free hand to determine the miners' next step, and as the delegates gathered in the city last night it seemed probable that they will approve a rule change reducing the vote required for industrial action from 55 per cent to a simple majority.

The delegates are expected to give the necessary two-thirds support to a proposal from NUM national officials led by Mr Arthur Scargill, the union's president, but the vote on whether there should be a ballot could be close.

● A miner was punched in the face as he sat in his car while talking to pickets at the Hem Heath colliery in north Staffordshire yesterday.

The man stopped his car by the picket line and wound down the window to talk to pickets when he was punched. He was not seriously injured.

In a separate incident at the colliery, a miner's car window was smashed by a brick but no one was hurt.

● In Wales, 19 miners appeared in court after arrests on a mass picket line outside Port Talbot steel works two weeks ago. Eight were fined £15 for obstructing the highway. Another six denied the charge, but agreed to be bound over for a year. Magistrates adjourned the case against five others.

● Fourteen flying pickets were arrested outside collieries in Nottinghamshire yesterday. In Essex, a number of pickets were arrested and a policeman was injured as pickets tried to stop imported coal from leaving the quayside at Wivenhoe near Colchester.

Defiant Notts miners go back to work

By **STEPHEN WARD** Industrial Staff

MODERATE miners in Nottinghamshire yesterday overwhelmingly defied their leadership, crossed official picket lines manned by their own workmates outside seven pits and went back to work after the Easter holiday.

At the same time, Mr Arthur Scargill, president of the National Union of Mineworkers, rejected a National Coal Board offer to renegotiate the timing of the 20 proposed pit closures which lie behind the dispute.

He said: "I want to make it perfectly clear that I am not prepared, and the union is not prepared, to discuss any reduction in manpower or pit closures."

Although a specially-convened NUM delegate conference last Thursday urged members still working to stop doing so—a virtual call for an all-out strike — all the pits expected to work did so.

Only 83 pits were officially due back, with the other 95 reporting back today. The Coal Board said 14 pits were working, 12 at normal levels of production.

Half of the 14 were in Nottinghamshire. The others were in Leicestershire, North Derbyshire, North Wales and Cumbria.

Coal for Ravenscraig

In Scotland, where there are no pits working, dockers began to unload 90,000 tons of coal from a British-registered ship for the Ravenscraig steelworks near Motherwell, Lanarkshire.

At the week-end officials of the triple alliance of coal, steel and rail unions had given a warning of a dock strike if coal was unloaded from a foreign vessel.

Ravenscraig needs at least two trainloads of coal a day to keep its furnaces ticking over. Without the coal, it would risk permanent closure.

In a possible peace move, the Coal Board issued a statement saying it was willing to discuss revising the timing of its pit closure and redundancy programme, although it made it clear that the targets of a 4 per cent. cut in output and a reduction in manpower of 20,000 remained unchanged.

It first put the proposal a week ago at a meeting of the industry's Joint Policy Advisory Committee, attended by the two white-collar unions, but boycotted by the NUM.

The Board said it was hoping the NUM would attend another joint meeting due today, where the plan could be discussed, but Mr Scargill quickly ruled out any peace talks unless the Board backed down on pit closures.

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Increased picketing at Notts collieries

Morning Star Industrial Staff

THERE was increased picketing by Nottinghamshire miners of their own area pits yesterday.

The Notts miners were answering their area council's call to join their colleagues in other mining areas on strike to save jobs.

But the coal board claimed that, despite the picketing, all but one of the seven pits due to start back were producing "normally." The rest of the county's 18 pits are due back from their Easter break today.

Stepped up

Only seven pits in Leicestershire, North Derbyshire, North Wales and Cumbria were said by the NCB to be working.

Attempts to stop all of Britain's pits will be stepped up this week following the Easter holidays.

Meetings and rallies are being organised by local and national officials as pressure increases on the coal board and the government because of the effects of the solid strike by more than 80 per cent of Britain's miners.

Police step up watch on working miners' homes

MORE police are patrolling some miners' housing estates after reports of increasing intimidation of pitmen who want to work. One miner at Bedworth.

Warwickshire, is said to have been told that his daughter might be hurt if he carried on working. Others have found their homes dabbled and their cars damaged.

Warwickshire's chief constable, Mr Peter Joslin, said yesterday: "We have stepped up patrols in response to this. We do not want people going to work and being worried all day about what is happening to their homes. We will not tolerate any attacks on homes or cars. People must be allowed to feel safe in their own homes. We will see that they do."

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ANGER mounts in the down air at Blidworth Colliery in Nottinghamshire.

It is 5.30 a.m. and behind closed doors local men who have refused to join the miners' strike gulp down a last cup of tea and prepare to face the wrath of the flying pickets.

By COLIN WILLS

The pickets have driven south through the moonlight down the M1, 200 of them, to the pit gates.

Car after car arrives, among them a little red Volkswagen with Roy Scott, his son Roy Junior, and their friends Roy Swann and Colin Bodkin. All are striking miners from Barnsley.

Today, as on every morning since the strike began seven weeks ago, they have driven to working pits to persuade non strikers to join them.

The flying pickets operation is shrouded in secrecy.

Not until 3 a.m. did they know which pits were to be the day's targets so that the police get as little warning as possible.

Side roads

Union officials opened a sealed envelope from their headquarters, naming the pits to be hit.

Getting to Blidworth was a cat and mouse business. Roy Swann drove off the motorway early and travelled by side roads. But he nearly ran into a police block 10 miles

out and had to do a U-turn to get away.

Of the entire flying picket force, Roy reckons that only one in three get through each day.

Today they have made it—the first time they've been lucky in the last four trips.

They think the effort is worthwhile, to show their contempt for some of the Nottingham men. "We were out picketing one Friday," said Roy's son, "when some of them came out with their wage packets.

"They saw us there, laughed at us, held their wage packets up to their lips and kissed them. I tell you, if the police hadn't been there that day there'd have been murder done."

Back to today's confrontation . . . as the first miners report for work there are boos, angry gestures and shouts of "scab."

When a bus pulls up with a dozen or so miners there is a sudden surge forward.

It's a tricky moment but it passes.

The miners who have cho-

sen to work walk through in ones and twos. Some are almost jaunty, defiant. On their faces is an unmistakable expression: "Sod you, you don't frighten me."

But most stare down at the ground as the wave of abuse hits them.

Hurt by it, saddened by it—they pass through the gates in silence like mourners at a funeral.

Some of those on the picket line were their friends a few days ago. The wounds will take years to heal, perhaps they never will.

First baby

Picket Johnny Wood, 25, from Barnsley, said: "When this finishes I shall always remember that there were people who refused to help us when we needed them."

Since the strike began he has travelled 3,500 miles on picket duty.

Despite his obvious tiredness, his determination burns fiercely through.

"They'll never break us, they'll never get us to crawl back. I'd sooner live in a tent and feed on grass," he says.

The picket line is made up of people of all ages. One lad in his early twenties saw his first baby born on the open-

ing day of the strike. His wife and child are living on just £12.20 a week.

The shift clocked on, the pickets drift away. There are a few shouts of "Sieg Heil" as the police form up into ranks and march off.

I joined Colin and the three Roys for a cup of tea at a nearby cafe. They look shat-

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tered. Their eyes tell the story. They have been up since 2 a.m. every day for seven weeks.

Roy Swann tried to make light of it. "It doesn't half make a mess of your sex life," he smiled. "You don't much feel like it when you've been on the road half the night. I'm thinking of buying the

wife a teddy bear so she'll have something to cuddle."

Little unsolicited kindnesses have moved them beyond words, like the local butcher who immediately dropped his prices to rock bottom the day they went on strike.

Most of the lads are surviving on a slice of toast for

breakfast and a cheap meal at night, missing out lunch altogether.

Such luxuries as they did have while they were working are things of the past.

When, like Roy Swann and Roy Scott, you are trying to look after a family on £50 a week, every penny spent on

petrol is a penny less for food.

And for what? To run the police gauntlet and shout abuse at the same unheeding faces? Can it really be worth it?

They won't hear of giving up: "We'll picket until every miner in Britain supports this strike," said Roy Scott.

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Notts miners hit back over 'scab' taunts

Strike rebels decide to retaliate vocally as gloves come off, Philip Bassett reports

"WHAT'S the difference between a Notts miner and a Yorkshire miner?" shouted out a working Nottinghamshire miner yesterday. "£120," roared back his laughing mates.

Though the direct scuffles between the 7,000 working miners massed outside the Nottinghamshire area headquarters of the National Union of Mineworkers in Mansfield and the 1,000 strikers besieged on the building itself were few, in all other respects the gloves came off yesterday in the key coalfield.

"Fight like men!" "You sheep!" "You filthy f...ing scabs!" "Is you lass putting you up to this?" "I see you've brought your friends (the police) along then!" from the strikers—mostly young men, Arthur Scargill's so-called "Red Guards."

Taunting, back came the non-striking miners. "We're going to work to-mo-rrrow! We're going to work to-mo-rrrow!" "Pay day on Friday! Pay day on Friday!" "You're beat, you're beat—you know you're f...ing beat!"

With a flimsy wire fence, and a rather stronger four-deep wall of police, between the two sides, the atmosphere in Berry Hill Park yesterday morning was an odd combination of school yard bravado and aggressive football terrace partisanship.

"We want a ba-a-allot! We want a ba-a-allot!" came the ironic, mocking bleat from the strikers. Referring to the Nottinghamshire NUM presi-

dent's changes of direction over a ballot, the non-striker's placards read: "Chadburn turns more than Torvill and Dean."

The massive police presence was rarely tested. An exchange of thrown oranges, apples and a loaf of bread turned into a sporadic shower of stones, prompting some on each side to rush the police lines. Wrestling the stragglers to the floor, the police easily pushed the line back without needing to bring in the ranks of mounted police, or the watchful dog-handlers.

Visibly more confident as their early ranks were swelled by miners walking from the long lines of their parked cars—expensive Audis and Toyotas as well as still-costly Fords and Vauxhalls—the non-strikers kept up the pressure.

"Look at this! Look at this?" shouted one, pulling out his pay-slip, and brandishing it above his head over the fence at the strikers. "A hundred and sixty po-unds, a hundred and sixt po-unds," sang the rest.

The charges of the strikers against them were familiar. "They're doing MacGregor's work for him," said one striker from Bevercotes Colliery in the north of the county. "They want a ballot," said another. "Don't they know there's no ballot on

the dole?" "Sheep," said one. "Sheep," said another.

So far, the non-striker's have made clear their opinions only with their feet. Yesterday, they were vocal. "This is great," said one young, tough-looking miner from Cotgrave Colliery, waving at the mass around him. "It's been a long time coming—but we should have done it weeks ago."

"We've had paint sprayed at us, and brake fluid. Pickets have taken car numbers going in every day, and then they've gone round the estates ripping tyres and causing damage."

"But now we've had enough of going in and being spat at. We've had enough," a man from Rufford Colliery, pointing angrily at the strikers chanting "scabs! scabs! scabs!" "They don't want work. They're just tap room men."

"Mostly yobboes," said his mate, a burly 50-year-old. "If the mining industry has got to rely on them, then we might as well close the industry now."

The strikers said that their opponents had all been given rest-days by the management to attend the demonstration—a paid day away from work. The non-striker's said that many of the strikers were going in to work for two days a week, in

order to get some pocket money.

"It's Hit-ler, Scar-gill! It's Hit-ler, Scar-gill," the non-striker's chanted. "If Arthur had gone round about it the proper way he would have got us out. But he just jumped in at the deep end," said one. "But then they sent the bully boys in—and that turned us against it."

A Linby man said: "We are fighting for the democracy of this union. If we go out on strike, we will never see the ballot box again. Now he has got the 51 per cent he wants, he can bring us out every time he wants. He will just bring us out all the time."

There was much talk of forming their own union, of withdrawing their subscriptions from the NUM. "We can do it," said the miner from Cotgrave. "We've got the majority in the pits."

On the NUM balcony, the area leaders were trying to make themselves heard. Down among the non-striker's, the poor public address system meant that they couldn't listen—but then, they didn't want to.

"Traitor, traitor, traitor!" they shouted repeatedly at Mr Chadburn, as odd, disconnected snippets of his speech drifted over them: "... I appeal to

you..." "... we're fighting for our jobs..." "... walk with me to London..." "... your families..." "... there are some for and some against..."

"Resign! Re-sign! Re-sign! Re-sign!" they went. As Mr Henry Richardson, area secretary, tried to tell them: "If we lose this, then MacGregor will be able to do anything to us," the non-striker's raised an eight feet high wooden gallows, with a noose dangling.

An Annersley miner said: "The Nottinghamshire leaders are renegade leaders who no longer represent our union." As Jim Hood, left-wing branch secretary at the Ollerton Colliery, shouted incoherently on the balcony, the non-striker's raised their arms in mock-Naz salutes, shouting "Sieg Heil! Sieg Heil!"

Moderate they were not. But their message was clear. They wanted to go on working. But equally it was clear from militant NUM area leaders after the rally that the display would make no difference to area policy.

Referring to the many miners from the county who had come down to help stage the anti-demonstration—many of them turned back by the police—one non-striker called out: "There's only one good thing comes out of Yorkshire—and that's the road to Nottingham." In his attempt to win over the Nottinghamshire miners to the strikes, Mr Scargill may find that a long road to travel.

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Pit strike factions parted by police

By Malcolm Pithers
MOUNTED officers reinforced police who struggled to keep apart opposing groups of several thousand miners at Mansfield yesterday when Nottinghamshire men staged a "right to work" demonstration.

Striking miners threw stones at other miners who had rallied in a field behind the Nottinghamshire area NUM headquarters as police drove a 40-yard wedge between the two groups. Although many pickets had been stopped by police from travelling to the meeting, about 1,500 confronted 7,000 miners demonstrating against the strike.

The big attendance at the rally left many of Nottinghamshire's pits idle for the first time during the dispute, but most were back to normal later.

The Nottinghamshire men carried banners saying: "Nottinghamshire miners have a lot of bottle" and "Adolf Scargill," and urged their area president, Mr Ray Chadburn and area general secretary Mr Henry Richardson to resign.

Mr Richardson retorted: "You're the only friends Ian MacGregor has got. It's about time you acted like bloody men and showed your solidarity with other miners."

Mr Chadburn, amid shouts of "traitor," told his men to march to the National Coal Board's headquarters in London to protest at proposed pit closures.

He appealed to the miners to join their striking colleagues, and stated: "Think about your futures. Think about your families. Some men have been on strike 11 weeks fighting for a job."

During his speech Mr Chadburn had to appeal to about 100 pickets to leave the balcony from where he was speaking because police feared it might collapse.

Mr Colin Botomore, branch secretary at Bentinck colliery, told the rally that Nottinghamshire miners would not strike without a national ballot.

Mr Chadburn gestured to the pickets to stop chanting, and Mr Botomore said: "This is what they call democracy. This is what they call peace. This is what they call picketing. We don't want it. We want a ballot."

Police said that one arrest was made during the demonstration. Afterwards around 1,100 miners picketed collieries throughout the Nottinghamshire coalfield.

Government given blame for £1.5 million bill

Council refuses to pay police picketing bill

By Alan Dunn

Mersydale County Council has refused to pay the bills for overtime in policing the miners' picket lines.

The Labour-controlled council's police committee said yesterday that the Government should pay the full cost after hearing that at £30,000 a day the council's bill was already £1.5 million.

"We have no control, nor wish it, over the deployment of the force," said a Labour councillor, Mr Harry Rimmer. He said that the already tight government financial restraints were compounded when the council was required to meet charges over which it had no control and which with penalties were creating an impossible financial position.

The Chief Constable, Mr Kenneth Oxford, said he did not intend to heed another part of a long Labour resolution, which called on him to withdraw from the national reporting centre in view of unacceptable costs and the constitutional implications to the council.

"There have been a number

of misapprehensions over deploying police resources," he said. "I am under no direction or control from the Home Office or Scotland Yard. I receive a request from the centre and have a duty to respond. It is my responsibility alone." There are three collieries within the police area.

The Tory group refused to support the council, claiming that the resolution was politically motivated. "Police officers should be paid in full," said the Tory leader, Mr Neville Goldrein, who accused Labour of "police bashing at every opportunity."

The Labour-controlled Cleveland County transit committee has banned police from using corporation buses for miners picket duties. Buses will be hired from private coach firms.

Hampshire police have chartered a Boeing 737 to take 120 officers to picket lines in the Nottinghamshire coalfields.

The Chief Constable, Mr John Duke has organised the airlift for his men who leave Hurn airfield and fly to East Midlands Airport at Castle Donnington this morning.

10,000 pickets fail to close Notts colliery

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By John Ardill
and Patrick Wintour

Picketing on an unprecedented scale failed to stop production at the Harworth pit in north Nottinghamshire yesterday. An estimated 10,000 miners, mainly from Yorkshire, went to the pit.

About 200 men reported for work, 40 fewer than normal.

There were 21 arrests during the mid-morning build-up around the pit, which lies in open country within two miles of the Yorkshire border. Pickets were therefore able to approach across fields, avoiding road blocks.

The National Coal Board said picketing on such a scale had been expected since the National Union of Mineworkers nationally took over control of picketing, and its president, Mr Arthur Scargill, promised big demonstrations in the county. "The police were expecting it and it's a question of waiting to see whether it is a daily event," a spokesman said.

But Yorkshire area NUM officials said the size of the picket more likely reflected the ease of reaching Harworth than a new strategy. They also suggested that a large proportion of those arrested were Nottinghamshire men, indicating that many of the pickets were from Nottinghamshire.

Nottinghamshire police said that 18 of those arrested at Harworth were from Yorkshire and one was from South Wales. There were 35 arrests in the county yesterday.

Midlands area NCB officials described the picketing as an attempt at intimidation on a huge scale, and added that it was "fantastic" how many men reported for work. All 25 of the county's pits worked

normally, and 46 of the country's 175 pits worked normally, they said.

The police operation in Nottinghamshire was reinforced yesterday by 127 men from Hampshire flown in by chartered Boeing 737. More are likely to be flown north on Monday.

The Hampshire chief constable, Mr John Duke, said: "It is cheaper to send the men this way than by road. It means they are fresher when they arrive and have less to worry about."

The Kent miners' leader, Mr Jack Collins, yesterday accused the police of arresting people "on any flimsy excuse" after more than 100 arrests in two days at Wivenhoe, Essex, where miners having been trying to prevent coal leaving the non-union port by road.

He added: "The police are escalating the struggle by systematically photographing every person on or near the east coast picket line. The horrific scenario that they are now developing seems to have no limit."

The police national reporting centre at Scotland Yard said yesterday that there had been 1,479 arrests in connection with the dispute up to 7 am yesterday.

Moderate Nottinghamshire miners yesterday sought legal advice in London about seeking a High Court injunction ordering the Nottinghamshire area leadership to withdraw its official support for the strike in the area.

Opponents of the strike believe that the area council had no authority to issue a letter to branches declaring the strike official and telling members not to cross picket lines.

CASH FOR NUM IRKS POLICE

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By CHARLES HENN

THE Labour-controlled West Yorkshire police authority was accused last night by the local leader of the Police Federation of backing striking miners and using the police as a "political football."

Insp. Ronnie Carroll, chairman of the federation in west Yorkshire, with 5,000 members, said he was producing evidence to prove that a controversial £3,000 grant by the police authority to the Coal Industries Benevolent Trust would be handled by Mr Arthur Scargill.

"We are fed up of being used as political footballs. The time has come to speak out for the police, who do not moan and groan," he said.

"The authority quite deliberately and for political gain gave this police force a kick in the teeth. We are the only persons stopping riot and mayhem throughout the country, yet we get no support."

'Morally wrong'

Councillor Ron Darrington, chairman of the police authority, was among the guests at a meeting of 300 police in Bradford who heard Insp Carroll say: "We are disenchanting, dismayed and disgusted."

"Our confidence in you is at an all-time low because of this grant. It was totally and morally wrong to bring charity into the political arena."

Last month the police authority's finance committee rejected a request that some of the money raised under the Police Property Act by the sale of recovered stolen goods should go to the police Widows and Orphans Trust.

Insp. Carroll said: "But they gave £3,000 to the Coal Industries Benevolent Trust, although it was stressed that this charity was nothing to do with the NUM."

He said Mr Scargill is not only chairman of the trust's management committee, but also of the finance sub-committee and the grants sub-committee.

Flying policemen

One hundred and twentyseven policemen from Hampshire settling on board a chartered Boeing 737 aircraft before taking off from Hurn airport in Bournemouth yesterday and (right) disembarking at East Midlands airport. They will go on duty today in Nottinghamshire, where heavy picketing is expected by miners.

Chief Constable John Dukas said: "The whole operation is

cost-effective. It means we can get the men there far quicker than by any other means. They will be more fresh and ready for work immediately".

Chief Inspector Peter Manns, heading the police contingent, said: "We do not know what our duties will be before we get there. But we will be sleeping in Nissan huts not far from the picket lines".

Miners say port picket to continue

From our Correspondent Colchester

A further 38 people were arrested in the miners' picket line in Wivenhoe, north-east Essex, yesterday, bringing the total in the two days to more than 100. The largest picket to date at the port entrance attracted more than 250 miners and students yesterday.

The miners say they intend to keep up the pressure on what they regard as a running sore. Local residents who have been complaining for months about the passage of heavy lorries along the narrow streets are becoming incensed at the stepping up of imported European coal since the start of the miners' strike.

● A total of 41 miners appeared before a special court in south Derbyshire yesterday charged with obstructing the highway. The men, most of whom live in the Sheffield and Chesterfield areas and whose ages range from 18 to 52, were on their way home after picketing the Cadley Hill colliery, near Swadlincote.

They are alleged to have driven between 7.00 and 7.15 am on March 28 at 2 mph on the A38 at Mickleover, near Derby, and to have stopped on the carriageway. Four admitted the offence and had their cases adjourned until May 16 for sentence. They are allowed bail.

The remainder pleaded not guilty and their cases were adjourned to a date to be fixed.

8,000 join biggest pit picket

By Craig Seton

Between 8,000 and 10,000 flying pickets from south Yorkshire descended on Harworth colliery, near Retford in Nottinghamshire yesterday in the largest single mass picket of the miners' dispute. Twenty-one miners were arrested in clashes with the police.

The pickets abandoned their vehicles in south Yorkshire and walked across the border to the colliery, using fields and minor roads to evade police road blocks in a new manoeuvre to put increasing pressure on miners still working in the traditionally moderate Nottinghamshire coalfield.

The National Coal Board estimated that about 8,000 pickets were involved, but Nottinghamshire police said "unprecedented numbers," reaching more than 10,000 had arrived.

Stones were thrown and scuffles broke out but the police said their presence was sufficient to allow the great majority of those miners who wanted to work to get into the pit.

Attendances at Nottinghamshire pits yesterday were reported to be at their usual high level - between 85 and 90 per cent. More than 250 pickets were reported at Wellbeck colliery, another 120 at Thoresby, and a further 100 at Sherwood colliery.

THE miners' dispute burst into its worst-ever day of hate yesterday.

Up to 10,000 pickets besieged a tiny pit village howling "scab" at the workers and "whore" at their wives.

And last night the giant Ravenscraig steel plant in Scotland was set to become the new flashpoint.

Management and unions there have united to break the blockade—which limits coal supplies to one train a day —by bringing in coal by road.



Mick McGahey ... on picket duty

Last night angry miners pickets were calling for reinforcements and Scottish leader Mick McGahey said he will join them at the plant today.

The picket invasion of tiny Harworth, North Notts, was aimed at stopping moderate miners from working.

Worried villagers watched as 1,000 police officers and an estimated

By MARTIN STOTE

10,000 pickets swarmed in.

Scuffles broke out as 21 men were arrested, and at least one lorry driver was injured when a flying brick shattered his windscreen.

But 190 of the 230 miners on the afternoon shift were later reported to have worked as normal.

And one defiant surface worker said: "They'll have to cripple me to stop me going in."

The invasion started at about 9.30 a.m. when convoys of militants descended from Yorkshire.

Many of the pickets dumped their cars at Tickhill, just across the Yorkshire border, and

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walked the last three miles to dodge police road blocks.

Mechanic Gilbert Woodhouse, 44, who was working in a garage on the main road 200 yards from the colliery gate, said:

"They just kept flowing for over three hours."

"The cab of a lorry that had come from the pit was hit by a brick and glass shattered everywhere."

"The driver was lucky it didn't go in his eyes."

"He was bleeding from a cut down his face and glass was stuck to his scalp."

Smashed

"Pickets walked up and down shouting. That's what a scab deserves. You won't cross another picket line."

"But the driver said, 'I'll be back tomorrow.'"

"Another lorry pulled out to pass him and another stone smashed his window but the driver just carried on."

Mother-of-three Susan Lindsey, 34, told how police escorted her through the pickets to the chemist for medicine for her neighbour's baby.

"I just couldn't get through," she said. "I was petrified."

"Pickets shouted at my

friend that she was a scab miner's wife."

"We left her baby with a neighbour. It was too dangerous to bring her through."

EARLIER 126 police were flown 160 miles from Hampshire for duty in the Nottinghamshire coalfield.

Hampshire Chief Constable John Juke said it was cheaper than sending them by coach.

The Coal Board appealed to Arthur Scargill to release 175,000 tons of coke after winning a contract with a Chicago steelworks.

But the NUM leader said the NCB could easily fulfil the order if they ended their threat to close pits and axe jobs.

WEA

TODAY: Cloudy. TOMO

AT HOME

Noon temps	Weather	C	F
Belfast	Sunny	16	61
Birmingham	Sunny	15	59
Cardiff	Sunny	18	61
Douglas	Sunny	14	57
Dublin	Sunny	15	59
Edinburgh	Sunny	15	59
Glasgow	Sunny	17	63
Jersey	Cloudy	10	50
London	Sunny	15	59
Manchester	Sunny	17	63
Newcastle	Sunny	13	55

Daily Mail

Coal gets through again and power stations have plenty

63 arrests as bottles, stones and fists fly

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Daily Mail Reporter

BOTTLES, stones and fists flew yesterday in the bitterest battle yet to prevent coal reaching the Ravenscraig steel plant.

As demonstrators hurled themselves on more than 1,200 police officers, 63 men were arrested, many of them hauled away by snatch squads. Most were charged with breach of the peace; several were accused of assault.

One picket was so violent that it took four policemen to handcuff him and carry him to a waiting van.

Such was the indiscriminate bombardment by the protesters that one picket whose arm was injured was caught in no-man's land by a flying bottle.

The pickets concentrated at Hunterston, the complex that supplies Ravenscraig, charging down the steep grassy bankings towards the main gates.

No policeman was injured, but several pickets were hurt when they were knocked down by police horses — one of the 12 on duty was ridden by a woman police officer — during some of the most violent strike scenes so far seen. Three were taken to hospital.

Despite all the uproar, the missile-throwing and jeering, which started when 37 empty lorries returned from Ravenscraig after delivering more than 1,000 tons of fuel, the convoy got through.

Ballot

Later many pickets drifted away, allowing a second line of laden lorries to return to Ravenscraig without trouble.

A police chief said: 'I was appalled. If we hadn't had hoses available, they would certainly have burst through. My men faced flying bottles and stones.'

Pickets complained about the horses. One miner claimed: 'We wouldn't get out of the road. The horses weren't stopping.'

Militant miners in England are now threatening to extend their picketing of small ports from Wivenhoe in Essex to Teignmouth and Exmouth in Devon, where Polish coal has been arriving.

Daily Mail

Scargill 'is wrong over coal'

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MRS THATCHER yesterday dismissed a new claim by miners' leader Arthur Scargill that Britain now, has only eight weeks supply of coal left.

She told MPs that stocks at power stations are sufficient to last 'for many months yet.'

The Government remains adamant that it will not intervene in the dispute.

With several of the biggest coal-fired stations now deliberately closed for the summer, the main coal-produced electricity is coming from the big Trent Valley stations working flat out burning Nottinghamshire coal. And the slack is

being taken up by oil and nuclear power production.

This means that huge supplies of coal at the big power stations, which are not being replenished during the dispute, are being kept in reserve for the autumn and winter.

Referring in the Commons to the recent U.S. order for 400,000 tonnes of Durham coking coal Mrs Thatcher said: 'That contract will depend on the first delivery of coke from the coal being made by the end of May.'

The order would safeguard 1,000 jobs in the strike-bound Durham coalfields—'I think it is worth reminding people that sales save jobs, not strikes.'

The future of at least four of the ten North Derbyshire coal mines are in

jeopardy because of deterioration due to the strike, the Coal Board warned.

Pits causing most concern are Shirebrook (1,920 men), Whitwell (830), Renishaw Park (560) and Warsop (1290).

Labour deputy leader Roy Hattersley told delegates at the annual conference of the 56,000-strong Transport Salaried Staffs Association in Scarborough that the Tories found industrial conflict politically convenient. Mrs Thatcher, the 'suburban Boadicea', believed that her reputation was improved by 'toughing it out'.

The Queen's planned visit to the £1 billion Selby coalfield next month could be cancelled if the miners' strike continues.

Defiant Nottinghamshire miners are ready to form a breakaway union to challenge the might of the NUM. Rebels disenchanted by the handling of the dispute and frustrated by their failure to force a national ballot are now seriously considering leaving the union to form their own.

Daily Mail

Incredible

NOW here is a funny thing...

12 weeks ago, Mr Scargill said there were only eight weeks' supplies of coal at the power stations.

10 weeks ago, his journal, *The Miners*, said there were ten weeks' supplies.

6 weeks ago, he said there were nine to ten weeks at most.

This week, he says there are eight weeks' supplies.

Difficult to know what to believe when you listen to him, isn't it.

Over the past three months, the only stocks that have definitely and steadily diminished are those of Arthur Scargill's credibility.

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By MARTYN SHARPE and MICHAEL GAY

THE Balls of Bolsover are a family at war. Every day, miner Phil Ball braves the pickets to go to work.

Every day his brother, Graham, 34, goes to the same pit . . . to join the picket line.

It has caused a bitter rift in what was once a close mining family, setting brother against brother, mother against son.

It is a situation that is hitting families all over the country.

The men's mother, Joyce, a miner's widow, is disgusted with the son who chose to work. She vows: "I'll never speak to him again."

Phil, 31, a surface switchboard operator at Bolsover pit in Derbyshire, is one of 300 working miners who believe there should be a national pit ballot to decide on a strike.

Wrong

Phil says: "We all belong to a strong Labour family, only some of us are more Labour than others."

"Mother was very heavily involved in the recent Chesterfield by-election."

"She is a Tony Benn fan and on the question of the strike she backs my brother 100 per cent."

"She told me I was wrong not to come out and that I should support the union."

"She means it. We have not spoken since."

Ironically, Phil is in favour of a national strike and voted that way at local levels.

"But," he says, "when the rest voted to work on until we got a national ballot, I fell in line with the democratic decision."

"But because we have refused to come out on strike my mother and brother are having nothing to do with us."

The wounds run deep behind the door of Joyce's neat terrace home in the closeknit village of Carr Vale.

But two miles away on the other side of Bolsover, feelings run just as high inside Phil's semi.

Escape

Phil's wife Christine — a cleaner at the pit — has sworn that she will never speak to her mother-in-law or brother-in-law again.

She says: "There is no way that things will ever be the same when the strike is over."

"I will not speak to them as long as they live after some of the things that have been said to us."

"I believe that everyone should be entitled to their own opinions."

She and Phil are even



JOYCE BALL "I'm disgusted"

considering moving to rural Lincolnshire to escape the family aggro.

"There's no going back now," Christine says. "We've finished with them for good."

Graham, on the picket line with the other strikers, sees his brother turn up for work each day.

"Like me, Graham is disgusted," says mother, Joyce, 62. "We brought them up to believe in Socialism."

"It hurts Graham to see Phil going through the line."

Graham also has to face the sight of Phil's wife determinedly ignoring him as she crosses the line on her way to work.

"Graham and I avoid

each other," she says. "When I drive to work I just keep looking straight ahead. But I know he's there among the pickets."

"Still I would be the last person to criticise him. He's got his views. I've got mine."

Joyce Ball, mother of seven, says she has cried for nights over Phil's decision to keep working.

"He is betraying everything this family has stood for since I used to queue in the soup kitchens as a lass in the Thirties," she says.

Proud

"It's the hardest thing in the world to be cut off from your own flesh and blood."

"But I'm a proud, working-class Socialist and what he's doing disgusts me."

Joyce is grateful that her late husband, Harold, did not live to see Phil and his wife ignore the strike call.

On top of that another of the Ball family, Janice, 32—also a cleaner at the pit—has continued working.

The union banner was raised at the funeral ceremony when head of the family, Harold Ball, died aged 70, last January.

Local Left-wing MP

Dennis Skinner attended the service and Joyce never thought she would see the day when her family would disobey the union.

Joyce has travelled the country marching with the miners since the strike began.

When Labour leader Neil Kinnock came to nearby Chesterfield recently, she was at the railway station to welcome him.

Joyce says: "The miners call me mum, and sometimes gran, but I'm determined to support them."

"But when I'm on the picket line and I hear them going on about Phil, and how he ought to stop working, I feel small and sad."

Leader

"I've written to Ray Chadburn, the Nottingham miners' leader, and told him that the strike's breaking up my family."

"But there's nothing anybody can do. Phil's made his bed and he'll have to lie on it."

"It hurts me deeper than anybody can ever know."

"His father and his grandfather were always union men and I'm only glad they can't see Phil now."

"He's got three young girls I don't expect they'll ever be brought to my house again."

"But I'm a governor at the school they attend so I'll probably see them there."

"I'll never blame them for what he's done."

● One brother is still working
● Another one is on picket duty
● Mum says: We are betrayed

'I've cried nights on end over this shame'

PIT PICKETS STEP UP VIOLENCE

Police to revise their tactics

ACTS of violence, intimidation and sabotage by striking miners have shown a marked increase in recent days, say the police, who are now reconsidering their own tactics towards pickets.

In one incident yesterday, pickets in cars stopped a coach taking women Coal Board staff to work in North Derbyshire and hurled bricks through the windows, injuring several passengers.

Mr Ian MacGregor, Coal Board chairman, told MPs he is considering returning to the High Court to sue the miners' union for unlawful picketing.

Six fewer pits were working normally and it was apparent that the hoped-for drift back to work by strikers had not materialised, says OUR INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT. However, demands by strike rebels for a return to work at Manton, Notts., will be discussed at a special meeting tomorrow.

The Energy Secretary, Mr Walker, said power stations had six months' supply of coal in stock and poured scorn on claims by the miners' president, Mr Arthur Scargill, that only eight weeks' supply remained.

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Women's bus attack

By JAMES O'BRIEN

POLICE decided yesterday to reconsider their tactics towards miners' pickets whom they say are now resorting to sabotage and more violent methods of intimidation.

Earlier a coach taking 20 clerical staff, mainly women, to Coal Board offices at Duckmanton, North Derbyshire was stopped by pickets in cars.

One car overtook the coach and forced it to stop. Other cars were driven up to the rear of the coach to prevent it reversing.

The driver immediately switched off the power supply to the remote controlled doors and the pickets were unable to board the coach.

Passengers cut by flying glass

But a Coal Board employee at the board's warehouse and storage supplies depot at Duckmanton, who was on the coach, said later that the pickets had tried to overturn the coach by rocking it from side to side.

He added: "Bricks and stones were thrown through windows and one girl was in a state of shock after being showered with broken glass."

Some pickets shouted abuse at the passengers, while others tried to let down the tyres.

After several minutes the

coach driver managed to pull round the stationary car in front and complete the journey to Duckmanton.

Several passengers received treatment for cuts caused by flying glass.

Police have started investigations to trace the pickets involved in the incident.

Mr Ronald Hadfield, assistant chief constable of Derbyshire, said incidents of "serious damage and intimidation" in the past few days appeared to indicate a marked change in the picketing of Coal Board property.

He said the police would bring charges of criminal damage against those responsible.

Mr Hadfield went on: "We have allowed pickets to stand outside NCB property throughout this dispute.

"That permission has involved considerable police manpower, but it has now been abused.

"We are now re-thinking our tactics."

Damage to NCB property has been reported at:

OXCROFT coal preparation plant, Derbyshire, where an 11,000-volt electricity cable carrying the main supply was severed.

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able to work two coal faces. In Nottinghamshire, working miners face a sinister outbreak of car vandalism. At Rufford, near Ollerton, eight cars had their tyres slashed, one windscreen was smashed, and the tyre valves were removed from five others.

Miner Austin Holliday was driving to work when pickets threw concrete paving slabs in front of his car.

'I couldn't avoid hitting the slabs and buckling my wheels,' said Mr Holliday. 'Then they started throwing bricks through the windows.'

NUM official Ron Turner who works at Welbeck Colliery, but is on strike, surprised vandals attacking his car outside his home.

Target for tyre slashers

A TYRE centre in Mansfield has had a spate of customers wanting replacements for slashed tyres.

The manager said the bars all belonged to pit charge - hands - 'they obviously knew which ones to hit'.

Mr Turner said he had been led to believe his car was attacked instead of someone else. 'I've had no apologies but there was a collection on the picket line for me.'

In Essex, a lorry yard at West Bergholt near Wivenhoe, the port where foreign coal has been coming in, was raided by saboteurs.

Brake pipes were cut on three coal lorries and two trailers, a tipper lorry and a tractor unit were disabled.

Proprietor Michael Bell said: 'There could have been a lorry careering along without brakes.'

Driver Mike Lovick of another firm said he was stoned after collecting a load of imported coal.

In Scotland, convoys taking lifeline coal supplies into Ravenscraig met little resistance.

Only a tiny crowd of pickets turned out, and four convoys

Threat to life machine

MINER Tony Walker's son is on a kidney machine - and he has received a threat that the machine, kept in a hut in his garden at Keresley, Warwickshire, will be sabotaged.

Mr Walker defied the strike call for only two days, stopping work after his younger son was abused.

carrying 113 lorryloads were delivered. Later the pickets abandoned the siege to attend a Day of Action protest in Glasgow addressed by Communist miners' leader Mick McGahey.

British Steel and ASLEF failed to agree on a Ravenscraig peace pact. The rail union offered one coal train a day; British Steel wanted the lorries as well.

Police are ready to throw a tight cordon around Perth city hall tomorrow when Mrs Thatcher attends the Scottish Tory conference.

They are reacting to reports that the miners plan to send militants to disrupt the visit.

In Manchester, Energy Secretary Peter Walker said that coal stocks are enough to keep the power stations operational well into 1985.

British Steel chairman Bob Haslam said that NUM attempts to cripple the industry had not affected steel output. But he warned that their 'irresponsible action' could jeopardise steel's recovery.

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Terror ambush on coal bus

By BRYAN CARTER

FLYING pickets staged a terrifying ambush on a coachload of Coal Board staff, many of them women, yesterday as strike violence spread.

Five carloads of men forced the bus carrying 20 passengers to stop after failing to overtake it for several miles as it drove between Williamthorpe and Duckmanton in North Derbyshire.

First they tried to turn it over with the passengers inside. Then they hurled bricks through the windows, showering the frightened occupants with glass. Several were out.

'It was terrifying,' said one passenger who did not wish to be named. 'One girl was in a state of shock. It was like being stoned when you are inside a big drum. We thought they were going to turn the bus over. The driver had the presence of mind to turn off the electric so no one could get in through the doors.'

The attack came on a narrow country road. But the driver managed to drive off and later all the passengers reported for work, some after receiving first aid.

At the nearby Cresswell Colliery there were violent clashes as 4,000 pickets, mostly from South Yorkshire, tried to stop miners working. Twenty policemen, 10 up

injured by a barrage of stones and a bus driver was injured in the chest by a billiard ball hurled at his cab.

Three of the police officers needed hospital treatment and three pickets were given medical attention. There were 13 arrests.

The demo did not stop the Cresswell miners, who were

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Bar on track endangers coal train

By Malcolm Pithers 2

A metal bar placed across the railway line which runs alongside the village of Creswell, Derbyshire, halted a coal train yesterday, but it was not derailed.

British Transport police said that the two drivers escaped unhurt and that they were making inquiries into the incident, which followed trouble in the early hours of the morning, when 1,200 miners clashed with police outside Creswell colliery.

Eighteen men were arrested in the earlier incident, including Mr Austin Fairhurst, president of the Derbyshire miners, and Mr Peter Elliott, his vice-president. Several police and pickets were injured.

Although it is in Derbyshire, Creswell comes under the control of the Nottinghamshire section of the National Coal Board. Eight out of nine north Derbyshire pits have been stopped by the strike, while Nottinghamshire pits are working normally, and this has led to friction at Creswell.

At Silverdale colliery, near Stoke, bunches of nails welded into weapons were found on the ground where mounted police had been on duty at a picket line.

Staffordshire police found seven of the twisted balls of 4inch nails after rowdy

scenes. The nails had been welded together with the points sticking out, and a police spokesman said: "They could have caused very serious injury to a horse, or indeed a human."

"We have not said they were deliberately thrown under the horses, but that is certainly where they were all found."

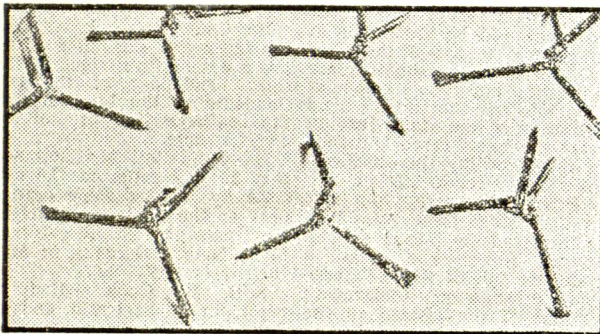
Chief Superintendent Walter Jones, who is in charge of police operations at Silverdale, said: "The devices are a clear indication that someone was spilling for trouble."

The Staffordshire county council leader, Mr Bill Austin, has received an assur-

ance from the Chief Constable that video films and photographs taken during the dispute will be destroyed when it is over. Mr Austin and miners' representatives had expressed concern about how the films and photographs might be used.

Stones were thrown by pickets outside the colliery, and police made three arrests. No production was possible at the pit.

In Creswell, the trouble at the pit caused publicans to say that they would not serve pickets and for the first time for as long as most local people could remember the miners' welfare club was closed for most of the day.



These bunches of nails, welded into weapons, were found on the ground yesterday at a picket line at Silverdale colliery, Stoke on Trent

A brick was thrown through a window of the Station Hotel, where the licensee and his wife said they had no complaints to make against Yorkshire miners who had been picketing the colliery over the past few weeks.

One villager said that the trouble had been caused when men from Derbyshire pits surrounded the colliery.

He said: "We have got families fighting among themselves. One of my friends is working, and his two sons are not."

Derbyshire's assistant chief constable, Mr Tony Leonard, said that the police had noticed a change in the attitude of certain pickets. Picketing had been peaceful over the past few weeks, but in a night of violence police had been kicked and thumped.

Mr Leonard alleged yesterday that while the police were dealing with the picketing some men went to miners' homes in the village and marked them if the men had gone to work. They also smashed windows of cars outside miners' homes, he said.

At a factory in Chesterfield, Derbyshire, 34 women walked out yesterday in protest at cold working conditions after their fuel supplies had been cut off because of the strike.

THE GUARDIAN Commons backs police picket tactics

By Ian Aitken,
Political Editor

The Government last night deployed its Commons majority to provide an overwhelming vote of confidence in the police handling of the miners' strike. Voting at the end of an emergency debate was 321 to 164, a Government majority of 157.

It was a vote which resolved itself into a straight confrontation between the supporters of the police and a mishmash of criticism from the Labour benches, ranging from qualified uncertainty to outright opposition.

The government forces were supported by Dr David Owen and the Liberal-Social Democratic Alliance. In a fierce attack on Labour's failure to define its position on the wider

issues of the pit strike, Dr Owen said it was a simple matter of voting for or against the police.

The three-hour debate was opened by Mr Allen McKay the Labour MP for Barnsley West and Penistone. With a notably low key speech.

He was followed by a blockbuster job from Mr Leon Brittan, the Home Secretary, who declared that there was no doubt whatever that Nottinghamshire miners wanted to go to work.

He said: "The country has a clear choice—either to allow the Nottingham coalfield to be closed by force or to enable those who want to work to do so."

Mr Brittan added that there was no doubt about the public's answer to that question. And if the police had acted differently in response to that view, freedom would become a dead letter in this country.

He went on to claim that the reality over the past four or five weeks had been that the police operation had been a remarkable success.

Those who wanted to go to work had been enabled to do so. In the meantime, all allegations of policemen exceeding their legal authority would be investigated under the existing procedure for dealing with police complaints.

Mr Brittan was characteristically relaxed about many of the detailed complaints fired at him by Mr McKay. But his opposite number, Mr Gerald Kaufman redoubled the attack

and piled up still more evidence of alleged police malpractices.

Mr Kaufman began his speech with a ritual declaration of support for the police in the maintenance of law and order, and for the principle that those who wanted to go to work in an industrial dispute had the right to be protected.

But, he went on, there was a parallel right for strikers to picket. A principle of peaceful picketing was a long established democratic right in this country which had to be upheld.

The Shadow Home Secretary accused the Government of using the police to confuse the issue between the civil wrong of secondary picketing and the

criminal wrong of intimidation and violence on the picket lines.

The Government had failed to enforce its own Employment Act establishing the right of employers to seek injunctions against secondary picketing, and had pitchforked the police into a battle against allegedly criminal picketing.

Mr Kaufman's view was endorsed and embellished by Mr Tony Benn, the new member for the mining constituency of Chesterfield. He, too, claimed that the Home Secretary was trying to blur the difference between the criminal and the civil law.

But Mr Benn took the issue considerably further, accusing the police and the magistrates of working hand in hand to butcher the mining industry.

And he declared his conviction that the police had engaged in widespread telephone tapping.

The Government had denied responsibility for what was happening in a typically cowardly way, Mr Benn said. Ministers had pretended that they were coming to the aid of the police when they had actually sent them in to the confrontation in the first place.

But the intriguing feature of the debate was that the Labour Party and its official spokesman studiously avoided any declaration of support for either side in the National Union of Mineworkers' argument over whether to hold a national strike ballot — the issue which seems likely to be settled by the union's executive tomorrow.

They were much mocked from the Conservative benches for this evasion, and Dr Owen took it further than mockery. He declared that the main issue was the refusal of Mr Neil Innes to come into the open on the fundamental issues.

His evasion represented a "pitiful example of lack of leadership," he said. It was on that basis that Dr Owen declared his party's intention of voting with the Government.

That, he claimed, did not amount to a vote for the Tories. "I will be voting for the police," he said.

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Handwritten signature

Police preparing clampdown on pit violence

● Police in Derbyshire are considering putting a limit on numbers picketing outside pits in the county because of a "dramatic change" in miners attitudes

● Miners' leaders are expected to ask transport unions for sympathy action in support of the nine-week-old pit strike

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● Violent incidents include an attempt by pickets to overturn a coach taking 20 NCB office staff, mostly women, to work

● Police halted busloads of pit pickets on way to Ravenscraig and charged 292 with obstruction

By Craig Seton

Derbyshire police are considering limiting the numbers of striking miners picketing pits and may adopt the policy of stopping flying pickets on the road to counter a "dramatic change" in the attitude of miners involved in the dispute.

Mr Alfred Parish, Chief Constable of Derbyshire, indicating a new hardline approach by his force, said that he was not prepared to allow "intimidation by numbers" or the act of violence and sabotage which had increased in the area in the last few days.

Yesterday, as the miners' strike neared the end of its ninth week, there was further evidence suggesting that at least some striking miners are now adopting increasingly desperate measures.

At Blidworth Colliery, Nottinghamshire, the National Coal Board reported that striking miners, mainly from outside the coalfield, had adopted the tactic of moving away from the pit entrance to picket the homes of miners leaving for work, subjecting them to verbal abuse.

Nineteen pickets were arrested

at Ollerton Colliery, near Mansfield, where pickets are now reported to patrol the streets in the early hours watching for house lights being switched on to identify working miners.

Mr Parrish's remarks followed two days in which a number of serious incidents led police to reconsider their tactics.

In one case, a coach taking 20 clerical staff - mainly women - to an NCB office at Duckmanton, Derbyshire, was stopped, apparently by pickets in their cars, and stones were thrown through the windows, slightly injuring several occupants. An attempt was then made to overturn the coach before its driver managed to escape with his bus. Mr Parish said that the women inside had been terrified.

Mr Parish said that pickets arrested in north Derbyshire so far were Derbyshire miners rather than outsiders. Until now, the force had not, as a matter of policy, tried to prevent miners legally picketing or tried to prevent free move-

ment. But when almost 5,000 pickets could turn up at a colliery, he was "not prepared to allow intimidation by numbers of that kind."

"What I am saying is that if there is clear intelligence or evidence of a growing number of pickets which we believe will lead to a breach of the peace at NCB pits and property, we will try and prevent it by turning people away."

He added that NCB premises in isolated areas had been attacked in the night and equipment damaged. Police were doing everything they could to prevent such acts but it was difficult.

Asked what Derbyshire police would do if miners on their way to picket a colliery were asked to turn back, and refused, he said: "Let us wait and see."

It is understood that the change in tactics Derbyshire police have in mind would be to stop miners making their way to a local pit if it is considered there are already enough present. Sympathy call, page 2

292 charged at Ravenscraig

From Our Correspondent, Glasgow

About 292 miners' pickets were charged with obstruction yesterday after eight buses carrying them to the Ravenscraig steel works at Motherwell were intercepted by Strathclyde police.

The miners, from Fyfe, were stopped on the A80 near Stepps. They disembarked, sat down and linked arms, blocking the road. Police appeals for them to move were ignored and six busloads were then arrested.

They were taken to police stations in Glasgow and charged. A report has been sent to the Procurator Fiscal.

More than 130 lorries in five convoys went into Ravenscraig

unchallenged yesterday. There was a picket of only 30 miners, some from the Durham coalfield, and they were outnumbered three to one by police.

Mr Rory Nicholson, Strathclyde's assistant chief constable, defended police tactics and rejected accusations that they were infringing civil liberties by stopping the buses.

Ravenscraig management last night offered to halt the lorry convoys if miners would guarantee at least two coal trains a day. Tugboat crews on the Clyde have voted to black oil and coal ships carrying supplies for Ravenscraig.

In Nottinghamshire, 35

arrests were made on picket lines as more than 3,500 pickets gathered at the still-working pits. More than 2,500 were at Bevercotes colliery, near Retford.

● The Prime Minister yesterday condemned the violence between pickets and police at the Ravenscraig steel works and the Hunterston terminal on the Clyde.

During sharp Commons exchanges on the strike Mrs Margaret Thatcher was accused by Mr Tony Benn, Labour MP for Chesterfield, of trying to starve the miners into accepting pit closures.

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Pickets at miners' homes

By JAMES O'BRIEN

STRIKERS picketed the homes of miners in Nottinghamshire yesterday in an attempt to stop them going to work.

When some miners employed at Blidworth Colliery left their terraced houses near the pit to report for the afternoon shift, they were jostled by small groups of pickets who shouted "Scab" and other abuse.

Men walking to work from other parts of the village reported they had been stopped in the streets by pickets.

The Coal Board said, "a flying squad of pickets" had arrived in Blidworth in addition to the 200 men at the pit entrance when the afternoon shift went to work.

But only eight fewer men than on the previous day went to work at the colliery which employs 1,000 men.

The Coal Board described the doorstep picketing as shameful. A spokesman said: "Picketing outside a place of work is one thing, but outside the homes of men who want to work it is terrible."

Fears for families

A Blidworth surface worker said the men at the pit had become hardened to abuse from pickets. But they were concerned about the safety of the families they left behind when they went to work.

At Ollerton Colliery, North Notts threats against working miners have included the daubing of paint on their front doors.

Pickets have been watching the homes of miners and have identified those working on morning shifts by noticing bedroom lights being switched on. Some miners have resorted to getting dressed in the dark.

Police in Derbyshire are, for the first time, to turn back flying pickets entering the county if they intend to swell

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PICKETS

By JAMES O'BRIEN

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the numbers of pickets already outside pits.

The decision was taken to counter what the police described as more serious picketing and violence.

Mr Parrish, Chief Constable of Derbyshire, said that police called to a house following an incident, discovered pickaxe handles "wrapped in barbed wire."

He added: "The weapons recovered are of an horrendous nature."

Nine men have been charged with possessing offensive weapons.

Mr Parrish said he would like the NUM to condemn the violence by some of its members.

At Silverhill Colliery, Notts, stones were hurled at the police by pickets. Thirty arrests were made.

Bus stoned

At Sherwood Colliery, also in Nottinghamshire, two belts carrying slag from the pit-head were cut. They were later repaired and production was unaffected.

Nineteen people were arrested at Ollerton when 200 pickets converged on the local pit. One picket was taken to hospital with slight injuries.

A bus was stoned by strikers at Normanton, Derbys. Windows were broken, but the driver, the only person in the vehicle, was unhurt.

At Duckmanton near Chesterfield, women clerks employed at the Coal Board Transport and stores offices, were given a police escort. Two days ago their coach was stopped and stoned by pickets.

Police arrested nine Kent miners pickets during scuffles at Ramsgate Harbour and Richborough power station yesterday.

Police sealed off the harbour after a tanker arrived with a cargo of fuel oil for the power station. The fuel was pumped into road tankers which crossed the picket line with their loads.

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CONCERN

ROW OVER NO CARD' THREAT

12 MAY 1984

By STANLEY GOLDSMITH

A MINER who spoke out against the strike on local radio was later visited at home by NUM officials who threatened him with the loss of his union card.

"I told them to go to Hell. This is still a free country, and nobody comes to my home telling me what I should say," said Mr Bill Nelson, 44, who has been a pitman since leaving school.

Mr Nelson was interviewed on Radio York on Thursday. He criticised the stoppage, argued that people should stand up and be counted, and urged a return to work.

But later he found Mr Ted Scott, NUM branch secretary at Stilling Fleet collier, Selby, knocking on his front door, with other union officials.

"They demanded I retract everything or I'd lose my union card and nobody would work with me. There are a lot of men in this area who want to go back, but they are afraid of crossing the union officials."

'Lost all heart'

Mr Nelson, of Laurel Close, Thorpe Willoughby, said: "I have lost all heart with a union which tries to sack a man for speaking his mind."

Mr Scott said: "I did ask him to retract his statement for his own sake, because if he keeps on like this, fellow miners will refuse to work with him."

"It's about time people like him got off their backsides and started to help us save their jobs."

He said that Mr Nelson could not name any other miner who wanted to go back "because they don't exist."

He said they were "all on picket lines in Nottinghamshire giving 100 per cent. support for £1 a day."

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Scargill: TV boycott

Pitched battle as miners defy strikers

THE miners' strike erupted into violence yesterday as pitmen battled with mates who tried to prevent them working.

A pitched battle flared at Scotland's biggest colliery, when pickets hurled punches, stones and abuse at men reporting for their shifts.

Angry miners from the doomed Polmaise colliery, near Stirling, rushed to Bilston Glen pit, near Edinburgh, when they heard 350 men were defying a NUM picket.

Reaction

At one stage more than 100 policemen were involved in the punch-up as Bilston Glen men ran a gauntlet of fury.

Later, NUM delegate John McCormack said: "The men had reached boiling point. I can understand their reaction."

In South Wales pickets prevented a "back to work" rebellion from taking off.

But in Yorkshire and Kent the strike was solid.

By last night the entire Scottish coalfield was at a standstill. The only men working were 70 at Bilston Glen.

About 96,000 men from 81 pits were on strike — more than half of Britain's miners.

In moderate areas like Nottinghamshire, the Midlands and Lancashire, men were working

By TOM MCGHIE
and RAMSAY SMITH

normally, before their secret ballot later in the week.

Flying pickets from Yorkshire were recalled by union leaders as they drove to Nottingham.

The Government refused to intervene and endorsed the NCB plan to close 20 uneconomic pits with 20,000 redundancies.

● Miners' leader Arthur Scargill failed to appear on the BBC TV breakfast show yesterday. He refused to cross a scene-shifters' picket line.



Police move in on a screaming picket during the Bilston Glen battle

Picture: CIARAN DONNELLY

'Black gold' offer to doomed pit men

By Our Industrial
Editor

THE COAL BOARD last night revealed an astonishing nationwide "black gold" offer to lure miners away from doomed pits.

The first are at Cortonwood, where the shut-down decision led the Yorkshire NUM to call

removal, legal and advertising costs.

And for the first four years miners who move will get the difference between outgoings in

latest offer is updated to take account of inflation.

At Cortonwood 820 pitmen's jobs are at stake.

But for 189 over 50 a £20,000 golden handshake is offered plus up to £58,000 over the next 15 years.

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PHILIP'S PROTEST

THE Duke of Edinburgh has resigned from the New York-based Explorers' Club because he was "appalled" at hearing

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PICKETS DEFY COURT

Angry clashes at Notts pits

By JOHN RICHARDS and DAVID GRAVES

MINERS from Yorkshire last night defied a High Court injunction granted earlier which banned them from picketing in other coalfields.

There was renewed violence when they returned to Nottinghamshire in an attempt to close down pits where miners wanted to continue working normally.

Pickets and police clashed outside Ollerton Colliery, near Mansfield, as night shift workers tried to clock on. The colliery was the scene of ugly clashes when the day shift clocked on.

At one point more than a dozen pickets and police ended up in a melee in the middle of the pit access road.

Ten pickets were arrested by police, several hundred of whom had been drafted in from other areas.

Later battles erupted between rival factions of miners outside the colliery.

The Yorkshire pickets claimed they had been attacked by local miners who had been drinking in a pub.

Pickets' cars

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picket was knocked unconscious.

Police had earlier stopped coachloads of Yorkshire pickets on the A1. But one group of pickets arrived at Ollerton after walking more than 10 miles.

Three coachloads of Kent miners were picketing pits in Leicestershire last night. But they were almost outnumbered by police and failed to turn away many night shift workers.

Coal Board wins



An officer retrieving between police and outside Ollerton

HUNT FOR BUDGET 'MOLE'

By NICHOLAS COMFORT
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3 colliery workers assaulted by pickets

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Three colliery workers were assaulted yesterday—none seriously—as they tried to get to Bolsover pit—the only one still working in north Derbyshire.

Police said the incident happened at the village of Duckmanton, a few miles from the colliery. One of the men resumed his journey but his car was damaged as he went through a 100-strong picket line outside the pit.

A few miles away another man who was crossing a picket line at a coal board equipment plant at Williamthorpe had the rear window of his car smashed. Two working miners also had paint stripper sprayed on their cars at the village of Glapwell. There were no arrests.

At Markham colliery, near Chesterfield, 500 pickets turned out. There were 250 pickets at Shirebrook colliery, and at Whitwell 40 pickets turned back a solitary member of the National Union of Mineworkers as he tried to go to work.

The coal board said that 11 of the 18 pits in its western area, stretching from the Scottish border to Staffordshire, were working normally or producing some coal. No incidents were reported. At Bold colliery, St Helens, on Merseyside, repair work on a coalface did not go ahead as expected, though a coal board spokesman said that agreement had been reached last week with the union.

A total of 4,589 men were working on the day shift in the western area, 126 more than on the corresponding shift this time last week, said the spokesman.

In Staffordshire, the total was 2,857, the highest figure so far and double the number at the start of the strike.

In north Staffordshire striking miners and the board reached agreement to save Wolstanton colliery, which faces permanent shutdown without vital shaft maintenance.

British Transport Police are investigating what they say is an arson attack on a signal box guiding coal trains in north Nottinghamshire at the weekend. Damage is estimated at £250,000.

Mr George Moores, chairman of the South Yorkshire police committee, has written to the Home Secretary, all chief constables, and the NUM, appealing for both sides to "cool it" on picket lines.

He said there had been brutality on both sides. "Someone is going to get killed and I am trying to avoid that."

Jean Stead adds: A meeting of the ruling Labour group on Strathclyde Regional Council said yesterday that they regretted the quasi-political role the police had been playing during the miners' dispute.

The group has asked for a full report from the police committee chairman.

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IT is a Marxist tenet, a Nazi tenet, that to achieve political power you first achieve control of the police; and, as a step towards that, undermine public confidence in the police as they stand now.

That, I suggest, is what the British police today are sustained attack by the Left seeks to end traditional independent policing.

Nowhere is it more apparent than in Greater London, and where is more public money, taxpayers' money, spent on anti-police activity.

The attack is at present focused by opposition to the Police Bill and the theme is "accountability of the police."

In London, with its special problems as a capital city, the Metropolitan Police, unlike provincial forces, is directly answerable to and under the control of the Home Secretary.

The Greater London Council—under threat of disbandment—would like the Met to be under a new Police Authority, based on itself and the London boroughs (with "national" policing responsibilities, like protection of embassies, transferred to a National Police Agency). The GLC Police Committee would be enlarged and control central administration, including the financial precept, but the Met would be decentralised as much as possible, with a police committee in each borough.

Committees would determine local policing policy, decide equipment and have "ultimate control of, and responsibility for, all operations in their area." All police officers would become local government employees, with appointment of senior officers subject to council approval.

SO much for ideas about the future pattern. Meanwhile there is the attack on the force as it exists.

The Left, under ostensibly laudable aims, conducts a persistent campaign of vilification and alarmist projections. There is, for instance, opposition to anything the police attempt to improve community relations. Or they object to the building of a new police station or a police training area. Left-wing councils discourage staff from talking to the police.

The GLC has a Police Committee, chairman Paul Boateng, the opportunist Left-wing black solicitor. His deputy is Steve Bundred, GLC councillor for Islington, Oxford graduate, employee of Hackney Council, with a long record of Left-wing activity, including arranging the

VIOLENCE CANNOT WIN

FROM A TRADE UNION point of view, the most serious charge which can be laid against Mr ARTHUR SCARGILL and his allies on the executive of the National Union of Mineworkers is one of incompetence. They were determined to mobilise their members whether it was in their interests to do so or not. To ensure that a strike would take place, they gerrymandered the union's rules and ignored the demands for a national ballot. The result has been the (entirely predictable) rebellion of the Nottinghamshire miners and the embarrassment of even those predisposed to sympathise with anything the NUM says or does. In its tenth week, the strike not only refuses, in the words of Mr KINNOCK, "to cohere," it is increasingly dependent upon threats, intimidation and actual coercion to maintain a grudging solidarity.

As the desperation of the miners' leaders is increasingly reflected in street violence, the full magnitude of Mr SCARGILL's incompetence becomes apparent. By employing tactics which are an obvious incitement to the breach of public order, the striking miners have made it impossible for the Government (this or any other) to contemplate any eventual outcome other than their defeat. Normal trade union practice consists of the judicious application of pressure on an employer, bluff, negotiation and compromise. The folly of Mr SCARGILL is that he has not only committed his members to total victory or complete failure, he has forced the Government to play for similarly high stakes.

No government can permit a sectional interest group to pursue its ends by lawless and violent means: all the more so when the group in question intends to achieve nothing less than the right to levy tax (that is what is meant by the demand that hopelessly loss-making pits must be subsidised no matter what it costs the taxpayer). The reason why governments, regardless of their political persuasion, cannot yield to such behaviour is that it undermines the very foundations of liberal democracy. It is as simple and important as that.

COURTSHIP AND AEROSPACE

BIGNESS, IT SEEMS, is back in fashion. Last year brought wedding bells for two substantial conglomerates, BTR and Thomas Tilling, and (after a tempestuous engagement) for BAT and Eagle Star. Now Thorn-EMI and British Aerospace have embarked on courtship. On this occasion prospects for a marriage contract are complicated by the existence of the 48 per cent. Government stake in British Aerospace; and by the stipulation that BAe may not fall to foreign hands, while the possibility of a reference to the Monopolies Commission is left dangling, the Government has left it clear that

Guard on families

By TREVOR KAVANAGH

UNDERCOVER police were ordered into pit villages last night to protect working miners' families from marauding strikers.

The plain-clothes patrols were sent in by Home Secretary Leon Brittan in

the face of "barbaric" intimidation of miners defying the strike.

The get-tough move followed a spate of violence in which a kitten died after paint was poured over it. Cars were wrecked after mystery brake failures and windows were smashed or daubed with paint.

Mr Brittan was howled down by Left-wing Labour MPs as he told the Commons:

"I cannot believe that any decent person would approve of this conduct. It is simply barbaric."

The Home Secretary slammed the cowards who pick on wives and children rather than deal with the miners themselves.

He added: "They are the worst of all. They think wives and children are weak points."

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"But when people are engaged in intimidation they are not going to do it if they think somebody is watching."

"That is why we are having both plainclothes and uniformed police."

And he warned: "Wherever possible charges will be brought."

The police are concentrating on moderate work on coalfields like Nottinghamshire — where

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uniform patrols are already operating — Derbyshire and Warwickshire.

The bitterness of the split between moderate and far Left Labour MPs boiled over as miners' MP Don Concannon, who represents the rebel Mansfield area, spoke out against the violence.

He was labelled "copper's nark" by Dennis Skinner and MP Martin Flannery

● Miners president Arthur Scargill last night said Nottinghamshire police were using "open terror tactics."

He said on television police had been invading homes

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Thug patrols

THE SUN applauds the announcement by Home Secretary Leon Brittan that special police patrols are being formed to protect the homes and the families of miners who choose to work.

Over the past ten days, there has been a despicable spread of violence from the pitheads right to the doorstep.

Men leaving their homes for the colliery have been abused and threatened; stones have been thrown through windows; even family pets have been cruelly attacked.

Behaviour like this may be put down to a tiny minority. Even so, it disgraces the name of all miners, and the whole trade union movement.

It has no place in a society which calls itself decent and civilised.

We hope that when the culprits are caught they will be put where they belong.

In the dock, with all the other thugs.

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POLICE STEP UP WAR ON PIT BULLIES

SPECIAL detective squads are being used in a bid to keep miners' picket lines peaceful, Home Secretary Leon Brittan confirmed yesterday.

And extra uniformed police are patrolling pit villages known as areas of high intimidation, he told MPs.

Miners were being encouraged to report all such incidents. "Effective protection" for those who want to work was how Mr. Brittan described

By DAVID BUCHAN
Political Editor

massive police operation. But NUM president Arthur Scargill last night called the Nottinghamshire police move a strategy of open terror tactics.

"They are going through villages invading people's homes, demanding the identity of all occupants, and then threatening to arrest any individual who is not a resident," he said. Shadow Energy Secretary Stan Orme is to meet Coal Board boss Ian MacGregor on Monday to try to bring the parties in the dispute together.

Mr. Scargill had told him he would meet Energy Secretary Peter Walker without any pre-conditions, added Mr. Orme.

But, there were no signs yesterday that the Government will intervene. In the Nottinghamshire coalfield 28 pickets were arrested



Leon Brittan

Tragedy of miner, 53

ONE miner was killed and two others injured in a pit tragedy yesterday.

As an inquiry started, a Coal Board spokesman said: "There's no question of sabotage."

Mr Joe Pollard, 53, died when he and two workmates were hit by a runaway truck at Whitwick Colliery, Leics.

Last night Richard Smith, 25, was seriously ill and William Betts, 41, was being treated for leg injuries.



POLICE CRACK DOWN ON PIT BULLIES

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By CHRIS HAMPSON

SPECIAL squads of police are being sent to pit villages to protect working miners and their families.

They will aim to stamp out intimidation and bullying tactics by miners out on strike.

Home Secretary Leon Brittan's announcement of the police crack-down yesterday brought angry scenes in the Commons.

He faced catcalls and shouts from Labour MPs demanding an inquiry into police tactics during the nine-week-old miners strike.

Away from the Commons, miners' leader Arthur Scargill accused Notting-

hamshire police of using Nazi Gestapo-style methods.

Mr. Brittan told MPs that uniformed police would be patrolling on foot throughout the day in villages at the heart of the pit dispute.

They would also step up their activities during the "high risk periods."

Mr. Brittan said: "Police are deploying forces to give effective protection as far as possible against intimidation."

He added: "Plainly that is a priority that has now been identified."

The Home Secretary was visibly rattled by the taunts of Labour MPs.

He turned on mining MP Dennis Skinner and challenged him to condemn those responsible for threatening the families of miners.

Mr. Brittan said: "I want to hear you condemning those who damage property."

He mentioned one "barbaric" incident where paint was daubed on a house and the remainder poured over a litter of kittens, killing one.

GUARD FOR FRONT LINE
PIT FAMILIES

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EXTRA police patrols and a special squad of detectives have been moved into pit areas to counter intimidation of miners and their families.

The police decision to increase patrolling was announced in the Commons by Mr Brittan, Home Secretary, after a Cabinet meeting at which ministers agreed that police forces should do everything possible to protect miners who want to work despite pickets.

Ministers felt that many more miners want to break the strike but were deterred by intimidation.

Mr Brittan gave news of the police action during angry exchanges with Labour MPs who, at one stage, turned on an Opposition colleague, Mr Don Concannon, MP for Mansfield.

There were some shouts of "Copper's nark" from the Labour benches when Mr Concannon complained about "intimidation, damage and threats to families."

Mr Dennis Skinner, Labour MP for the mining constituency of Bolsover, claimed that 12,000 police had been drafted into the Midland coalfields to "bully miners."

Mr Brittan, showing his anger, replied that, if Mr Skinner wanted to be taken seriously he should condemn those who threatened families, damaged property, daubed paint and engaged in violent activity on a massive scale.

Kaufman calls

for inquiry

Mr Kaufman, Labour's Shadow Home Secretary, called for an inquiry into the police handling of the coal dispute. But Mr Brittan and later the Prime Minister praised police conduct.

The Cabinet's hope is that, if the police can convince more and more moderate miners that it is safe for them and their families if they go to work, support for Mr Scargill and the militants will dwindle significantly.

The review of the coal dispute at the weekly Cabinet meeting again confirmed the Prime Minister's refusal to

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accept Opposition calls for the Government to intervene.

Ministers were also told of solid support from Conservative MPs for the Government's tactics. Labour is not enjoying the same harmony.

Mr Kinnock pleased Left-wing MPs with his decision to have Mr Orme, Shadow Energy Secretary, have talks with Mr Scargill on Wednesday night at the Commons and to seek a meeting with Mr MacGregor, the National Coal Board chairman.

But Mr Kinnock again displeased Left-wing MPs by continuing to be silent at Westminster on the coal dispute and to pass up another chance of having a Commons debate on the miners dispute.

Allocated a day of parliamentary time by the Government at the last minute, Mr Kinnock and his colleagues decided to use it to attack the siting of American cruise missiles in Britain, and to press for a debate on coal at a subsequent date.

CID SQUADS

Aiding families

JOHN WEEKS, Crime Staff, writes: The decision to move in the extra police squads has been taken by individual chief constables with the backing of Mr Brittan.

Mr Brittan said on television that the intimidation has come in the form of damage to the homes and cars of non-striking miners and went on: "What is so cowardly is the approaches to children and wives of miners who wish to continue to work."

In Nottinghamshire, besides

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By JAMES WIGHTMAN

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extra patrolling by uniformed officers, a special squad of detectives has been set up to investigate all allegations of interference with miners and their families.

The team has been working for about 14 days but so far there have been no arrests from the investigations which are continuing. If detectives find that intimidation has occurred, they will send a report to the Director of Public Prosecution for a decision on whether or not to prosecute.

Scargill attacks

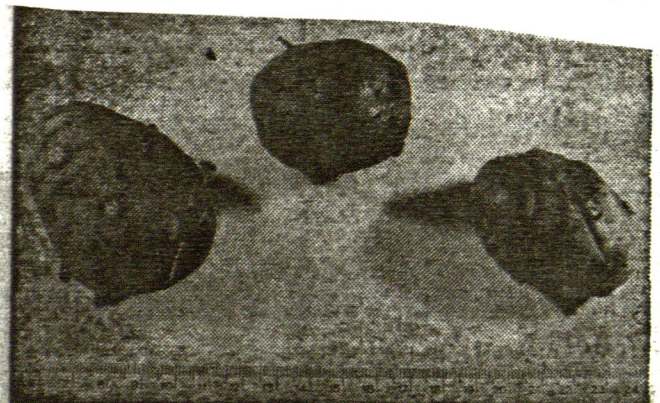
police tactics

Mr Arthur Scargill, president of the miners' union, said last night: "Police in Nottinghamshire have embarked upon a strategy of open terror tactics."

"They are now going through villages invading people's homes, demanding the identity of all occupants, and then threatening to arrest any individual who is not a resident of that village."

"Every person in Britain anxious to preserve civil liberties, democracy and human rights, should condemn this sinister development, which bears a frightening resemblance to the tactics of the Nazi Gestapo."

A spokesman for Nottinghamshire police said yesterday: "Extra patrols have been mounted in our area since the dispute started. We are doing an ordinary policing job with police patrolling in pairs and in uniform in the dispute areas, to prevent damage."



Potatoes studded with nails thrown by miners' pickets at police at Richborough power station, Kent. There were no injuries.

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A THE 200 cars that have been stopped by the police some of them having had their windows broken by crow-bars . . .

Q I AM asking about striking miners?

A AS FAR as I'm concerned I would condemn the intimidation and the violence by the police and I've done that now about four times.

Q BUT you have not once condemned the violence by striking miners?

A I DO not know of any violence by striking miners. I do know of intimidation and violence by the police and the quicker they go back to where they come from the better for all concerned.

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Family terror as miners' mob strikes

EXP 12

A MODERATE miner and his family were besieged at their home yesterday by a mob of 150 yelling men.

Terrified Tony Hollman phoned for police help as the crowd screamed abuse.

The army of strikers invaded the street after they had stopped 15 rebels from crossing picket lines at Cynheidre pit, near Llanelli, Dyfed.

Then they drove to Mr Hollman's home to take out

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their spite on a man who had urged a return to work.

The one-time local lodge secretary, a sick man who has been off work since before the strike began, spoke last night of his ordeal.

He said he, wife Sally and student son Richard, 25, were awakened by the chanting.

Mr Hollman, 54, said: "I never thought I would live to see such anarchy. It was frightening. The pack was being led by my lodge chairman, Mr Tony Ciano."

Trouble had begun when the 15 rebels tried to work. Miners thumped on the roof of one car. One man yelled: "If the police walk you in you bastards, God help you."

And as the last rebel drove away, a triumphant Mr Ciano shouted: "No more will turn up, they haven't the backbone."

An assault on

the rule of law

EXP 18

"If the police walk you in there, you bastards, God help you."

Those brutish words came from a picket outside the Cynheidre colliery, near Llanelli, yesterday.

They deserve a place of dishonour in anyone's "Quotes of 1984."

They are what the miners' mass picketing has been all about: intimidation—open and shameless.

No less repulsive is the taunt of the local miners' union lodge chairman, Mr Tony Ciano, who led the picketing which successfully crushed the attempted return to work.

Brave Ciano, with 150 yelling pickets at his elbow, turned back 15 rebels. "No more will turn up," he crowed. "They haven't got the backbone."

Ciano's army, even then, had not finished for the day. Three miles away there was a moderate miner and his totally blameless family to wake up and howl abuse at—so off they all charged.

Thuggery is thuggery is thuggery, whatever the context. And, whatever the context, it must be opposed.

This is no longer a family quarrel between miners—if it ever was. It is a systematic assault on democracy and the rule of law.

Coal chief's prediction

BRITAIN'S miners will be picking up £30,000 a year when pits are modernised, Coal Board boss Ian MacGregor predicted yesterday.

He said American pitmen were already earning this — on British-made machinery.

And Britain's miners could do the same, if only the industry could be dragged into the 1980s.

Mr MacGregor told a meeting of businessmen in Manchester: "Britain has the potential to produce the lowest cost energy in Europe — and it is our heritage to do that."

Mr MacGregor, who has stood firm during the 11-week coal strike, said job cuts were possible without compulsory redundancies.

And he appealed to miners "If you want to stay in the industry we will find you a job in your coalfield, or we will give the most generous

By SIMON HUGHES

redundancy payments." Already 15,000 pitmen had made inquiries about voluntary redundancy, he said.

Mr MacGregor condemned the intimidation of working Lancashire miners by union threats of expulsion and physical violence.

He said: "I get the impression that much of it is being done by younger people who have been carried away by the emotional kick they get from mass hysteria."

Kick

A POLICE superintendent broke his leg yesterday when 350 pickets at Shirebrook Colliery in North Derbyshire, surged forward on men going to work.

Supt. John Pridmore, of the City of London force, was taken to hospital. A police spokesman said: "He wants to stress it was not the fault of the pickets."

TOO LATE! COPS MISS PICKET

Two thousand police sent to guard the British Steel plant at Scunthorpe yesterday found themselves facing . . . 100 miners' pickets.

Hundreds more pickets had left earlier — after failing to stop coke lorries delivering to the plant.



Family in fear . . . Lyn and the children

HATE ORDEAL FAMILY'S JOY



Neil . . . defiant despite threats

A FAMILY terrorised by pit-strike thugs have been flooded with offers of help from warm-hearted Sun readers.

And last night strike rebel Neil Oldacre and his wife Lyn were planning to take up the offer of a free holiday with their four children.

Lyn, 29, said: "What marvellous readers The Sun has."

The holiday offer came from driving school boss Bob Edwards, 55. The family will spend two weeks at his West Country home.

The family's plight was revealed in Tuesday's Sun. They have lived in fear since Neil, of Stoke-on-Trent, decided to return to work because his family was hungry.

The children's toys were smashed, pets killed, home daubed with paint and Lyn threatened with rape.

How can you make a child understand that her pets were killed because of pit politics?

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REBEL PIT VICTORY

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Colin Clarke and Howard Shooter representing 300 men at Pye Hill colliery and John Lip-trot for the 331 men at Sherwood pit.

They sued their Nottinghamshire area leaders and national officials, including Mr Scargill, claiming the strike call to Nottinghamshire was unlawful.

And after the hearing Mr Clarke, 53, said: "I anticipate this will take the union a few paces nearer to the negotiating table."

"All we want is a resolution to the dispute

and to make our industry great again."

Mr Scargill reacted to the injunction by calling on "every miner in Nottinghamshire or any other coalfield" to join the dispute.

And speaking in Staffordshire last night he said judges like Sir Robert had refused women the vote and condemned them as criminals when they argued for democracy.

Nottinghamshire miners originally voted not to join the strike — now 11 weeks old — and have worked on in defiance of the strike call.

The ruling only out-

laws the strike call in Nottinghamshire. But it opens the way for "right-to-work" miners in other areas to go to the High Court.

Areas

Seven other areas, including Lancashire, Staffordshire, Northumberland, and the Midlands, have all been ordered to strike despite voting "No" in area secret ballots.

PEACE HOPES rose sharply last night after Mr Scargill agreed to secret talks with Coal Board chiefs next week.

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POLICE HURT AT WORK-ON PIT

Six police officers were injured and 28 pickets arrested yesterday in incidents involving 1,000 flying pickets at Bickershaw Colliery, Lancs. There was no production at the pit although 63 per cent. of the day shift reported for work there and at neighbouring Golbourne Colliery.

Meanwhile more miners are returning to work in North Derbyshire pits and yesterday at the end of a 24-hour shift 3-shift period, 500 miners had been at work.

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Picket out as pit starts

2 Eight hundred pickets gathered outside the Shirebrook colliery in north Derbyshire yesterday after they heard that the pit is producing coal for the first time since the strike began 14 weeks ago. The board added that working miners at Shirebrook had been subjected to death threats, bricks and bleach had been thrown through the windows of their homes and their cars had been damaged.

The police made two arrests on the picket lines as men arrived for the morning shift. Ten thousand north Derbyshire miners have been on strike since the dispute began but the board has reported a drift back to work.

The National Coal Board declined to say how many men were working or how much coal

cauliflowers.

ARMY-POLICE LINK DENIED

By Our Industrial Correspondent

Scotland Yard denied last night that there was any Army involvement in policing the miners' lobby of Parliament on June 7 following the publication in THE MINER newspaper of photographs purporting to show a soldier driving a police van.

Police pointed out that there was nothing in the pictures to identify when they were taken. THE MINER said Mr Tony Lowe, a Yorkshire NUM member, photographed an Army sergeant driving the van in Parliament Square, and was chased by the police after the soldier saw him.

PICKETS PELT COKE LORRIES

By A. J. McILROY

COKE lorries in Nottinghamshire were pelted with stones and ball bearings when 2,000 pickets massed at collieries and power stations in Nottinghamshire yesterday.

An NCB coke lorry travelling along Arnold Road near Gedling colliery was hit by ball bearings hurled from a car travelling in the opposite direction. A police spokesman said: "The consequences could have been disastrous."

At Cottam power station, near Retford, seven coke lorries entering the complex had windscreens smashed when pickets from a group of about 50 pelted the convoy with stones.

There was a similar stone-throwing incident at High Marnham power station.

Mr Scargill, the miners' president, told supporters outside NUM headquarters in Sheffield that if the Coal Board tries to mount its own strike ballot, the ballot papers would be burned.

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Labour MP on picket line fined 2



Labour MP, Mr Bob Clay (above) was yesterday convicted of obstructing a policeman on a miners' picket line. Mr Clay aged 37, of Biddick, Washington, Tyne and Wear, was fined £50 and ordered to pay £50 costs at Bishop Auckland Magistrates' Court. He had denied the charge.

Mr Clay, MP for Sunderland North, obstructed a policeman during a disturbance at the privately-owned Deerness opencast coalmine at Tow Law, County Durham, on April 16.

Mr Clay intervened when the police moved in to arrest several of the 300 pickets at the site gates.

He said: "Four police officers were manhandling one of the arrested men. He was obviously in considerable pain. It seemed to me that the way he was being manhandled was unnecessarily violent."

FINANCIAL TIMES

Picket death likely to raise strike tension

BY JOHN LLOYD, DAVID BRINDLE AND ROBIN REEVES

A YORKSHIRE mineworker picketing the Ferrybridge power station complex near Doncaster, South Yorks, was killed yesterday when he was hit by a lorry.

The death of Mr Joe Green, 60, on the picket line, bringing to two the number of mineworkers who have died as a direct result of the present strikes, seems bound to raise the temperature in the dispute.

It comes at the end of a week which has seen the breakdown amid bitter recriminations of talks between the National Coal Board and the National Union of Mineworkers and as miners' leaders move again to reduce steel output in south Wales by cutting supplies of coke to steel plants.

The decision by the NUM executive on Thursday to confirm a blockade on all steel plants has already resulted in a cancellation by the South Wales NUM of a deal reached earlier this week with the steel and transport unions to supply sufficient coke to the British Steel Corporation's Llanwern steel plant for limited production.

At a brief meeting with steel and rail trade union officials at the NUM's South Wales headquarters in Pontypridd yesterday, miners' leaders said that Mr Bill Sirs, general secretary of the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation, must meet the NUM's national officials to agree reduced levels of production — or face an end to coke supplies from midnight next Tuesday.

Talks with the ISTC leaders would be conducted by the new

Industrial output in Britain fell for the third consecutive month in April, due largely to the impact of the miners' strike on energy production, according to figures released yesterday. Page 3

national committee—set up by executive decision on Thursday—which will be in charge of the day-to-day running of the strike. Its establishment follows criticisms by leaders in South Wales and elsewhere that the strike lacked a strong focus from the centre.

Mr Emlyn Williams, the South Wales NUM president, said the tactic was aimed at forcing Mr Ian MacGregor, the NCB chairman, back to the negotiating table "without instructions from Mrs Thatcher."

Local steel union leaders reacted angrily. Mr Peter McKim, chairman of Llanwern's joint shop stewards' committee, said they were not prepared to be used as a battering-ram in a personality dispute between Mr MacGregor and Mr Arthur Scargill, the NUM president.

Mr John Folwey, regional officer of the ISTC, hinted that Llanwern steelworkers would co-operate with any BSC management decision to bring in coal and coke by road.

None of Britain's four other major steel plants have yet been threatened but Mr Mick McGahey, the NUM's vice-president and Scottish area president, told a rally in Newcastle-upon-Tyne that miners must "bite into other industries, stop

steel production, halt industry in this country."

There has been one previous death during the dispute: Mr David Jones, a 24-year-old Yorkshire miner, died 13 weeks ago during a fight with Nottinghamshire miners. But that incident took place after picketing had ended.

Mr Green, unmarried, a Scotsman who worked at Kellingley Colliery, north Yorkshire, died while serving on a small picket line beside a road leading into the Ferrybridge "B" and "C" power stations. He was hit by an articulated lorry carrying heavy machinery into the plant. He was taken to Pontefract Royal Infirmary but was dead on arrival.

West Yorkshire Police said last night: "We are completely satisfied at this stage, having conducted an inquiry, that this is a tragic accident."

The lorry had been travelling at walking pace at the time of the incident. No police were on duty.

Mr David Miller, secretary of Kellingley branch of the NUM, said Mr Green had regularly walked from his home to picket at Ferrybridge. The branch normally picketed Eggborough power stations but Mr Green did not have transport to make that trip.

The ballot of mineworkers proposed by Mr MacGregor on Thursday now seems unlikely to materialise. Instead, it is likely Mr MacGregor will write to all miners setting out the NCB's version of the facts of the dispute.

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ence to closed ranks. "Relatives have rallied round and the community has defended itself. They'll never let the kids go hungry.

After 30 years in the village he is sceptical about tales of penury among men who have largely entered the world of middle-class luxuries, while retaining their social values.

The reassertion of traditional village ethics has gratified Mr Riley. "The community has drifted apart in recent times, but up against it as we now, the old spirit comes back, and people support each other."

Without that support, and local political sympathy, Rossington would be struggling. Schoolchildren in Doncaster, as in other areas, are protected by a supportive local council.

Free school meals are provided to children of miners on strike and preparations are underway to continue through the summer holidays.

At Rossington Holmescarr Middle School free meals have risen from 80 to 212 a day, out of 260 diners. Mr Lewis Rowlands, the head teacher, has underlined tacit expectations of the strike stretching on for months yet by indefinitely postponing any discussion of the children's annual trip to France next year.

Home and marital tensions are most severe among the isolated who take no active part in collective relief or picketing. "It's the quiet ones, the ones who don't speak up, who are really suffering. They can't see their way out of it, and shut their minds to what will happen when they go back", Mrs Hague says.

Elsewhere clergy have felt forced to take a stance on the dispute, but in Rossington the Rev Derek Turnham has won respect by "staying on the fence", in his own words.

The determination to support strikers among people who believe that it is misguided has surprised him. "One old lady who is always muttering against Arthur Scargill came to me and asked if I knew a family that needed food. 'They'll not starve the lads back', she told me.

The woodland round the pit head is stripped, denuded in the cold days of the strike by miners cutting firewood. Organized theft of coal then was ignored by the police, who seemed content to let the village police itself under the stringent social rules of the strike. Any miner caught selling stolen coal would have soon been cut off from his neighbours.

The social pressures of Rossington contrast starkly with the bitter divisions across the county border, in the neighbouring Nottinghamshire pit village of Harworth. Seven

out of ten men are back at work, the remainder ostracized and despised by former friends

"When you're spat at walking to the shops and people refuse to serve you, you don't forget. It will take years for that bitterness to die". Mrs Christine Brown, chairman of the Harworth group, of striking miners' wives, says.

The Harworth strikers have been denied facilities for collective cooking by the church council, the welfare committee and the parish council: all are dominated by men who have returned to work.

Among the strikers, though, bonds have cemented, and the women brought closer to their husbands' lives. Mrs Janet Webber says: "I used to keep quiet, never asked him what was happening at the pit or argued with my friends. That's changed for ever."

Ugly divisions in Harworth, obligatory unity in Rossington: the contrast defines splits and solidarities which deepen each day the dispute continues, often overriding the apparent issues of the dispute itself. Pay and pit closures are infrequently mentioned and scabs, the police and the press attract more animosity than the coal board.

Caught between their firm convictions and their haunting doubts about the long-term damage to their livelihoods, the often claustrophobically close communities have forced miners to say where they stand. Few will now move from whichever road they have chosen, at work or out: the strike has become a way of life.

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cash to keep the kitchen stocked.

Mortgage payments are deferred and many have debts of more than £500 after nearly four months. Some, like Mrs Riley, have cashed life insurance policies or let them lapse.

Local businessmen are hit hard. Mr Alan Price, manager of the only village furniture shop, sees his contribution to the miners' fund as the thousands of pounds unpaid on hire purchase, yet remains optimistic. "It'll all come back, I've drained all my capital, but we'll recover. The beauty of the miner is that when he's got it, he spends it."

That time, according to Mrs Beryl Hague, the village health visitor is along way off. "It's reached the point where some people will take years to recover. The unemployed are the rich in this village now."

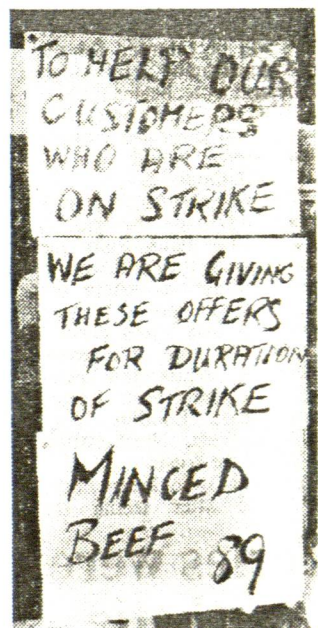
Stories of bargain second-hand sales for consumer goods

are more legendary than true: videos have gone, but returned to the rental companies. Cars are off the road, but mostly unsold, and those still running are funded by the union to transport pickets.

Inducements to join the pickets, especially for the young single men who receive no social security benefits, are powerful. The average £2 a day subsistence paid by the union is enough for a sandwich and a couple of pints, and the miner's wives provide lunches and food packs for those unsupported by parents at home.

At the young mainers' favourite pub, The Poachers, bar staff have been laid off and meals are no longer served. Yet the exclusively male Top Club, where beer has been cut to 50p a pint, is thronged with miners who arrive late and leave early rather than do without their ale.

Dr Glen Marshall, senior partner at the village clinic, attributes that strikers' resili-



Cheap meat at the butcher's.

A nit village determined

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to ride out hard times

The striking pit villages are past the pain barrier and into their second wind, accustomed to the hardship of 14 weeks without pay and expecting to stay out for months to come.

Such is the evidence of Rossington, South Yorkshire, where none of the 1,500 work force has returned to work except the pit deputies, and the miners are surviving on bread, potatoes and a community spirit revived by prolonged austerity.

Even there, though, where doubters swallow their anxieties and accept the majority will, the strike is already creating scars which will take a long time to heal.

After the recent years of comparative affluence, empty purses came as a shock to the miners' wives in the first weeks of the strike, especially the young who had never faced such a deeply-entrenched dispute.

Those who at first voiced fears are no longer sapped by the piling debts, dwindling savings, cashed-in life insurance policies or threats to cut off electricity. The moderates who stayed out have now lost too much to go back without a sense of some victory. "They'll not starve us out", is the most often repeated proud assertion in the village.

Trepidation focuses on the worry that they may not have much of a pit to go back to when the strike is over.

Rossington has enough reserves to last into the next century, but spontaneous combustion, caused by coal left standing for three months, has already destroyed one face. Management was forced to cement it off, leaving behind £2m worth of equipment and no hope of recovering the coal.

Mrs Beryl Riley, wife of Mr Jack Riley, the National Union of Mineworkers' branch secretary in Rossington, is convinced that the strike has wrought permanent change in the mining communities for better or worse. Every individual, including tradesmen and professionals, will be remembered for the stance they took in 1984.

In Rossington they have, with varying enthusiasm, accepted that the fate of their business is inextricable from the goodwill of the miners' families. Traders whose custom has been cut by half still contribute funds and food to the "soup kitchens" run by miners' wives, aware

Calm down, union chief tells miners

A union leader asked miners to calm down after violent clashes with the police on Saturday night in a South Yorkshire pit town.

In Maltby, near Rotherham, 29 arrests were made and a police chief was left with a suspected broken nose after what the police described as "an unwarranted attack".

The night before, 16 arrests were made when up to 200 men gathered and stoned the town's police station. Police reinforcements were called in.

The National Union of Mineworkers Secretary, Mr Ron Buck, said: "The smashing up of property is something that the NUM branch totally condemns and we want to dissociate ourselves from it. I am making a plea to all mineworkers to cool it."

South Yorkshire's Chief Constable, Mr Peter Wright, blamed the violence on the frustration of a mining community built up during the dispute.

He said that "unless miners' leaders in the area take some action it can lead to nothing other than us having to do so".

The scenes of Friday and Saturday nights came after disturbances the previous weekend in the town, where about 1,350 miners are employed at the Maltby Main Colliery.

that the community will boycott anyone who turns his back.

Mr Bernard Grogan, one of Rossington's butchers, displays a sign announcing cut-price meat for the strike's duration, even though his sales are down by half. "How can I do otherwise? My life is with the mining community, and there wouldn't be one without the pit."

He tells stories of small girls sent by their embarrassed mothers to ask him for a 10p bag of bones which he normally sells for dogs, knowing that the family will use them for stew. But such poignancy is rare in a stoic society which has rapidly become proud of its ability to survive without charity. No-one asks for credit in Rossington shops.

Most of Rossington's miners bear the responsibility of mort-

The miners' strike enters its hundredth day tomorrow. In the first of a series of articles on the impact of the dispute, COLIN HUGHES assesses the effect on the mining community.

gaged homes, having bought them from the National Coal Board. Those who let the council buy their 1930s terraced houses are lucky now: Doncaster is waiving the rent in sympathy.

Anger against those who fail to volunteer support is vehement. The Yorkshire Electricity Board has become the most hated body, for fitting prepayment meters which give 6p electricity for every 10p fed in, the rest going to pay off overdue bills.

Many families are receiving cut-off warnings. "I'll just be out when they come," Mr Bob Cook, one Rossington picket, said. He is borrowing from his father-in-law to stay afloat.

No one is hungry in Rossington. The support of extended families, from sons and uncles who left the pit years ago, provides a cushion. Holidays have been sacrificed and the pit's holiday savings fund exhausted as miners with frow

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Police chief's nose broken in mob punch-up

STRIKE

AN 18-year-old youth drowned in a river near strike-bound Fryston pit in Castleford, Yorkshire, thinking wrongly that the police were chasing him.

SPOT

Pickets use CB Coal strike fury
to beat patrol 2 erupts in street

By LINDA FAITH

THE police chief who arrested Arthur Scargill had his nose broken when he tried to control a mob of angry miners.

Chief Superintendent John Nesbitt, millions of TV viewers saw film of him escorting the miners' leader off a picket line — was twice punched in the face.

It happened in the South Yorkshire pit town of Maltby, near Rotherham, on Saturday after Mr Nesbitt, the area divisional commander, left the local police station to try to persuade a 200 strong crowd to go home.

He feared a repeat of Friday night's trouble when the police station was besieged and police reinforcements had to be called in.

Stones and bottles were hurled through the air as he approached the men. Suddenly two punches sent him staggering backwards. Mr Nesbitt was rushed to hospital for treatment.

Mr Wright blamed the violence on frustration and warned that if the men's leaders did not take action, the police would step in.

The police chief said the trouble-makers came from a particular group determined to be active and determined to abuse the police.

"Frankly, the comments that have been made by people who purport to represent the NUM after the evens of the first weekend were not designed to defuse the situation," said Mr Wright.

Miners' branch secretary Mr Ron Buck said: "I am making a plea to all mine-workers to cool it. "We would be better showing patience rather than people on street corners having a go themselves."

PICKET LINE police are being outwitted by miners using a sophisticated radio network, it was revealed yesterday.

A report from one senior officer admits that police are becoming "a laughing stock."

The report, distributed to officers guarding Warwickshire pits, also reveals that pickets have a control room manned round the clock.

They use a network of 27 CB stations in the Bedworth area to monitor police radio messages and keep one jump ahead.

Now officers are being urged to use the telephone for "sensitive" messages.

Last night South Yorkshire Wright hit out angrily over Chief Constable Mr Peter the "unwarranted" attack.

Mr Wright said: "We are very concerned about these matters and they cannot be dissociated from the current social climate in South Yorkshire."

Ogreave is only a few miles away. There is no point in hiding the fact that the majority of abuse and stone-throwing is directed at police officers working in the area."

Abuse

About 1,350 men are employed at the nearby Maltby Main colliery. Police confirmed that 45 people were arrested during the weekend troubles and 20 of them were pit workers.

Mob fights ² police

PICKET line violence spread into the streets of a mining town yesterday — directed largely at the police.

There were 29 arrests in the South Yorkshire pit community of Maltby, near Rotherham, as bottles and stones were thrown at policemen.

And their divisional commander, Chief Superintendent John Nesbitt, was taken to hospital with a suspected broken nose after being attacked and punched while he was trying to persuade an angry crowd to disperse.

It was the second weekend

Riots as picket violence spreads

running of violence in the town.

The town's Maltby Main colliery employs 1,350 miners and the Orgreave coke plant — where Mr Nesbitt arrested miners' leader Arthur Scargill recently — is nearby.

There have been 56 arrests during the two weekends. This Friday night and Saturday morning up to 200 people

gathered outside the police station, which was bombarded with bricks.

Sixteen shop windows were smashed that night and two the next night. Twenty out of the 45 people arrested this weekend were miners.

● Eight striking miners began an underground sit-in yesterday at Betteshanger Colliery, near Deal, Kent.

They were in a group of 20 which stormed the control room and demanded keys to the lift cage. Eight of the men were then lowered to the pit bottom.

The 12 men who remained on the surface were occupying the colliery offices.

The action, condemned by the Coal Board, follows a threat by two rebel miners to try to report for work today.

How did it happen? Row as Scargill goes to hospital

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—says Scargill

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—say police

By **BRYAN CARTER** and **JOHN WOODCOCK**

CONTROVERSY was raging last night over how Arthur Scargill came to be injured during the worst violence yet in the miners' strike.

He said that a policeman hit him on the head with a riot shield; a police chief said that Mr Scargill tripped, fell down a bank and banged his head.

The miners' president was staying in hospital overnight for observation—a routine precaution after any head injury which knocks someone out, even for only a few seconds as in his case.

A spokesman for Rotherham District Hospital said that 46-year-old Mr Scargill was not seriously hurt. He has injuries to an arm and leg as well as to the back of his head. His wife Anne said after visiting him: 'He's all right, but I'm a bit upset.'

Mr Scargill was one of 79 casualties—51 pickets and 28 policemen—from a vicious battle outside the flash-point Orgreave coking works near Sheffield. There were 100 arrests as an estimated 6,500 pickets clashed with 3,300 police.

Pickets bombarded the police with bricks, stones, sticks and bottles, uprooted lamp posts for barricades, set pointed stakes in roads to fell police horses and set scrap cars from a dump on fire.

Mounted police and officers on foot, in riot gear and wielding truncheons, charged into the mob again and

again. South Yorkshire's Assistant Chief Constable Tony Clement described the scenes as 'the worst violence ever in this country in an industrial dispute.'

It was 'no longer picketing,' but 'an attempt to break down law and order.' It had been, he said, 'an absolute miracle no one was killed.'

Mr Clement said he was prepared to use police in large numbers at Orgreave indefinitely. If the pickets here win by force the whole structure of industrial relations and policing and law and order and civil liberties is all gone.

'We cannot afford for people who want to go to work to be prevented by force.'

Earlier he had expressed concern about Mr Scargill's being there. 'Mr Scargill's presence is always provocative. He knows that. Everyone knows that. When he arrives people get excited.'

Then came the incident in which the miners' leader was injured. And the question: How did it happen?

This is Mr Scargill's own version

As he sat dazed on the ground immediately after the incident: 'All I know is that these bastards rushed in and this guy hit me on the back of the head with a bloody shield and knocked me to the ground and out.'

Silly

Sitting in his hospital bed later, on being told of the police claim that he fell: 'I think such a comment is unworthy even of the police in this situation.'

'The fact is that many people saw what happened. I was hit on the head by a riot shield and there's no doubt about that.'

'I don't think I would be in here if I had just fallen over a sleeper and I'll leave such silly comments to the police.'

This is police chief Mr Clement's version. . . .

'I was there. I called the ambulance for him.'

'Shield units were running up the road under a hail of stones and Mr Scargill was standing to one side with two

other people on top of a grassy bank.

'At the top of the bank there is a long chain link fence which was broken.'

'He was standing by this fence when he tripped.'

'He came down on the bank on to his back and then his head came into contact either with the ground or an old railway sleeper at the foot of the bank.'

'I insisted that he needed ambulancemen because he was quite obviously concussed.'

'He was dazed and did not know where he was.'

Asked about Mr Scargill's version, Mr Clement said: 'There were no riot shields anywhere near him. He merely tripped.'

Picket Robert McDonald, 34, from Bolsover, Derbyshire, claimed: 'I saw a policeman in riot gear run towards him and as he passed, bring his shield round and it caught Mr Scargill on the side of the head. The force of it brought him crashing down.'

Miner Steve Howell, from Silverwood Colliery, South

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The Queen shocked by clashes

WORST DAY OF VIOLENCE

Scargill among 80 hurt in Orgreave battle

MORE than 100 miners' pickets were arrested in running battles with police yesterday as the worst violence since the 15-week miners' strike began erupted at Orgreave coking plant in South Yorkshire. Among more than 80 people injured were 28 policemen and Mr Scargill, the miners' union president.

The Queen has been shocked by clashes between miners and the police, says OUR POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT. He quotes informed sources as saying that nothing has shocked her more since the inner city riots of 1981.

Sir Michael Havers, the Attorney-General, said the 6,000 people who confronted 3,000 police were rioters, not pickets. Mr Kinnock, the Labour leader, was among the many MPs who condemned the scenes at Orgreave. He said they were "horrifying, untypical and un-British."

A sombre meeting of Ministers last night discussed Orgreave, where the clashes left blazing barricades and cars, ripped-up lamp-posts and stones, bottles and bricks strewn across the road.

'HIT BY RIOT SHIELD'

Mr Scargill, who was co-ordinating the picketing with a two-way radio, claimed in hospital last night that he received bruises and cuts on an arm, leg and his head when he was struck by a police riot shield.

Mr Tony Clement, South Yorkshire's assistant chief constable, said that Mr Scargill, who is due to leave hospital today, fell and hit his head on a railway sleeper when no police were near him.

Mr Clement said that outside agitators had been present, but much of the violence came from miners. "If the pickets here win by force, the whole structure of industrial relations and policing and law and order and civil liberties is gone."

British Steel announced yesterday that it is soon to end its daily gauntlet run of convoys from Orgreave to Scunthorpe because it was importing coke. It denied that it was yielding to Government pressure, and said Orgreave coke would be moved again when needed.

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Daily Telegraph STRIKING MINERS VOTED OUT OF OFFICE

By JAMES O'BRIEN
STRIKING miners seeking re-election as union branch officials in the Nottinghamshire coalfield have sustained further heavy defeats.

Sixteen of the 31 branches have held their ballots this month and not one miner from picket lines has been elected.

Branch officials who are on strike, despite the area's ballot three months ago to remain at work, have been defeated at all 14 pits where they stood for office.

Defeats for the Left in key posts include seven delegates, three branch presidents, three secretaries and one treasurer.

Among the branches which have voted are South Normanton Road Transport branch near Mansfield, and Bestwood workshops, near Nottingham.

Bestwood members are opposed to the continuation of the National Union of Mine-workers overtime ban.

The ban is likely to be discussed when the new moderate Notts Union executive, to be elected by an area delegate conference meets for the first time.

£20,000 donation

If and when the debate does take place the outcome is generally seen as cut and dried—a firm "no" to Mr Scargill's demands.

The union, with an 84,000 membership and a politically middle-of-the-road executive, has expressed support for the miners' cause and donated £20,000 to their strike fund.

But it has also recognised the validity of the Steel Corporation's warning that any stoppage of production would do irreparable damage to the industry's recovery programme and job prospects.

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delegates to be reported

BLACKST

day for pit strike violence

By Malcolm Pithers

The worst scenes of violence in the miners' dispute broke out at the Orgreave coking plant near Rotherham, Yorkshire, yesterday with cars being burned, stones, bricks and bottles being hurled, and policemen lashing out with truncheons.

The battle lasted for 10 hours of horrific clashes. At the end 93 had been arrested and 79 injured — 51 of them pickets and 28 police officers.

Among the injured was the miners' president, Mr Arthur Scargill who was detained in Rotherham Infirmary last night for observation.

His condition was not serious and hospital staff said he was suffering from head, arm

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and leg injuries. He was taken to hospital amid conflicting versions of how his injuries were sustained.

Mr Scargill said he believed he was struck by a police shield from behind. The assistant chief constable of South Yorkshire, Mr Tony Clement, said he was standing only a few yards from the miners' president and saw him fall on a railway banking.

He said Mr Scargill struck himself accidentally against what looked like a railway sleeper.

Mr Clement said he could not speak for what may have happened earlier, but he saw Mr Scargill standing near two men. The miners' leader had



Mr Clement — "saw miners' leader slip"

slipped near some chain link fencing and fallen down backwards.

Mr Clement said that the miners' leader then struck the back of his head on what he, Mr Clement, thought was the sleeper.

He went across to talk to Mr Scargill and found him obviously concussed. He spoke to the men nearby and told them Mr Scargill needed help. They told him that two lads would look after him, but Mr Clement insisted that Mr Scargill needed professional help as soon as possible.

Another account of what happened came from a miner, Mr Stephen Hallow from Silverwood Colliery, who said that the police charged towards them.

He said he saw Mr Scargill on the floor out of the corner of his eye. He said as far as he was concerned he had been given a "good leathering".

Police riot squads were used yesterday and several mounted police charges were made. Throughout the day missiles of every size and type were hurled toward police lines.

At one point the police said that two petrol bombs had been thrown. But it seemed later that these had been canisters of bottles filled with diesel fuel.

In an attempt to cool the situation magistrates ordered

all pubs within two miles of the plant to stay shut at lunch-time. The order was made at the request of the South Yorkshire Chief Constable, Mr Peter Wright. Police then toured pubs and off licences ordering them to close.

Miners began converging on the Orgreave plant at 3am yesterday. Some had travelled from Scotland, Wales, the North-east of England as well as Yorkshire.

At one stage they practically overwhelmed police units. There were pitched battles inside the coking plant for the first time since picketing began, and the frustration on both sides spilled over into sickening scenes of miners being batoned and of police being attacked with bricks, slivers of glass as well as the containers of fuel.

Although the police lines eventually held, officers did react violently. Truncheons were drawn and used on individuals by snatch squads.

The day produced unreal, pitiful scenes. Cars were rolled downhill towards policemen and ignited to make a flaming barricade.

At one point I heard a policeman yell at a photographer to take photographs of a hero. He was pointing to a mounted police officer whose arm was bleeding badly. An ambulance man was holding the wound to stem the flow of blood.

It was equally sickening to hear policemen clapping and cheering as a picket, bleeding heavily from a head wound, was helped into an ambulance.

While this was happening police were being pelted with missiles.

At the height of the battle two men who run a local transport works a few hundred yards from the plant found themselves battering down the doors of their works. They told Mr Ashton Whittingham and Neil Manning that the police had been filming them from his garage.

A diesel tank was then emptied and bottles and canisters filled. Vehicles inside were hauled out and used in the barricade.

Earlier in the day I had walked with miners converging on the plant near this garage. At that time there was a peaceful mood.

Later I returned to the same spot to find the barricade across the road. A few yards further on wooden stakes had been placed in lines to prevent any police horse charges.

The barrage of rocks, bricks and glass was kept up for hours. For most of this time policemen stood with riot shields to fend off the missiles. Charges were also made against the pickets with policemen lashing out with truncheons.

Mr Clement, who is in charge of the Orgreave operation, said later that it was a miracle no one had been killed. What people had witnessed could only be called a riot.

There was no doubt that the police units, in all numbering 1,000, were well equipped.

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Teachers fillip

AN agreement on arbitration terms between college lecturers and local authority employers could help

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THE title of the new book by the author of 'The

Funeral fury

THERE were angry scenes yesterday at the funeral of the Irish National



Mr Scargill is helped away by ambulance men after battle

BSC determined to

By John Ardill and Jean Stead

THE British Steel Corporation made it clear yesterday that it intends to continue coke runs between Orgreave and Scunthorpe, after a break to replenish stocks at the South Yorkshire coking plant.

As British Steel made its belligerent statement which stressed the cooperation of its workers and contractors, and the failure of miners' picketing the leader of the biggest steel union rebuffed attempts by the mineworkers' union to bring steel production to a virtual standstill.

Mr Bill Sirs, of the ISTC, said he had no knowledge of an NUM threat to block iron ore shipments to steel works unless the ISTC agreed by tonight to severely limit coal and coke intakes.

Mr Sirs said in Scarborough, where his union conference opens today, that the industry needs to continue

production to keep its markets and jobs.

The NUM wants coal and coke supplies limited to the amount needed to keep blastfurnaces and coke ovens from collapsing. Mr Sirs said yesterday that he could ask the NUM for no more than this, but he stressed that it was a matter for local negotiation. He had no plans to call an executive meeting to discuss the issue.

However, the miners' national negotiating committee said yesterday that they hoped for a meeting at their national headquarters in Sheffield this morning with leaders of the ISTC.

The Scottish miners' leader, Mr Mick McCabe, said yesterday: "If no arrangements have been made by tomorrow night, then full stop. The rail unions will stop all coal and coke deliveries to all the steel plants. If the British Steel Corporation reverts to bringing in

\$55bn 'spirited away overseas'

From Peter Rodgers, Financial Correspondent, in Basle

The Bank for International Settlements has dropped a political bombshell three days before a debtors' summit in Colombia by claiming that Latin Americans had spirited \$55 billion abroad in the six years to

is unavailable to the debtor countries — compared to Latin America's total current account deficit of \$15 billion.

A BIS economic adviser, Professor Alexandre Lamfalussy, said: "If you put that into the current account deficit, that would be smaller by \$6.5 billion." He assumed that a large part of the flight capital had gone to the United States, but he had no proof.

The BIS general manager, Dr Gunther Schleminger, added: "We made this reference to capital flight quite deliberately in our report; it is one of the major causes of certain problems with which we are faced."

The BIS, the central bankers' own bank, wants the outflow stopped and, if possible, reversed by Latin American governments putting their houses in order.

According to Professor Lamfalussy, there would still

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33 Scottish pitmen go back.

REBEL Scottish miners started producing coal yesterday to the clear delight of the Coal Board and to the violent fury of hastily-summoned pickets.

The first crack in the solidly militant areas for 15 weeks came on NUM hardliner Mr Mick McGahey's own backyard—the showpiece Midlothian pit of Bilston Glen.

Although only 33 men clocked on for yesterday's day shift it was enough to get a face team underground cutting coal. And that could be the psychological turning point for others on the 1,800 Bilston Glen workforce.

Now the NCB expects the trickle of miners working—18 on Monday, 23 on

By Industrial Reporter PAUL WILENIUS and FRANK URQUHART

Tuesday—to become a torrent over the next few weeks.

And not only at Bilston Glen, but in other hard-line areas where men previously unwilling or afraid to break rules could follow the Scottish lead.

NUM officials clearly recognise this.

When the men clocked on at Bilston Glen only eight pickets were at the gates. When the news spread that coal was being produced 250 pickets were organised to wait for the rebels to come off shift.

Howling hatred they temporarily broke a 250-strong police cordon in a bid to get at the miners. Several police and pickets suffered minor injuries and 32 pickets were arrested but the rebels got through unharmed.

Today police expect a big turnout on the picket line to try to halt Bilston Glen.

After yesterday's violence a member of the local strike committee, Mr Rab Amos, claimed the NCB had "incited" pickets by announcing production had restarted.

"This is a propaganda move," he said.

The NCB hope the fact itself will be sufficient propaganda to encourage men in Scotland, Yorkshire, South

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Wales, Kent and the North-East to join the drift back to work in more moderate areas. The collapse of peace talks has already put pressure on pitmen facing more long weeks of real hardship.

NCB officials had expected the first crack would come in Durham or Northumberland rather than Scotland.

● Mr McGahey's son Michael, a craftsman at Bilston Glen, was not among yesterday's rebels. Nor was the militant 28-year-old likely to have been among the pickets — he was barred from all picket lines by an Edinburgh court this week while on bail facing breach-of-the-peace charges.

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McGahey orders pickets to work

COMMUNIST miners chief Mick McGahey was left red-faced yesterday after being forced to back off over a threatened pit.

He ordered teams of safety workers to cross picket lines when bosses warned that the showpiece pit could close with the loss of 1,800 jobs.

That means that from Monday strikers will be helping to get the Bilston Glen Colliery, near Edin-burgh, operational again.

Safety cover there was withdrawn two days ago when 33 men turned up for work and started digging coal for the first time in 15 weeks.

And after strikers mounted a mass picket the pit flooded, gas built up and there were fears of an explosion.

SCARGILL DEFIANT

MINERS' leader Arthur Scargill yesterday spurned a vicar's plea for reconciliation and forgiveness at the funeral of a picket

Mr Scargill hammered home his defiance, telling 8,000 mourning miners outside Pontefract crematorium, Yorks. "The fight goes on. There will be no compromise."

Mr Joe Green, a 55-year-old bachelor died a week ago, under the wheels of a lorry at Ferrybridge Power Station.

Injuries to police total 412

The number of police officers injured in England and Wales during the miners' dispute between March 14 and June 20 was 412, Mr Douglas Hurd, Minister of State, Home Office, said in a Commons written answer yesterday.

There were 3,444 arrests in the same period. Of those 3,182 were of miners.

Arrested person's job	No of arrests
Miner	3,182
Retired miner	1
MP	1
Transport wkr	4
Student	36
Health wkr	2
Manual wkr	37
Non-manual wkr	9
Housewives	7
Unemployed	26
Retired (non-miners)	2
Not known/Not given	137
TOTAL	3,444

Offence	No of charges
Riot	84
Unlawful assembly	120
Affray	9
Greivous bodily har	7
Assault occasioning bodily harm	113
Assault with intent to resist arrest	8
TOTAL	341

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'PICKET THREAT' TO BOWLS GAME

A bowls match between two teams of miners in the Yorkshire pit village of Denaby Main has been called off because of the fear of disruption by flying pickets.

A team from Harworth, Notts —where some miners are still working—were due to play a team of Maltby miners. But they were warned that strikers were on their way to picket the game and "sort them out." Some miners' cars arrived after the match was postponed.

NUM SUMMONS AGAINST P c

The NUM is to take out a private summons for assault against the policeman seen on television repeatedly striking a picket with his truncheon outside the Orgreave coking plant near Sheffield.

On Thursday, the Director of Public Prosecutions said there would be no charge against the officer.

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CHOICE OVER MP'S DRIVING LICENCE

By TERENCE SHAW
Legal Correspondent

THE Labour MP convicted on drink-related motoring charges on Thursday escaped disqualification because courts have discretion when an offender is convicted of being in charge of, rather than driving, a vehicle while under the influence of drink.

Mr Geoffrey Robinson, MP for Coventry North West, was convicted of being in charge of his car while unfit through drink and drugs.

He admitted failing to give a breath specimen and having no lights and was fined a total of £420 with £250 costs.

If he had been convicted of driving while unfit through drink as opposed to being in charge of the vehicle, magistrates would have been obliged to disqualify him unless there were reasons special to the offence rather than to the offender.

Wider discretion

The same obligation to disqualify for at least 12 months would have been applied if he had been convicted of refusing to supply a sample after arrest for driving as opposed to being in charge of the vehicle while suspected of being unfit.

But where a defendant is convicted of the latter offence the court has a wider discretion when considering disqualification.

In Mr Robinson's case he told magistrates at Nuneaton that he had pulled off the M6 in Warwickshire because he was "dangerously tired" and had no intention of driving further.

Police found him asleep in the passenger seat of his car on the hard shoulder near to the Corley service area on Dec 23.

His licence was endorsed with the usual 10 penalty points. A motorist who accumulates 12 points within three years can normally be expected to be disqualified for six months.

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DAILY MAIL P2

To Mr P MacGregor
Dear Sir,
My husband & thousands like
him in the Yorkshire coalfield are
disappointed that you have decided to
delay holding a ballot

Pleading . . . letter to Mr MacGregor

ANGUISH OF LETTERS TO COAL BOARD CHIEF

Please help us we are bleeding to
death. It is like waiting to die. We feel
degraded

Bleeding . . . letter to Mr MacGregor

Save us plea by pit wives

Daily Mail Reporter

IAN MacGREGOR opened his postbag from hundreds of miners and their wives last night—all of them pleading with him to help end the pit strike.

They wrote of their agony and the hardship of families 'bleeding to death' because of the dispute and Arthur Scargill's 'hit gang.'

The letters were released after the Coal Board chief spent the day talking to a group of miners who defied pickets to carry on working.

One letter was from a miner's wife in Barnsley, Yorkshire, home of Mr Scargill, the NUM leader. She

wrote: 'Please help us, we are bleeding to death. It is like waiting to die. We feel degraded.'

'My husband, and thousands like him in the Yorkshire coalfield are disappointed that you have decided to delay holding a ballot.'

'We have been thrust into this dispute against our will and are becoming desperate for a lead to be able to return to work. This ballot was our only hope as even the moderates on the executive are not with us now.'

Mr MacGregor had considered balloting the miners but instead sent a personal message to each man warning

that the strike could force the closure of up to 30 pits.

A Yorkshire woman wrote: 'It is with tears streaming down my face, we ask you to give our men the chance of a vote.'

'It is sheer hell to be held at gunpoint by Arthur Scargill and his hit gang.'

A Northumberland pit worker said: 'We did not vote to strike with the NUM but were forced to by the pickets. My wife, two children and I are starving to death. We have hardly any money coming in to feed us.'

The letter from a Sheffield miner's wife said: 'When we ask about law and order, they

say: 'It is Scargill's law now and that is what we will abide by.'

Despite these messages of support for Mr MacGregor, the Coal Board admitted that his personal return-to-work plea had had a hostile response from many miners and that a number of his letters had been returned unstamped.

Earlier yesterday Mr MacGregor spoke on the phone to pitmen at Shirebrook, Derbyshire, who are still defying 'ferocious picketing, personal violence and intimidation of their homes,' to continue working.

He was said to be 'warned

and heartened' by their determination.

Pickets allowed safety workers to return to Bilston Glen colliery, near Edinburgh, after warnings that their withdrawal 36 hours earlier might result in permanent closure of the pit.

The NUM hinted at a new tactic yesterday in its bid to halt steel production.

Only a handful of miners picketed the Lanwern works in South Wales as 50 lorries delivered much-needed coal and coke. Rail supplies were cut off on Tuesday.

An area official of the union said no mass pickets were planned.

Instead he claimed that ASLEF railmen were going to extend their embargo to include iron ore to put more pressure on steel workers to accept only enough coal to prevent damage to plants.

There were angry exchanges yesterday over the picket line violence.

Labour leader Neil Kinnock accused Mrs Thatcher of using the police to plug gaps in her policies.

And the SDP's David Owen attacked Mr Kinnock and Mrs Thatcher for their performances in the dispute.

Mr Kinnock was 'spineless' and Mrs Thatcher was 'insensitive,' he said.

Arthur Scargill announced that the NUM was taking out a private summons against the unnamed policeman seen on TV hitting a picket during Monday's fighting at Orgreave coking plant.

A call for peace at picket's funeral

THOUSANDS of striking miners from throughout the country gathered yesterday for the funeral of Joe Green, who died on a picket line last week.

During the service, the Rev. Trevor Hicks pleaded for reconciliation in the pit dispute.

Mr Hicks, vicar of Knottingley, spoke of Mr Green's devotion to the

mining industry. But he also spoke of miners' fears about their jobs and families.

'There is much to be healed, many to be reconciled and much to be forgiven,' he said.

But only minutes later Arthur Scargill was issuing a 'no compromise' message from the steps of the crematorium.

'We have had 3,000 miners arrested on the picket line, 1,000 members hurt, some of

them very badly injured, and two people killed,' he said.

'The price we are paying is a very heavy one. But it is one our members are prepared to pay if it is necessary to save our jobs and industry.'

Mr Scargill, wearing a black anorak over a dark suit, had headed the procession of 8,000 miners to pay tribute to bachelor Mr Green, 55, who

was crushed by the wheels of a lorry at Ferrybridge power station near Castleford.

Mr Scargill said: 'Joe was a personal friend of mine. He was a fantastic lad.'

Mourners brought traffic to a standstill as they wound their way from Mr Green's home in Knottingley, West Yorkshire, and through the streets of Pontefract.

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Cost of picket's brick

SITTING over a morning cup of tea and contemplating a day's fishing, Mr William Gordon suddenly found himself a victim of the violence of the miners' strike.

As he baited his hooks, a commotion in the road outside his caravan home by the sea reached fever pitch.

For out of the jeering, jostling mass of miners picketing a nearby coal dock, a brick came soaring through the air and smashed the windscreen of an approaching lorry.

Mr Gordon saw the driver wrestle with the wheel as the giant six-wheeler careered off the road, snapping three trees like matchsticks.

A shed exploded in splinters as the juggernaut ploughed through it. Then a white Ford Escort was

by ALEX LINDSAY.

hurled into the air and crushed against Mr Gordon's Land-Rover, sending it straight towards him.

He had barely a second to grab his dog, Puddle, before the three vehicles slammed into the side of the caravan.

Mr Gordon, 52, was knocked unconscious and had two fractured ribs.

That was almost a month ago. His ribs have healed, but problems arising from the incident at Glasson Dock, near Lancaster, are just beginning.

Mr Gorman has been told he is unlikely to get a penny of the estimated £8,000 damage to his property. For the caravan was uninsured,

and his Land-Rover carried only third party cover.

The lorry owners are not liable because there was no negligence by their driver.

It was a picket throwing the brick who caused the accident. Many were arrested, but police have yet to prove who threw the missile.

Even if they do, the chances of getting money from a man on strike without pay are negligible.

Mr Gordon said: "I'm stuck with the bill—and I

have no way of paying it. The caravan was my home."

Mr Gordon is not the only one to lose. The Escort owner was only insured third party—write-off value £1,000.

And driver of the lorry Mr Raymond Grant, 30, of Morecambe, Lancs, has lost £100 a week in wages since the accident.

Lawyers say the National Union of Mineworkers is not liable because members are not "instructed" to throw bricks.

Skinheads blamed for village rioting

By Patrick Wintour

Local branch officials of the National Union of Mineworkers toured the streets of Maltby this weekend in an effort to ensure that there was no repeat of the violence which broke out in the south Yorkshire pit village over the previous two weekends.

The Maltby NUM branch secretary, Mr Ron Buck, described the atmosphere as tense, but without trouble. At the previous two weekends the police made 50 arrests and a number of shop windows were smashed. Local police leaders had said the violence was connected with the miners' strike.

However, local mines are convinced that the trouble was not caused by miners, but by a group of skinheads, some from within the village and some from outside. The local NUM is furious that the impression has been given that the miners were responsible, although they do admit that there is a growing frustration at the way in which the police are behaving on picket lines and in south Yorkshire mining villages.

NUM leaders report that there has been anti-police violence not just in Maltby, but also at Armthorpe, near Doncaster, Woodlands, and in Barnsley.

At a meeting last Thursday in Maltby attended by the chairman of the south Yorkshire police committee, Mr George Moores, and by the local police leaders, Mr Buck strongly criticised the police for a policy of indiscriminate arrests and over-policing.

Mr Buck said yesterday: "The police are being used by the Government in this dispute in an entirely different way from any previous time. They are being used as a strike-breaking force."

Other NUM leaders in Maltby claimed that the police had taken such a high profile in their village because Maltby had provided a steady stream of picket volunteers over the past 15 weeks. The police said the arrests followed a series of disturbances outside local pubs and drinking clubs.

A solicitor, Mr Andrew Walker, is expecting to file a series of individual complaints against the police on behalf of his clients after the disturbances. Some of the complaints include the pouring of cold water over miners in police cells during the night, as well as of denying insulin to a diabetic who had been arrested.

Although many miners were among those arrested last week on obstruction and drunken and disorderly charges, Mr Buck insisted that NUM members would not have been involved in the smashing of shop windows. He pointed out that many of the shops which were attacked have been frequent contributors of food and financial aid.

The NUM responded to the violence last week by issuing a statement dissociating the local branch from the violence. The NUM also suspended its local food kitchen for two days to allow the situation to cool down. The kitchen run at a local church, was entirely dependent on free and cut price food from local shops.

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THE SUN SAYS

The way back

THIS WEEK might just see the beginning of the end of the coal strike.

But it will depend on enough striking miners being convinced by the pleas made by Margaret Thatcher and Ian MacGregor for them to join the drift back to work.

Let's hope their message gets through.

More people are now working in the pits than at any time since the strike started 15 weeks ago. Coal production is up.

Mrs Thatcher rightly based her back to work call on the misery the dispute is inflicting on individual miners and their families.

She pointed out that the average miner has already lost £2,000 and seen household budgets cut to the bone.

But Arthur Scargill, of course, is as determined as ever that his members shall not desert his lost cause.

On Wednesday he will take the battle to London for the so-called TUC day of action on behalf of the NUM. Mr Scargill hopes to bring the capital to a standstill.

All this when the prospects for coal are so rosy.

We have enough coal in Britain to ensure prosperity for all for many, many years with the miners way out ahead at the top of the pay league.

That is the exciting future — once Arthur Scargill's political battle is lost.

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NUM LEADERS 'MUST CHANGE THEIR STANCE'

By JOHN RICHARDS Industrial Correspondent

MMR NED SMITH, the Coal Board's director of industrial relations, has called on the National Union of Mineworkers to "reconsider its position" in the dispute.

Mr Smith said the 24-man union national executive, due to meet in Sheffield on Thursday, should change its posture for several reasons.

"For one, it is sad that the NUM has got itself into the pickle that it is in," said Mr Smith, speaking on BBC Radio's WORLD THIS WEEKEND programme.

"At the moment, it is urging other unions to stop activity and stop production when 30 per cent. of the NUM's own members are still working.

"We have got a divided NUM. We have a situation in which the NUM, which was respected and indeed held in deep regard by the population of this country, is finding itself estranged. The public are not on their side."

Immediate rebuttal

The union's leaders should consider that situation and see that it arose out of their posture of "total opposition to anything sensible to put the industry right," said Mr Smith.

His remarks brought and immediate rebuttal from Mr Peter Heathfield, the union's general secretary, who said: "I should say he is not the best assessor in the world of the popularity of a union when he is refusing to negotiate with them."

Mr Heathfield, confirming that the union's executive had decided to meet fortnightly rather than monthly during the present phase of the dispute, claimed that the union was receiving "tremendous support and sympathy" up and down the country.

The strike enters its 16th week today with the Coal Board claiming that about one-third of the 180,000 miners are already back at work.

Holidays in five North Stafford pits and one in North Nottinghamshire may make it

difficult to judge the immediate effect of Mr MacGregor's "back to work" appeal to the others.

The demand that the Coal Board's closure plans, said to affect 20 pits and 20,000 men, should be withdrawn "ignores the market facts," said Mr Smith. For several years, the Board has been producing coal far in excess of what the market will take.

This has been cushioned by increasing exports and continuing to stock-pile at pits and major consumers.

As a result, at the beginning of the last financial year, the Board had 61 million tonnes of coal in stock, an all-time record. This cost £380 million in the financial year to March, 1983.

To get the market and output into balance, it was necessary to cut capacity by a further 4 million tonnes, which can be done simply by closing high-cost capacity, said Mr Smith.

2,000 recruits

"We would not make one man redundant who did not want to retire from the industry," he emphasised.

In the last year, he added, the Coal Board had recruited 2,000 school-leavers. The Board was one of the biggest recruiters of school-leavers, if not the biggest.

"We must find customers and increase our markets," Mr Smith added. "With the mining industries in Germany, France and Belgium being run down there is a substantial European market for coal. It is a market that can be attacked if the price of British coal is right.

"We can do it without hardship and without mandatorily putting anybody on the dole — if we can kick-off in a sensible discussion and dialogue with the NUM."

POLICING COSTS TO BE DISCUSSED

Policing costs of the miners' dispute, which have already reached £7½ million in Derbyshire, are to be discussed at a meeting between Mr Brittan, Home Secretary, and an all-party deputation from the county's council.

The Labour-controlled council has refused to pay local authorities whose police have been used in the dispute. Mr David Bookbinder, council leader, said: "To meet the present cost alone would mean finding savings of £2,200,000, which we cannot afford."

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MINERS' RAID ON PIT TEAM

A GANG of striking miners forced a pitmen's cricket match to be abandoned — because two of the players had gone back to work.

The men, who have asked not to be named for fear of reprisals, were playing for the Shirebrook colliery team in Derbyshire against a neighbouring village when almost 60 miners invaded the pitch.

Earlier in the day part of the wicket had been dug up.

The men who claim they were told they and their families "would come to harm" unless they gave up work, have now decided to rejoin the strike, after returning to work a week ago.

One of the men, who has two children aged five and three, said yesterday: "They threatened to beat us up with the stumps, and we were so heavily outnumbered we had to abandon the game. If we had retaliated there would have been a bloodbath.

"It was terrifying and we decided that if they could do that in broad daylight, God only knows what they could do after dark. That's why we have decided to go back on strike."

"We both have young children and we have to put the safety of our families first, even if it means giving in to their bully-boy tactics."

The Shirebrook team was made up completely of miners — of whom all but the two men were on strike.

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TWO miners were beaten up by pickets yesterday as moderates defied the strike call.

They were punched, kicked and butted as they finished their morning shift.

The men were knocked to the ground outside Bilston Glen colliery on the outskirts of Edinburgh amid some of the worst trouble so far in Scotland.

As they slipped through a police cordon to catch a bus home they were met by the usual abusive jeers.

Then suddenly cries of 'Get the bastards' came from the picket line of about 500 miners.

A mob of 30 broke away from the main group and chased and attacked the two terrified miners. Police did not see the violence at first because they had been watching the main group.

Once alerted, several officers broke up the fight, and arrested six men. Other police treated the injured miners. Both were bruised. One suffered a head gash and the other a split mouth.

Before they were helped away one of them said: 'I thought I was going to be killed. They came at me from all sides using their heads, feet and hands. It was terrifying.'

According to the Coal Board, 121 men were working at the colliery—83 of whom were officials and safety cover. The Board also said that production resumed yesterday at Bilston Glen for only the second time since the strike began.

LEADERS of Britain's miners and steelmen finally

agreed yesterday to meet this week to try to reach a national pact on fuel supplies.

Their decision came as some South Wales railmen escalated the national fuel blockade by refusing to take vital iron ore into the Llawern steel plant.

The announcement that talks had at last been fixed between the NUM and the main steel union, came as the steelmen's leader Bill Sirs attended a meeting of the TUC's finance and general purposes committee in London.

The two sides will use TUC headquarters for their talks on Friday but Mr Sirs said he had no intention of involving

the TUC in the discussions.

At Llanwern yesterday crews of two of the total of five scheduled iron ore trains refused to take their wagons into the plant.

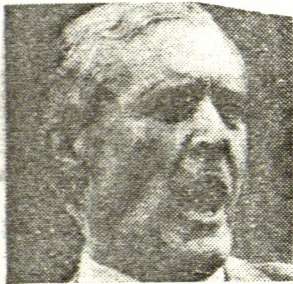
Later rail union officials said they were confident the blockade was now solid and that no more trains would make the trip from Port Talbot 50 miles away.

But despite the success miners claimed at Llanwern, there were more signs yesterday that the strike was crumbling elsewhere.

The Coal Board said there were 829 more men working yesterday at pits in Nottinghamshire, Lancashire, North Wales, North Derbyshire and at the Coventry colliery than there were the previous Monday.

And striking miners who took over a colliery control room at Tilmanstone pit in Kent left peacefully last night after negotiations between Kent NUM leaders and the Coal Board.

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Benn: Morale boost

Benn calls for national stoppage

By ALAN COCHRANE

TONY BENN last night called for a national strike to back the miners.

The Left-winger said: "Trade unionists in a whole range of industries and services should plan to take industrial action."

He added: "No one need wait for permission."

Mr Benn's call, in a speech at East Ham, London, is sure to embarrass Labour leader Neil Kinnock and anger Mrs Thatcher.

The Labour MP clearly set himself at odds with Mr Kinnock's "softly softly" approach to the miners' strike, and also tried to ignore serious differences between the pit men and other unions.

He said: "An extension of strike action would directly assist the NUM and give them a tremendous morale boost at the same time."

Mr Benn said Labour's national executive—of which he is a member—should organise a national demonstration in support of the miners.

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Miners beaten up for going to work

TWO miners who went back to work yesterday were beaten up by pickets when they finished their shift.

The men were attacked when they made the mistake of leaving police protection to walk home.

A small group of the 500 pickets at

Scotland's Bilston Glen pit broke away and chased the men, kicking and punching them.

By the time police rescued them, both were bruised and bloody.

One man was taken away by ambulance and six pickets were arrested.

Local union official Dave Clark condemned the attack saying: "We don't want any violence on the picket lines."

Earlier there were 50 arrests when pickets broke down fences around the pit.

The unions admitted 19 men had gone into work but the Coal Board said there were 38. The mine employs 1,800.

A small amount of coal was cut but was not brought to the surface.

Some safety workers whose presence had been approved by the strike committee were given a hostile reception by the pickets when they emerged from the pit.

800 go back after Mac's plea to work

By BARRIE DEVNEY Industrial Editor

MORE than 800 striking miners yesterday heeded the personal appeal by Mr Ian MacGregor to defy Mr Arthur Scargill and go back to work.

It was hardly the moss revolt the Coal Board chief hoped to achieve. But it was an encouraging sign of growing disillusion among the 180,000 pitmen over their stoppage, now in its 16th week.

The Board revealed last night that 829 more men were working yesterday than on Monday last week.

The main areas where miners returned to work yesterday were: Scotland's Bilston Glen, 38; Slivebrook, Derbyshire, 76; Bolsover, Derbyshire, 233; North Notts, 170; and South Notts, 193.

The Coal Board has also received replies to Mr MacGregor's letter: 114 said they would be returning to work while 30 said they would stay on strike.

Forty-seven pits were producing coal—including Scotland's showplace Bilston Glen where 38 miners defied heavy picketing to work. There were 50 arrests.

Pit flood fear

COAL BOARD chiefs will ask the High Court today to evict striking miners occupying the control room of Tilmanstone Colliery in Kent, where pump failure could lead to risk of flooding.

TUC stays out of front line

A BID by David Basnett, general secretary of the General, and Municipal Workers Union to embroil the TUC in talks over the miners' strike fund has failed.

It looked last night as if the TUC would continue to stand aside, but much depends on whether iron ore is prevented from reaching Llanwern steelworks, bringing the threat of job losses.

Pit team brothers defy raid

By JAMES O'BRIEN

TWO brothers threatened with violence because they have returned to work during the miners' strike decided yesterday to continue crossing picket lines at Shirebrook colliery, North Derbyshire, where coal production has resumed.

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By GRAHAM MacLEAN
and TOM CONDON

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The pair were attacked as they ran a gauntlet of 700 snarling pickets after finishing their shift at Bilston Glen Colliery, near Edinburgh.

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Victims

Police rescued the victims and took them to a first-aid van. One was released after treatment but an ambulance took the other to hospital.

Thirty-six other miners stayed in the colliery for 1½ hours after their shift until police decided it was safe to leave.

Hours earlier 50 pickets at Bilston Glen were arrested during violent scenes as the rebel miners reported for duty.

COAL BOSS MacGregor claimed 830 strikers went back to work yesterday in response to his personal

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MINERS BEATEN UP

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appeal last week.

More miners returned in Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire, Lancashire, the West Midlands and Scotland.

Hope

Fewer than 1,500 of Nottinghamshire's 30,000 miners are now on strike, the lowest number since

the stoppage began nearly 18 weeks ago.

A Coal Board spokesman said: "The number of people going to work in Nottingham is now close to normal. In the last two weeks 500 have gone back."

Mr MacGregor has personally thanked 120 miners who have defied 8,800 pickets to work at the Shirebrook Colliery in Derbyshire.

He telephoned the pit

on Friday to speak to their leaders. A further 50 absentees reported back yesterday.

The Coal Board said there were now 117 pits on Strike, but Miners' leader Arthur Scargill claimed there were 135. He said the MacGregor appeal had been a flop.

Plan

He warned that production losses this week "will be greater than ever before."

Mr Scargill added: "With more than 80 per cent of our men on strike the mood is one of solid determination."

STRIKE

PICKET-battling police were red-faced yesterday over the letters on number plates on a batch of 20 new cars for the Yorkshire force... NUM—the National Union of Mineworkers' initials.

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INVITATIONS TO MacGREGOR OFF

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Benn's strike call

A CALL for a General Strike in support of the miners was made last night by Left-Wing rebel Anthony Wedgwood Benn.

His message could prove a major embarrassment to other Labour leaders.

Mr Benn's call came a few hours after an appeal for a new conciliatory effort to end the strike.

He asked all trade unionists to take industrial action where they work as a direct way to help the miners.

Then he attempted to stampede Labour's National Executive Committee, of which he is a member, to organise a national demonstration.

Mr Benn, who now represents the miners' seat of Chesterfield is certain to stir up antagonism with his demands for a national strike

DAILY EXPRESS

Midsummer misery

RAIL services will be thrown into chaos from midnight.

London's main line stations will be hit; the Underground will be hit; Inter-City services will be hit.

Many thousands of travellers and commuters will have a day of midsummer misery.

But Mr Jimmy Knapp, leader of the National Union of Railwaymen, and yet another trade union dinosaur with revolutionary aspirations, will be delighted.

This is his way of "supporting" Arthur Scargill and his misguided striking miners.

It will not help the miners one little bit, of course.

But it will create further public resentment towards the NUR. And it will hasten the flight of freight and passengers from rail to road.

Neither can be good for the average railwayman. But Brother Knapp doesn't worry about things like that.

Coal board staff mobbed by pickets

From Craig Seton
Doncaster

Striking miners were accused of acting like "thugs and yobs" yesterday after 1,000 men descended on the National Coal Board's regional office in Doncaster and accosted employees in the street. Women were among 37 people assaulted, hit by stones or threatened.

The incident was described by coal board officials as well organized, and the worst and most violent of a number of mass pickets at Coal House by Yorkshire miners since the dispute began.

A complaint was made to the area office of the National Union of Mineworkers.

One employee was taken to hospital after being punched in the mouth and an office girl was told that she would be raped and beaten. Others were told that they would be "kicked back home" if they tried to get into work.

The police arrested 17 miners outside Coal House, where 16 windows were smashed and 11 cars damaged. One had "NUM" scratched in large letters on its bonnet.

Board officials said that miners roamed the streets in gangs, stopping workers on the way to Coal House, and male employees were "thumped".

Others were pushed and jostled, kicked or had stones thrown at them as they made their way to an assembly point next to Doncaster police station set aside for times when their offices were being picketed.

Many women were said to have been in tears and one collapsed. Of the 37 people who said that they had been attacked, hit by missiles or threatened, 19 were women.

Eight, including two women, were kicked; six, three men and three women, were hit or pushed; two men were hit by missiles; seven people, six of them women, were treated for shock and six people, one a woman, were threatened with assault.

A further five people were hit by eggs and a man was spat on. About 1,000 people work at

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Coal House, many of them related to miners.

Mr Frank Taylor, the coal board's regional secretary, who was kicked and punched at the assembly point, telephoned Mr Jack Taylor, president of the union's Yorkshire area, to complain about the behaviour of the 1,000 men, most of whom were in their twenties or thirties.

Mr Frank Taylor said: "It was very vicious and much more bitter than before. There were miners all over when I arrived for work and only a handful of police.

"They came up to me and said: 'Right, you are all going home. We beat two men up at Bilston Glen but they were gentlemen and we are not. We are going to kick you all home.'

"We were at the assembly point and they started pushing and jostling us. They grabbed me by my tie and kicked me and my assistant, but we all stood our ground. It was really frightening. They are thugs. These are the yobs you see at football matches. Their language was foul", Mr Taylor said.

"I have been in this industry a long time and I think miners are the salt of the earth, but it is one of the saddest days of my life to have seen this. I have never seen anything like it before.

"They are not helping their cause. And I told Mr Taylor that they will not get public sympathy when they knock young girls about. I said that this behaviour was totally unacceptable, to intimidate and frighten people who want to exercise their democratic right to work.

"He told me he was not responsible for everything but I said he must be responsible. He said that three of his members had received fractured skulls at Orgreave and I said I was sorry, but that did not justify what had happened."

Mr Taylor said that the pickets had adopted different tactics from before. Instead of trying to stop workers at the main door of Coal House they had split up and stopped staff in the street before they reached work.

One miner, he said, had been listened to in silence when he tried to explain the miners' case to the employees at the assembly point.

One Coal House official said that he believed many miners were now resorting to violence because of their increasing frustration

Scargill power cut claim denied

By David Felton
Labour Correspondent

Mr Arthur Scargill, the miners' leader, claimed last night that secret plans were being drawn up by the Government to seek parliamentary authorization for power cuts to start at the end of August because of dwindling coal stocks held at power stations.

The president of the National Union of Mineworkers said his information had come from "a high level" source inside the Central Electricity Generating Board, but last night both the board and the Department of Energy denied Mr Scargill's claim.

He made the allegations during a speech to the conference of the National Union of Railwaymen in which he also appeared to scupper any prospect of agreement on the level of coal supplies to steel plants between the miners and the steelworkers' union, who are meeting in London on Friday.

He appealed to the NUR and the train drivers' union, Aslef, to call an immediate halt to deliveries of iron ore to the five major steel plants and it appeared last night that some railway workers were prepared to respond to that call. Four out of five ore trains due to deliver to Llanwern steel works, south Wales, were turned back by miners' pickets.

Mr Scargill's claims, which stunned delegates, were centred on information from the CEBG "mole", he said.

Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of State for Energy, said: "The prediction of shortage of stocks at power stations in two months' time is as totally untrue as are all the predictions of Mr Scargill on this issue."

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More go to work

By Jean Stead

Thirty-one pickets were arrested outside Bilston Glen Colliery in Lothian yesterday as more miners went to work on the week before the official three-week holiday at the pit.

The National Coal Board said later that about half the pickets had come from outside Scotland, mainly from the North-east England and the police confirmed that a number of English pickets had been arrested.

Miners have to work only until tomorrow night to qualify for three weeks' holiday pay.

The NCB said that a total of 30 miners worked at Bilston Glen yesterday, of whom seven were faceworkers, and that 100 tonnes of coal had been produced. The NUM disputed this figure, saying that only 10 miners had gone into the pit, and 19 the day before,

The union said that the NCB had used Bilston Glen as the proving ground to show that miners wanted to go back to work, but they had not been able to do so.

Women defy fury of pickets

Daily Mail Reporter

WOMEN Coal Board staff were kicked and punched as they ran the gauntlet of picket hatred yesterday.

As a mob of 1,000 tried to close the offices in Doncaster, where they believe computers process the wages of miners still at work, the women and male colleagues also faced showers of bricks, bottles and eggs.

Officials at the Yorkshire Coal Board headquarters believe many of the missiles were deliberately aimed high to shatter windows so that glass would fall on staff trying to get to work.

A woman said: 'I wouldn't have believed the treatment those hooligans handed out to those poor girls. They were punched, pummelled, sworn at and spat on. As one young police officer slipped and fell, he was immediately surrounded by pickets chanting "boot, boot, boot" as they laid into him. They were like wild animals.'

Eventually police cleared the way for the 600 staff to get into the building.

Sixteen men later appeared in court at Doncaster accused of unlawful assembly, an offence carrying a maximum 15 years jail which can only be tried at a Crown Court. They were granted conditional bail.

At Bilston Glen colliery near Edinburgh two miners beaten up when they finished work on Monday braved picket violence again.

Chris Kidley, 39, said: 'My family comes first—I couldn't take any more of this nonsense. My wife encouraged me all the way.'

John Smith, 26, with a swollen eye and bruised ribs, said: 'I wasn't going to turn up today following yesterday's attack. But after all, why should we be intimidated?'

Scottish miners' leader Mick McGahey joined the picket line and said of the previous day's attack: 'How can you be violent to a scab?'

According to the Coal Board, half the 500 pickets were from English coalfields, and very few from Bilston.

Two brothers threatened at a village cricket match at the weekend were at work again at Shirebrook colliery, Derbyshire.

CABINET Minister John Biffen yesterday fiercely attacked Mr Anthony Wedgwood Benn and other militant Left-Wingers for bullying and threatening a general strike.

He spoke after Labour MP Martin Flannery said in the Commons that an 'inexorable march towards a general strike is now under way.'

Mr Biffen, leader of the House, condemned him for talking of a general strike and added that those who followed him 'invite the suspicion that they would like to use industrial action to secure against

Malcolm and Joe Turner, who reluctantly agreed to join their striking colleagues after the threat to beat them up, changed their minds again and were among 79 pitmen to report for work.

The minibus behind theirs had its windows smashed as 1,000 pickets surged forward.



Chris Kidley and John Smith . . . threats ignored

Biffen condemns 'bully talk of general strike'

this Government what the ballot-box failed to do.'

Meanwhile, the split in Labour's leadership over the miners seemed to widen as more Labour MPs demanded a tougher line from Neil Kinnock in supporting Arthur Scargill.

The Labour shadow cabinet meets tonight under growing pressure to crank up its public support of Mr Scargill.

So far Mr Kinnock has managed to keep his party some distance from the extremists, but as the strike continues the pressures on him will mount.

Father-of-three Malcolm, 31, said: 'I felt queasy as we were going through. Some of the men out there were my friends.' His brother, 34, said: 'I believe what we are doing is right.'

●MP Eldon Griffiths, the Police Federation's parlia-

mentary adviser, said in Sheffield: 'There is a world of difference between the lawless violence of marauding gangs who smash cars, dig up cricket pitches and frighten families of fellow miners who want to work, and the use by police of lawful force.'

Scargill: Blackouts in August

BRITAIN faces power cuts from the beginning of August, miners' leader Arthur Scargill claimed last night.

He said he had been given secret information by a 'top level' source in the Central Electricity Generating Board that the CEB and the Government were preparing to seek emergency measures, authorising planned, selective blackouts.

But his claims, made at the National Union of Railwaymen's conference, were flatly denied by the CEB.

29 miners are sacked

THE 29 strikers who barricaded themselves 2,000ft. underground at Bette-shanger Colliery, Kent, have been sacked for 'gross misconduct.'

Kent miners' leader Jack Collins said there would be no return to work until the men were reinstated.

Call to strike illegal—judge

AN instruction by local union officials to Lancashire miners to join the strike was invalid without a ballot, said Mr Justice Caulfield in the Manchester High Court yesterday.

Four trains stopped } Windows broken as cars and buses are ambushed

By Paul Hoyland

FOUR out of five trains scheduled to deliver iron ore to the Llanwern steelworks in South Wales yesterday were cancelled because crews refused to cross the miners' picket line outside the plant.

The miners succeeded in stopping only two of the five trains on Monday. But despite their tightened grip, they were still angry yesterday because one driver ignored their picket line and delivered a consignment of 2,300 tonnes.

After the confusion of Monday, when it was said that one driver was uncertain whether the picket line was official, a dozen miners draped a banner from a bridge over the railway line which proclaimed: "NUM, Official picket."

embarrassed by apparent divisions in the drivers' ranks, Mr Ross Goff, the divisional organiser of the Aslef rail union, yesterday appealed to his members not to cross the picket line.

The four crews who answered the call were sent home with the loss of a day's pay. A British Rail spokeswoman said another five trains, with more than 10,000 tonnes of iron ore, were scheduled to run from Port Talbot steelworks to Llanwern today.

Union representatives and management at Llanwern, which employs 4,100 were anxiously reviewing their stocks. The British Steel Corporation is continuing to move coal and coke into the plant by lorry but it is impractical to switch iron ore deliveries from rail to road because of the exceptionally large tonnages required.

Many railwaymen's jobs are linked to Llanwern and the train crews are hoping that talks between the miners and the main steel union on Friday will restore iron ore deliveries. Supplies at the works are reported to be critically low.

By Patrick Wintour

THE windows of two buses and a car were broken yesterday as miners from Shirebrook colliery, in Derbyshire, drove into work. Pickets ambushed a convoy of buses and cars heading for the colliery about half a mile from the pit entrance, outnumbering about 50 policemen.

Two pickets were hit by a mini-bus as the driver lost control when his windscreen was broken, and one of them had to jump on to the bonnet to avoid being run over. Two policemen were slightly hurt, and a member of the National Union of Mineworkers while collar section, Cosa, Mr Chris Leighton, was hit in the face by a brick thrown through his car window. Seven arrests were made.

A car carrying the leader of the "back-to-work" movement at Shirebrook, Mr Roland Taylor, was jostled and kicked. Mr Taylor said his car door was forced open by pickets, and added: "It was the worst violence we have

had since Shirebrook men started going back to work."

According to the National Coal Board, 102 men went into Shirebrook pit, the largest in north Derbyshire. Mr Taylor said that 25 miners had restarted work this week, and that the total number of men at work in Derbyshire was more than 500 — double last month's figure.

The Shirebrook pit voted 3-1 against a strike in the area ballot and the NCB also sees it as a possible turning point. Mr Ian MacGregor, the NCB chairman, telephoned the working miners at the pit last Friday to congratulate them.

Mr Gordon Butler, the area NUM president, said yesterday that only 100 miners out of 10,500 in the area were defying their union.

As the working miners left the pit at about 2 pm, a line of police three-quarters of a mile long stood on either side of the road. The miners' mini-buses had been fitted with grilles, and some of the drivers wore crash helmets.

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NCB office besieged

By Malcolm Pithers

MORE than 1,000 miners yesterday surrounded the Yorkshire area headquarters of the National Coal Board, at Doncaster, surprising the police and forcing most employees to shelter temporarily in the local police station.

Bricks, stones, eggs and bottles were thrown at the office workers, and windows smashed.

The NCB claimed later that 37 employees had either been physically assaulted, hit by flying missiles, or threatened with assault.

Twenty pickets were arrested after battles broke out with the police.

The NCB headquarters has

been picketed on numerous occasions during the miners' dispute, but this was probably the biggest.

The picketing began just after 7am, though employees were not due before 8.30. They were eventually assembled in the police station and escorted into their offices about 100 yards away.

Most managed to get into the building after about an hour.

At the same time about 25 police units, most from the London force, were being deployed around Scunthorpe, where a mass picket was expected. But in the end only nine pickets were in the area.

'Bully-boys' attacking the wrong targets

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PIT violence has spilled over to the houses of three village families unconnected with the dispute. Police believe striking miners may have hit the wrong targets.

Bricks were hurled through windows and car tyres slashed as violence erupted during darkness in Hodthorpe, near Worksop, Notts.

In each case the victims lived next door or close to working miners. The incidents happened on successive nights.

The victims are planning to send compensation claims to Mr Arthur Scargill, the miners' leader.

One couple are so incensed at being mistakenly caught up in the intimidation that they are putting their house up for sale and quitting the area.

Mr John Dunstan, 39, a plumber, said: "This was a peaceful friendly little village until the pit strike started. Now I'm afraid its getting to be like Northern Ireland. But instead of religious factions fighting its working colleagues fighting each other."

Compensation request

"Someone is going to get killed. It has reached the stage where my wife, Anne, does not want to live here any longer."

Mrs Dunstan, 40, a former nursing sister, got up at 7 a.m. to find all four tyres slashed on their red Datsun Cherry parked outside their semi-detached home in King Street.

Mr Dunstan said: "It has cost us £75 for new tyres. We are now writing a very strong letter to Mr Scargill asking for some compensation."

"A working miner who lives on our street has already been threatened with violence and had his garage doors daubed with the word 'scab'."

"I have nothing against the miners and their right to strike. But I am against the tactics being used by these bullyboys—it is absolutely stupid."

A woman pensioner, also living next door to a miner still working and who does not wish to be named, had a brick thrown through her greenhouse.

In Queens Road, nearby, Mr Michael Revell, an electrician, and his wife, Angela, had a brick thrown through their front-room window at 11.30 p.m. It narrowly missed their three children.

Mrs Revell said: "We live next door to a working miner and we had heard rumours that they were after him."

"Obviously we cannot prove that strikers caused this damage. But it does seem a strange coincidence particularly when we've never had any trouble like this before."

"If the police find that miners are indeed the culprits then we shall seek compensation from the miners' union."

Hodthorpe is a predominantly mining village with a population of about 250.

Most of the miners work at either Whitwell or Creswell collieries where some have been reporting for work during the dispute.

A member of Hodthorpe Working Men's Club said: "This latest violence is the talk of the village."

Secret moves to get pits working

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THE Government and National Coal Board are working on secret plans to re-open strike-bound pits in an attempt to speed up the drift back to work in the coal industry.

Ministers have endorsed approaches by colliery managers to groups of miners, particularly in the North-East, who want to go back. They are being offered police protection and coaches to take them to work through picket lines.

Pit officials have been in touch with miners who have indicated on the Coal Board's confidential telephone service, that they want to return to work. The aim is to get together men who can then be bussed into a pit—as miners returning individually have often been beaten up.

Often coal can be produced by 20 to 30 men, although they must include key face workers.

Mr Brittan, Home Secretary, is expected to give details today of additional measures being taken by the police to counter intimidation of miners defying the strike.

Teams of detectives are being formed to investigate allegations of incidents ranging from smashed windows to threatening telephone calls, and uniformed patrols are being stepped up in villages with a high level of intimidation.

Blame for the failure to re-

By **GEORGE JONES**, Political Correspondent

solve the strike, now 16 weeks old, is also being placed firmly by Ministers on Mr Arthur Scargill, the miners' union president.

Mr Walker, Energy Secretary, yesterday hit out at the cost of "Scargill's strike", saying it threatened pits all over the country with closure from geological faults as well as endangering thousands of jobs in the steel industry.

Mr Walker said a settlement could be reached "within days" if miners' leaders would sit down with the Coal Board and agree a new Plan for Coal. He added that the miners themselves, with £350 million in lost wages, were the real victims of "Scargill's strike."

Mr Walker, speaking in Aberdeen, listed the cost of the strike so far:

1 Important coal export orders have been lost to the Continent.

2 The coal conversion scheme, under which firms get grants to install coal-fired boilers has been brought to a standstill.

3 Pits all over the country are threatened with geological faults and breakdown of equipment which could mean closure of mines which would otherwise have had a good future.

4 Twenty thousand miners have been prevented from

taking advantage of voluntary early retirement.

Mr Walker said: "The toll in the coal industry has been heavy at a time when its future should be bright.

"Not content with that, however, Scargill, in desperation, is now trying to inflict it on other industries. The steel industry has already suffered redundancies on a scale that dwarfs the small number of closures of uneconomic pits that is envisaged by the Coal Board.

"The steel industry is just beginning to gain back markets to build a healthy order book and to look to expansion instead of contraction. But if Scargill succeeds in closing Llanwern and Ravenscraig, he will lose the jobs of thousands of steel workers.

"They will lose orders for the British steel industry from home and abroad and they will lose one of their best customers. That is the cost of Scargill to the steel industry."

Mr Walker urged miners to "take stock" after 16 weeks of strike. Those who had stayed at work had produced a considerable amount of coal, and were earning good money.

"That in itself must suggest that the industrial action has been devoid of purpose or justification for the rest," he said.

"Surely sanity must prevail and the miners must demand that their leaders sit down with the Coal Board and agree, as they can agree, a plan for coal that will give Britain the most successful coal industry in Europe and secure for miners a prosperous future.

"If the miners' leaders take that as their main objective, agreement could be reached within days, and the damage to jobs and to miners' families could cease."

Mr Walker emphasised that no miner would be made compulsorily redundant. The only disagreement was Mr Scargill's insistence "that every pit, no matter how uneconomical, must be retained for eternity."

Mr Walker's comments reflected a view in Government that the time has come to be more outspoken about Mr Scargill, and try to convince miners that there is no prospect of them winning, however long the strike lasts.

But, despite continuing Government confidence over the level of coal stocks, currently declining at about 250,000 tonnes a week, there has been some disappointment that the return to work has not been greater.

Last week about 1,500 more men went back after receiving letters from Mr Ian MacGregor, the Coal Board chairman, and following concerted efforts by Ministers to encourage a return to work.

At least eight of the pits now working are due to shut down for the summer holiday, and Ministers fear the momentum could be lost unless new pits can be opened up, following the recent example of Shirebrook in North Derbyshire and Bilston Glen in Scotland.

There is concern in Government, however, about the level of intimidation, and in a speech in Yorkshire today the Home Secretary is expected to condemn the "thuggery" being used against working miners as well as violence on picket lines.

Ministers have been appalled by incidents such as the "marauding rampage" through a Derbyshire village by a group of men armed with lengths of wood.

The Cabinet is also braced for renewed efforts by mass pickets to blockade steel works. Ministers are determined to keep the supply lines open and have authorised massive convoys of lorries to deliver fuel and ore.

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Police are ready to stop the bullies

By BARRIE DEVNEY Industrial Editor

MINERS who are afraid to return to work because of fear of reprisals were pledged full police support yesterday by Home Secretary Leon Brittan.

The Government and the Coal Board believe many miners want to end their strike, but are too frightened for their wives and families to do so.

Police, said Mr Brittan, will prosecute whenever they hear of threats to scare men away from the mines.

"If a miner decides to go to work, he is entitled to do so in safety," the Home Secretary said in his Yorkshire constituency.

Mr Brittan said no responsible trade unionist would defend the intimidatory tactics seen since the start of the strike. He called on Arthur Scargill to disown violent pickets.

This Mr Scargill refused to do when Mr Brittan's charges

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were relayed to him during a BBC radio interview.

He denounced violence on picket lines — by the police. And he added: "I certainly would not accept that my members have in any way been guilty of intimidation."

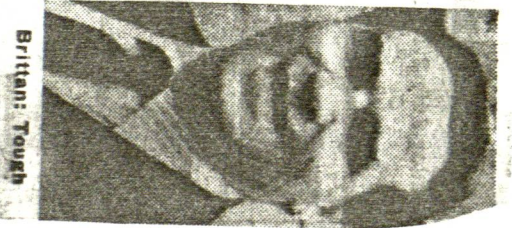
The Coal Board and the Government are convinced that the strike will collapse if all the men who want to work can be certain it is safe to do so.

The NCB will make it clear that it is ready and willing to lay on buses to take rebels safely through picket lines.

The Home Office is also to act to protect wives and families and homes.

Teams of detectives have been set up to investigate what Mr Brittan yesterday denounced as "cowardly and vicious" intimidation.

Brittan pledges protection for working miners



Brittan: Tough

The & families who are suffering for Scargill

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The leader... Scargill

By HARRY COOKE

THE young miner's wife collapsed in a fit of sobbing when Arthur Scargill declared on television, with finger-stabbing venom, that the pit strike — now entering its 17th week — would go on for months.

That same afternoon she was at her doctor's surgery, pleading for tranquillisers and pouring out her despair.

She is just one of the growing list of strike victims—the women who can no longer cope with the pressure of living on the borderline of poverty and deprivation.

Family doctors in Arthur Scargill's "homeland"—the militant Yorkshire coalfield, where all 55 pits are still at a standstill—report an alarming increase in the number of women seeking medical help.

● ONE GP has had an extra 40 patients—mainly younger women with small children—in the past month.

Others say the numbers of miners' wives seeking help has risen steeply... by 20 per cent or more. Some have been so distressed that they have had to be sent to psychiatrists.

● AT BARNESLEY, a doctor was shocked when a young miner's wife confessed she had rounded on her two young children with a carving knife. She had almost snapped, she explained, when her five-year-old son had complained: "Oh mum, it's not chips and beans again."

MORTGAGE

● ANOTHER wife supporting three children on little more than £15 a week social security payments, told her doctor: "The holiday's gone, the car, everything. We can't pay the mortgage or the phone bill."

"All I dream of now is just being able to walk into the supermarket and fill the trolley. I won't go there any



The losers... wives and children of striking miners

- Miners' wives sent to see psychiatrists
- Children surviving on school meals

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more. Let him (her husband) go. He's on strike, not me and the kids."

For the first time since the war years mothers are arriving at doctors' surgeries asking for charge exempt prescriptions to get vitamins for their youngsters.

One woman doctor whose practice is in a mining village not far from King Arthur's seat and paid for bungalow said: "Many mining families are living on bread and potatoes, very little else."

"If anything the children are better off because at least they get school meals."

"This strike has created

bitter divisions, splitting entire families and social relationships. It has even got to the stage where neighbours are not talking to neighbours."

The doctor went on: "One woman, not a miner's wife, came to me. Her husband worked for a small private firm and has lost his job because of the effects of the coal strike."

"She had a bitter row with the woman next door, the wife of a miner. As she put it 'They will have jobs to go back to—my bloke will probably never find a job again.'"

Another doctor at Doncaster said: "I have never handed out so many prescrip-

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tions for mild and medium tranquilisers. There's very little else I can do. The remedy is in the cause and the effect of what is happening to people around here.

"But in several cases it was so evident that some women were near to breaking point that I sent them to see a consultant psychiatrist.

"The financial drain on the Health Service must be reaching tremendous levels."

A doctor at Grimethorpe, South Yorks, said: "I try not to discuss the strike with my patients but I have very little choice. The women are desperate to pour out their feelings to someone not directly involved.

"I feel desperately sorry for them. They are caught in a trap. The fact is that 95 per cent of the wives I have talked to say their men never wanted a strike in the first place. It was only loyalty which made them back the union.

ANGER

"A lot of women have grown to hate—and hate is the only word for it—Arthur Scargill. One wife told me of her anger when she saw him kissing women at a rally on the TV news.

"Kiss him?" she said. "I'd hit him with my shoe. Doesn't he realise what he is doing to us?"

Social workers fear the strike could result in many irretrievably broken marriages. Said one: "The husband's at home all day, under his wife's feet. They have no money, they are living hand to mouth. Emotionally it is a time bomb.

"Nerves become ragged. Tempers boil over. Some women take it out on the children. When this strike is over, we'll be clearing up the mess for months afterwards."

But however long the strike does go on, one thing is certain. The real victims are not the miners on the picket lines—but the wives and children.

NEIGHBOURS 'AT WAR' IN DIVIDED PIT VILLAGES

By JAMES O'BRIEN

NEXT-DOOR neighbours and long-standing friends living in the same streets in Derbyshire mining communities are now attacking and intimidating each other.

Mr Anthony Leonard, assistant Chief Constable of Derbyshire gave a catalogue of violent incidents yesterday, most of which involved attacks on working miners.

He has met leaders of the North Derbyshire NUM who, he claimed, admitted that the violence was taking place and that they could not control the actions of their members.

Since the beginning of last month there had been 62 instances of physical intimidation of working miners, their wives and families, 56 reported cases of their homes being attacked and damaged, 95 of damage to cars, belonging to working miners, 47 of damage to lorries belonging to the National Coal Board and private hauliers while moving coal, and 33 attacks on NCB property.

Police had made 25 arrests in the same period. They believe that the reported offences are only a small proportion reflecting the violence and distress in pit villages and towns.

Mr Leonard said: "We want to express our fears and make an appeal to people to cool it."

Feelings running high

"We recognise feelings are running very, very high, but people have to live together after this dispute and we shall do whatever we can to prevent it getting worse."

Despite the events during the 16-week-old strike he described relations between the NUM and the police as "pretty good."

To the public the dispute in the coal industry was being portrayed as a set piece between police and pickets outside colliery gates, the reality was that the violence was taking place in the villages where there was no sense of normality.

People have been assaulted at their homes, property had been damaged and pickets had been waiting at the gates of the homes of working miners. He expressed grave concern at the tactics of some of the pickets. Police were investigating the ambush of a bus taking miners to a colliery which had been ambushed by men wearing masks.

There had been two serious

incidents where the drivers of 20-ton lorries carrying coal had been injured when bricks had been hurled through the wind-screens.

Mr Leonard made his comments at a Press conference at the Derbyshire police headquarters at Ripley called after Mr Graham Whatmore, the head storekeeper at Renishaw Park colliery, was attacked by a group of men as he left a meeting of COSA the white collar branch of the NUM.

He was beaten and kicked in the car park of the Barlborough Miners' Welfare Club in North Derbyshire.

Mr Whatmore, a working coal board employee is in Chesterfield Infirmary, with injuries to his head and kidneys.

His wife, Mrs Margaret Whatmore, yesterday said: "It was a case of mistaken identity. I understand the men were looking for someone from another colliery."

She said her husband was a hard worker and never missed a day at work. He had not worked for the first six weeks of the dispute but returned 10 weeks ago. The couple have three children, the eldest, Clive, 11, suffers from Downs Syndrome.

Mr Leonard said children of working miners had been stopped on their way to school and told they would be hurt if their fathers did not rejoin the strike.

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Havers joins police cash fight

By Richard Dowden and Anthony Bevins

The Attorney General has challenged the attempt by South Yorkshire Police Authority to prevent the Chief Constable paying for policing the Orgreave coking plant.

Sir Michael Havers has asked the Divisional Court to overrule the police authority's resolution withdrawing from the Chief Constable the right to spend money as he sees fit.

The authority refused on Monday to pay the £17,752 a week for feeding and housing police officers at RAF Bawtry

near Doncaster and referred the matter to the Home Secretary.

The Attorney General will argue at the Divisional Court on Friday that the police authority is preventing the Chief Constable fulfilling his responsibility for the operational control of his force.

A Derbyshire delegation, led by Mr David Bookbinder, leader of the county council, yesterday told Mr Leon Brittan, the Home Secretary, that the local authority would refuse to pay the costs of police bussed

into the county from other areas.

Mr Bookbinder said later "All we got was cold comfort. The Home Secretary simply restated the Government's position and gave us an assurance that repayment of the Government's agreed share of the cost would be made early.

The strike is estimated to have cost Nottinghamshire £40m; Derbyshire £8m; and Leicestershire and South Yorkshire £6m each.

Police chief appeals to miners

By Craig Seton

A senior police officer yesterday asked striking miners to end acts of violence and intimidation against working miners and their families, and disclosed that in three months there had been nearly 300 incidents in Derbyshire involving assault, damage and threats.

Mr Anthony Leonard, the county's Assistant Chief Constable, said that the number of attacks and acts of intimidation and damage had increased as more men in north Derbyshire returned to work. There had been 60 reported incidents in the past two weeks.

Mr Leonard said that he had been having urgent talks with Derbyshire officials of the National Union of Mineworkers to try to bring an end to the violence, and they had told him that they could not control the actions of their members.

He said that there were now deep wounds in mining villages and towns, mainly in north Derbyshire, where most men are on strike. In many cases

neighbours and old friends were involved in attacks on each other.

Since the end of March until yesterday there had been 56 instances of the homes of working miners being attacked and damaged: 95 instances of working miners' vehicles being damaged; 33 of damage to National Coal Board property; 47 of damage to coal board vehicles or private vehicles carrying coal; and 62 cases of actual physical intimidation of working miners or their wives and families.

An extra 60 officers had been taken off picket line duty to maintain round-the-clock patrols in some of the worst-hit areas, particularly Shirebrook and Staveley and 25 men, including miners from Yorkshire and Nottinghamshire, had been arrested for alleged assault or criminal damage.

More than 20 miners were arrested yesterday as the police clashed with pickets in violent incidents outside the Llanwern

steelworks in south Wales which is being sustained by convoys of lorries carrying essential supplies of coal and iron ore (Time Jones writes).

Five of the arrested miners were picketing outside the Port Talbot plant, where the lorries load up with their supplies of foreign coal and ore. Twenty more miners in cars were stopped as they attempted to split up a convoy making the 50-mile motorway journey to Llanwern.

A striking miner from Snowdon colliery, Kent, joined pickets outside St Albans magistrates court in Hertfordshire yesterday after his case was dismissed.

The court had been told how Mr Stan Garnett, aged 46, of Wittingdon Terrace, Shepherds Well, Kent, was arrested in Harpenden on April 9 accused of wilful obstruction of the highway.

The incident occurred after miners were turned back from the Dartford tunnel.

UNION EXPELS 14 BLOCKADE LORRY DRIVERS

By COLIN RANDALL

THE Transport and General Workers Union yesterday went beyond its threatened fines on members taking part in the fuel and iron-ore convoys by "excluding" 14 drivers from the union.

All the men are employed by Hazell's, a haulage firm of Newport, Gwent, which is organising the blockade-defeating operation to supply the Llanwern steel works.

Mr Martyn Hazell, managing director, said last night: "I am surprised to learn the union has this power.

"It seems a bad day when a union expels, or excludes, members for trying to carry on their jobs and keep themselves and others in work. I will look into the legal aspects of it but I will stand behind my drivers 100 per cent."

The decision to exclude the men from the union was taken at a meeting of the union's Welsh regional executive in Cardiff.

Unprecedented step

Mr George Wright, the union's South Wales regional secretary, had previously spoken in terms of drivers facing fines of up to £30 for each journey through picket lines, with expulsion for those ignoring the disciplinary process.

Normally, a member can be expelled only by the union's national executive after he has had a chance to appear before a disciplinary hearing.

Mr Wright was unwilling to identify the rules under which the regional executive decided on exclusion rather than recommending expulsion but said: "It is an unprecedented step but we are satisfied that it is within the rules of the union. We believe any court would accept that we have acted properly in view of the special circumstances.

Disciplinary hearings

"It means that these drivers immediately cease to be members of this union and they will have a hell of a job to get work with any other haulage firm in South Wales."

Mr Wright said shop stewards from other haulage firms taking part in the convoys had been called to a regional committee meeting next Wednesday when they would be asked to justify their members' actions. The drivers could then face disciplinary hearings.

Hazell's Haulage does not have a closed shop agreement and some of the firm's drivers belong to the United Road Transport Union of the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation.

Mr Hazell said: "I don't think this has really sunk in as yet. All my drivers are trying to do is keep themselves in work and the steelworks going."

Daily Telegraph STRIKE FUND PONY

A chestnut Welsh pony has been given to 500 North Derbyshire miners on strike at High Moor colliery, Killamarsh. The anonymous donor wants the animal to be sold to raise money for striking miners' families.

Daily Telegraph SECRET MEETING AT No. 10

By JAMES WIGHTMAN
Political Correspondent

THE Prime Minister and Mr Ian MacGregor, chairman of the National Coal Board, met in secret at 10 Downing Street on Tuesday, it was disclosed yesterday.

Mr Walker, Energy Secretary, who has ministerial responsibility for the coal industry, also attended the talks, which lasted an hour. They were the first talks between Mrs Thatcher and Mr MacGregor since the miners' strike began 17 weeks ago.

They led to further Opposition charges that the Prime Minister is "pulling the strings" in the board's battle with the miners' union. The official reason for the meeting was that it was an opportunity for Mr MacGregor to report on the dispute and the prospects for the industry.

'No instructions'

The Prime Minister did not give him instructions for yesterday's renewed talks with the union, it was stated. There were also denials of speculation among MPs that Mrs Thatcher had either "softened" or "stiffened" Mr MacGregor's resolve in the dispute.

But the Prime Minister's aides were angry that even limited details about the meeting had become known.

The meeting, which took place at about 7 p.m. was not mentioned in the publicly-given diary of the Prime Minister. It was said to have been arranged before it was known that the board and union were to have further talks but after the decision to hold them had been taken.

First news of Tuesday's meeting leaked out through an industrial source.

Daily Telegraph Scargill 'a foreign incursion'

SIR—Possibly due to the fact that I am mostly of Irish descent I find it possible to see an aspect of the miners' strike nobody else seems to have touched upon. That aspect is the English mentality.

It seems amazing to me that somebody like Arthur Scargill, who is obviously English himself, does not seem to see and understand the simple fact that the English do not take to being pushed around.

Men such as he have been attempting to break down English society for the last century and have barely reached first base.

I think this is because Socialism—together with all the other Leftist "isms"—is essentially a foreign import the English have always wisely chosen to resist. It is a direct assault on the polite pseudo-xenophobia of the English that is as rude as that xenophobia is courteous.

George Bernard Shaw it was who once wrote: "You can shock the English but you can never reason with them." That may be an exaggeration, because what he probably didn't realise was the inherent protective quality of this idiosyncrasy when it comes to dealing with foreign incursions of the Scargill variety. It is analogous to hitting a soft mattress full of carpet tacks; the mattress may yield, but each time your fist will come away a little more sore and bloody until you eventually give up the struggle.

Surely it is high time Mr Scargill stopped punching the English mattress?

PETFR J. CARROLL
Newbury, Berks.

Sunshine hint of peace in pits

HOPES that at last pit peace is on the way were strengthened after a further five-hour session of tough talking yesterday.

Coal Board boss Ian MacGregor and miners' leader Arthur Scargill are still treading cautiously through a minefield of potentially explosive problems.

It was the normally dour Mr MacGregor himself who struck a note of optimism as he left the Rubens Hotel in West London where the talks were held.

He would not add to the joint statement that 'following intensive negotiations, it has been agreed to resume at the beginning of next week.' But, with an uncustomary smile, he commented: 'The sun is shining—it's a lovely day.'

From Mr MacGregor's sunshine references, it can be concluded that progress is being made—albeit slow and uncertain.

The three-a-side negotiations are concerned with a definition of what is an uneconomic pit, in which further investment would be a total waste.

There is already an understanding that exhausted and geologically unworkable pits can be closed.

By MICHAEL EDWARDS
Industrial Editor

Until the problem of what is an economic pit has been resolved, Mr MacGregor remains committed to his target of closing down 20 pits and axing 20,000 jobs.

Equally, Mr Scargill remains committed to total opposition to the closure of any pit on economic grounds—or to the loss of any miner's job.

Yesterday's intensive negotiations followed 9½ hours of talks on Thursday—and the talking will start again on Monday.

The miners' union executive committee meets in Sheffield on Tuesday on the eve of their telescoped annual delegate conference.

Mr Scargill will report on the state of the negotiations.

Meanwhile, Mr Gavin Laird, general secretary of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers, last night attacked the miners' leadership for side-stepping the TUC.

He said on Channel 4's A Week in Politics: 'The only

way that the miners will win this is when they broaden the dispute, and involve the TUC.'

● The curb on the cost of policing miners' picket lines in South Yorkshire was lifted by a High Court judge yesterday. Lord Justice Watkins said a resolution by the South Yorkshire Police Authority requiring the chief constable to seek their approval before spending money should be ineffective pending a full hearing of the dispute.



After talks . . . a wave from MacGregor

But to one wife, it no longer matters...

A GRIEVING widow told last night how the pit strike had driven her husband to suicide.

Mother-of-three Mrs Anne Clay said her husband Jim, 34, could not take the abuse and violence when, after 14 weeks on strike and money running short, he went back to work.

Mr Clay finally went to his car in a garage near his home in Stoke-on-Trent

and turned on the engine. His body was found slumped over the wheel on Thursday.

'The first day he went back to work they spat at him and threatened him. Then I received abusive phone calls. Next day a union official told Jim that if ever he and his family needed help the union wouldn't lift a finger.

'The mob violence sickened him. He

would say to me: "Anne—that's not the way miners should behave to each other." Eventually he took the Coal Board bus to go through the pickets.

'Even then they hurled stones and bricks at him. He couldn't cope with it. He was going through absolute hell.

'I hope the bully boys, their wives and their children will go through the same hell as I am going through.'

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MINERS' leader Arthur Scargill and fellow militants yesterday flouted a High Court order banning them from taking disciplinary moves against non-strikers.

By 166,000 votes to 62,000, delegates meeting in Sheffield decided to set up a "Star Chamber" to punish men who have refused to join the 18-week stoppage.

Less than 24 hours earlier, High Court judge Sir Robert McGarry issued an injunction forbidding the NUM from debating or voting on the move.

The union could now face swingeing fines for contempt of court. Union leaders could ultimately face jail.

Under the new rule, any member, branch or area can lay complaints against any other member for a wide range of "crimes" including a catch-all "action detrimental to the interest of the union."

Charges will be heard by a seven-man committee headed by the union's Communist vice-president Mick McGahey.

The nine-man appeals committee will be headed by Mr Scargill. Its verdicts will be final and binding.

Penalties will range from a caution to expulsion for individuals, and suspension or dissolution for branches.

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Office holders can be barred from all union jobs.

The injunction had been issued after protests from 17 members of the Nottinghamshire Area Council.

Nottingham delegates voted against yesterday's move, as did several smaller coalfields. But they were easily out-voted by militant regions like Yorkshire, Scotland and South Wales.

Nottinghamshire area's general secretary Henry Richardson, who was personally in favour of the rule, promised it would not

lead to witch-hunts against the 20,000 Notts miners who have defied all pleas and pressure to stop work.

Three of them should have been among the Nottinghamshire delegation, but did not turn up to force their way through about 200 demonstrators crowded outside the conference centre.

South Wales, Durham and Kent delegates walked out when three non-strikers were spotted from Leicestershire and South Derbyshire.

In his opening address, Mr Scargill launched into a blistering attack on Sir Robert.

He claimed that the injunction was evidence of "blatant State interference."

Later former Master of the Rolls Lord Denning said Sir Robert had been "absolutely right" to intervene.

Union rules were "virtually laws passed by a small coterie" so it was up to the courts to protect the rights of the individual.

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It has powers to punish strike rebels

NUM move illegal

A HIGH COURT judge has ruled at Teesside Crown Court that the National Union of Mineworkers cannot expel nine Durham men who defied the strike call at their privately owned drift mine. Mr Justice Musthills is also to rule on the men's application to have secondary picketing banned there which has prevented them working for a week.

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Mr Sharpe: Nearly blinded

PLEASURE... and pain —two faces of the miners' strike.

NUM President Arthur Scargill smiles in the sunshine yesterday as he arrives to loud cheers for the union's conference in Sheffield.

But moderate miner Walter Sharpe felt only blood and pain when he was nearly blinded by pickets—including women—who attacked him with stones.

No smiles from a victim of the mob

Mr Sharpe, 40, was set upon by a chanting mob when he went to Rossington Colliery, Doncaster, after hearing on TV about a near-riot situation there.

"I was showered by a barrage of missiles and a stone hit me in the eye," he said at his home in Armthorpe, Yorks, yesterday.

Mr Sharpe was taken to hospital and a doctor said he was lucky his sight was not damaged.

Pit wife ban lifted

A PICKET-LINE ban on the wife of miners' leader Arthur Scargill was lifted yesterday. Mrs Anne Scargill, 41, of Worsborough Dale, near Barnsley, had been barred from entering the Nottinghamshire coalfield as a condition of bail imposed when she appeared before magistrates at Mansfield in May charged with obstructing police. Bail restrictions were lifted and the case adjourned until October.

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YOUR FREEDOM IS AT STAKE!

MARK Brierley, 20, was given bail conditions which have stopped him living in his own house.

He and his girlfriend were delighted when they got a council house last month. It is only a few yards from Newstead pit where Mark works.

The couple moved in, and were still decorating when on June 20, Mark was involved in an incident with police in the road outside. He was arrested and charged with threatening behaviour.

His brother Alan, 17, was held at the same time and charged with causing actual bodily harm to police.

Mark had a previous bail condition not to picket or demonstrate except peacefully at his place of work.

On June 21, Mansfield magistrates packed Mark and Alan off to Lincoln prison—even though Alan had never been arrested before and was not on bail.

Alan finally got bail, from a judge in chambers, on June 30—after nine days in prison. Mark was granted bail on July 3, after twelve days in jail.

Mark's bail conditions now ban him from picketing or demonstrating, even at his own pit. The police have warned him that if he is seen outside his house talking to friends who are going picketing, he can be arrested for breaking his bail conditions.

Trial

So Mark and his girlfriend have shut up their house and gone to live with their respective parents.

Alan insisted on trial by jury at a Crown Court. The charge of causing actual bodily harm was promptly revised to one of assaulting the police. This means he now has no right to trial by jury.

Wife's ordeal

MINER'S wife Mrs. Gillian Watson picketed, for the first time in her life, on June 27. She left her husband, who works at Hatfield Main colliery, near Doncaster, to look after her 14-month-old daughter, and

—joined a dozen other miners' wives in a journey to Calverton pit, Notts.

Soon after they arrived, the group of women were surrounded by police.

"All the time, they circled round us, taunting us," she says.

"They told us we should be at home washing pots, not on picket lines. They

gloated at us about how they ate steak every day, and were we really eating grass pie?

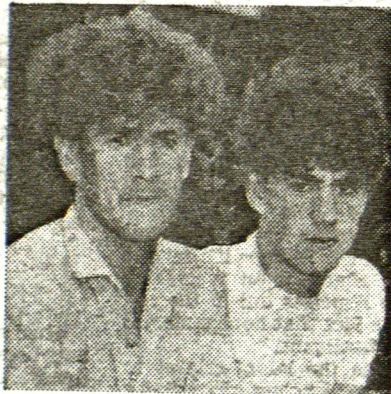
"When the cars came in with the workers, we were singing, and pushing forward, I was pulled out, and shoved in a van with some others.

"There were tiny cells in the van, with no win-

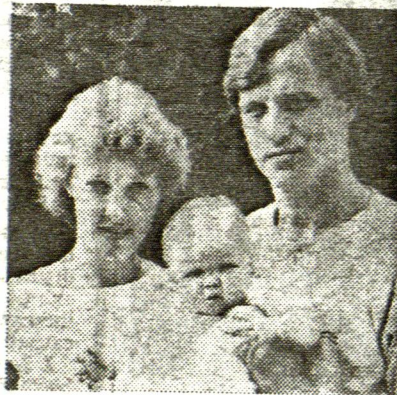
dows, and they turned the lights out. We were held there for a very long time.

"When someone said they wanted to go to the toilet, a policewoman gave her a milk bottle.

"At Hucknall we were put in cells and taken out for questioning. I was asked if I had a mortgage, and how much furniture on hire purchase.



VICTIMS: The Brierley brothers.



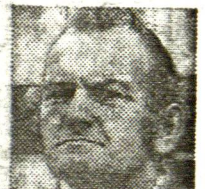
VICTIM: Gillian Watson and family.

The sacking of George

MINER GEORGE BROOKES was arrested on June 23 at home. He was accused of causing actual bodily harm to a working miner at a striking miners' dance in the welfare centre four days previously. He strongly denies the charge.

At Mansfield magistrates' court, he was bound over to keep the peace.

At Nottingham Crown court a few days later, Mr Justice Skinner removed the binding over order.



GEORGE BROOKES

Last week, George Brookes got a letter from the manager of Bevercotes pit, Mr David Widdowson.

It ended:

"Having considered the available evidence, I believe that you did assault a working miner.

"I believe you have committed gross industrial misconduct and you are, therefore, summarily dismissed.

"Please note that your entitlement to concessionary fuel will cease with immediate effect."

Putting the heat on

MINER Barry Roberts set out last week to be tried at Mansfield magistrates court. But he never made it. He and his three fellow defendants were stopped in their car by Nottinghamshire police, and asked where they were going.

They replied that they were "on lawful business" and invited the police to follow them and check.

Instead, Barry Roberts was arrested, and his car locked up. His companions

had to make their way home on foot.

Barry was kept three hours in a blazing van, which was left out in the blazing sun. He was then taken to Mansfield police station next to the court.

In court, the police said Barry had not been arrested, and they had no idea where he was.

After the court rose, they agreed they'd had him all along, and released him without bringing any charge.

Phone

"I wouldn't answer. They said they would hold us indefinitely until we answered. I asked if I could phone my husband and tell him where I was, or ask him to get a lawyer. They said no—they did all the phoning.

"I was kept all night in the cell. The next morning they let me go. They said there was no evidence against me.

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Daily Telegraph
'YOUR JOBS ARE SAFE,' WORK-ON MINERS TOLD 32

By JOHN RICHARDS Industrial Correspondent
THE National Coal Board promised yesterday that it will not dismiss men who are expelled from the National Union of Mineworkers for refusing to strike.

Mr Ned Smith, the board's director of industrial relations, said: "Men at present working and those contemplating a return to work can be assured of continued employment. Expulsion from or suspension of trade union membership will not affect the contract of employment of the men concerned."

Mr Smith's statement effectively revokes the unwritten closed-shop in the coal industry and will make the prospect of resumed negotiations to end the 18-week miners' strike very scant.

Talks are due to be resumed next Wednesday. Mr Smith emphasised that there was no closed-shop deal between the board and the miners. But his statement also touched on the delicate "union only" rule which has governed pit work for more than half-a-century.

He spoke as NUM delegates were returning to the coalfields after their two-day special conference in Sheffield and brought an immediate angry retort from Mr Arthur Scargill, the union president.

Safety fear

"It is true that the NUM has never had a close-shop," said Mr Scargill. "We are satisfied with 100 per cent. membership of the union."

"If, in this industry, there are miners who, for any reason, are not members of the NUM, this union and its members will not work with them. We don't work with scabs."

One main concern of the NUM is that the presence of non-union miners in the pits could cause a safety hazard as most of the underground regulations and precautions depend on joint enforcement.

Daily Telegraph

RAIL DISRUPTION/

Train services between London and the North-West of England face disruption today if guards in Manchester carry out a threat to strike in support of the miners.

Vote for strike

Conference delegates voted to continue the strike.

Leaders of union areas where men are still working agreed that they would take the pro-strike vote—a hardening of a 55-60 per cent. majority at the previous conference on April 19—back to the coalfields and urge miners to reconsider going to work.

Delegates from areas where miners have refused to strike, including Nottinghamshire, Leicestershire the Midlands and the white collar section, voted in favour of the stoppage continuing.

Mr Ken Toon, South Derbyshire secretary, was rebuffed as he went to the rostrum to argue the case for his members who are still at work, because they claim that a national strike ballot should have been held.

Left-wing miners walked out as Mr Toon was speaking, despite a plea from Mr Scargill that all delegates had the right to attend and put forward their viewpoint. Men from South Wales and Durham had already boycotted the debates in protest at non-strikers being present.

Mr Toon retaliated by leading representatives from his area out of the Conference. As a result, South Derbyshire was not among the coal fields supporting the "unanimous vote" for continued disruption.

Daily Telegraph

'Money back' demand

Angry members of the white-collar union Nalco in Northamptonshire called for a special annual conference to reverse a decision by their executive committee to donate £32,000 to the striking miners' hardship fund.

claim was given by Mr Ian MacGregor the coal board's chairman in secret talks last Sunday, that the original closure programme involving 20 pits announced on March 6, would be withdrawn.

Mr Scargill stepped up pressure on these talks by insisting the the strike would only be ended when the coal board agreed to withdraw its so-called "hit list" of pits, particularly five named in Scotland, Durham, Yorkshire and Kent.

The emergency resolution, approved yesterday, laid down a 10-point series of demands:

No pit closures other than on grounds of seam exhaustion.
 No reduction in manpower

An expanding and developing industry.

State cash aid of a kind "given to nearly all our competitors."

New technology investment in coal liquefaction and gassification.

Output of 200 million tonnes "as we move into the next century."

A four-day week.

Retirement at 55.

Abolition of the incentive bonus scheme.

Substantial pay rises and protection of earnings for men compelled to give up top-paid face jobs.

Daily Telegraph

Power station pickets use fire to bar road 2

By GERALD BARTLETT

EIGHT pickets were arrested yesterday outside Cottam power station, near Retford, Notts, yesterday after about 2,000 miners attempted to block coal-lorry convoys with blazing straw bales, cattle troughs and a gate from a local farm.

The burning barrier helped to block the road for a short time until firemen doused it.

The lorries drove through the power station entrance, pelted with stones by chanting pickets.

About a dozen bullocks wandered out of the field on to the road after the gate was removed.

Cottam, one of Britain's largest power stations, normally burns 20,000 tons of coal a day. It is relying on road deliveries because of action by NUR signalmen in support of the miners.

Meanwhile, some supplies for steelworks are still getting through by road.

About 80-90 lorry loads of iron ore and coke are delivered at Ravenscraig in Scotland every 12 hours. It is estimated that the plant will be able to sustain around 70 per cent. of normal output for the next five or six weeks.

Similar daily convoys of lorries are trundling coal and ore from Port Talbot to the Llanwern steel works, and although no ore is now reaching Scunthorpe steelworks from Immingham Docks, other sup-

plies are getting through from Flixborough Wharf.

Fifteen lorries escorted by police passed through picket lines at a private wharf at Newport, Gwent, after collecting coal supplies for Llanwern.

A South Wales NUM official said a vessel had unloaded foreign coal, and claimed British Steel are planning to use more river transport because of the rising costs of lorry convoys from Port Talbot.

'Barge supplies'

British Steel would not comment on reports that a number of 5,000-ton capacity barges are available for coal transportation to Llanwern.

In Derbyshire yesterday, eight arrests were made at Shirebrook colliery when pickets demolished a wall and tried to barricade a road with the bricks. One arrest was made at nerby Markham colliery, and another at West Burton power station in Nottinghamshire.

Daily Telegraph

UNION MOVES TO EXPEL DRIVERS/

Welsh officials of the Transport and General Workers Union yesterday recommended the expulsion of more than 30 lorry drivers for delivering coal and iron ore despite miners' pickets.

The union's South Wales regional committee will give the men an opportunity to put their case at special hearings next month.

Daily Telegraph

Pickets withdrawn 2

The miners' union banned five pickets from a private mine in Co. Durham, just hours before nine miners, who refused to strike, went before Mr Justice Mustill in the High Court at Teesside at seek an injunction forcing it to do so. Men at the Crookhall mine in Conset said they would be back at work today.

New bid for peace at docks

Employers to make sure that no spaces are loaded. The management will not give that co-operation, the only way we can ensure no lorries board is to refuse to lift the lorries. If we have to do that then obviously nothing will go on the docks including passengers and

spokesman for the Dover Harbour Board said: 'We will not be commenting on the possible effects after the meeting.' The ship is due to be used by 30,000

passengers, 7,000 cars, 1,800 lorries and 400 coaches today. Many holidaymakers were able to beat the threat of chaos by leaving a day early yesterday, but massive queues were expected to build up today if the dock workers' action goes ahead. This is the picture expected at other British ports today: **RAMSGATE:** All passengers and freight ferries due to sail as normal but are already fully booked. **FOLKESTONE:** All passenger ships expected to sail as usual but no

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MILITARY MUSCLE

When the troops went in

TROOPS have been used under Emergency Powers on only a handful of occasions in recent years. The Labour Government used troops during a dock strike in 1945 and there were proclamations of States of Emergency in the dock strikes of 1948, 1949, 1970 and 1972. **1970:** Mr Heath dispatched soldiers to clear rotting rubbish in London's East End caused by the dustmen's strike. **1975:** Labour used troops during a dustmen's strike in Glasgow. **1977:** On Jim Callaghan's orders, the Army's ancient Green Goddess engines broke the firemen's strike. **1982/83:** Three hundred soldiers helped during the ambulance, railway and water workers' disputes.

Officer kicked unconscious

THIRTY-SIX people in a coach party were being held last night after a police sergeant was kicked unconscious when he tried to arrest a man. Sergeant David Reeves was knocked to the ground early yesterday as he and a colleague chased and held a burglary suspect. A group of men—a small number of them miners from Rossington, South Yorkshire—were in the coach waiting to be driven home after a night out at Bridlington. As the officers tried to put the arrested man in a police van, some of those from the coach moved in and kicked the sergeant unconscious. He was taken to hospital, but was allowed to leave hospital after being treated overnight for shock and bruising. 'We arrested the whole coach party and took them back to the police station,'



Sgt Reeves yesterday

a spokesman said yesterday. 'As they were being led to the cells one man went berserk and assaulted our chief inspector who later had to have stitches in his lip.' After two nights of violence, an uneasy peace descended over the Yorkshire mining village of Hems-worth at the weekend.

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Prepare for holiday chaos

freight sailings. A small number of spaces left on some ferries. **HOLYHEAD:** Ferry services to Eire running normally but Sealink freight traffic stopped. **LIVERPOOL:** Extra services laid on for Isle of Man. Normal services to Belfast and Dublin. No freight. **SOUTHAMPTON:** Passenger services expected to be unaffected but no freight. **SCOTLAND:** All major ports at a standstill but all island passenger services operating normally.

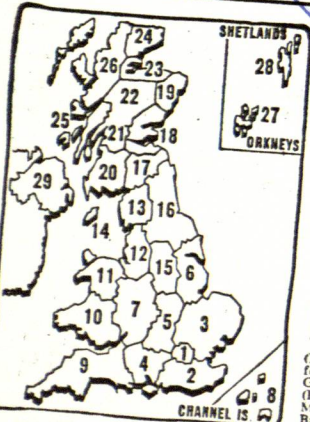
Normal passenger services are expected at Plymouth, Hull, Portsmouth, Newhaven, Weymouth and Harwich. The TGWU has been asked to allow the unloading of banana ships because thousands of producers in the West Indies, who have no other income, face ruin. The supply of bananas could dry up within ten days if the dispute continues. Channel Islands growers are flying tons of tomatoes via Bournemouth to beat the strike. But it is only worth the expense for the best grades — the rest are being thrown away. The 5,000 inhabitants of St Helena in the South Atlantic, Britain's most isolated colony, are preparing for food rationing after the island's sole supply ship was again held up by strikers in Avonmouth. The ship named the St Helena, is loaded with food and medical supplies.

Tories attack

Continued from Page 1 committed to democracy, he can support a strike backed by violence and attempts by Mr Scargill to bring down the Government. The battle lines were drawn on the day Mr Scargill told miners in the Midlands: 'We've got the dockers on strike... I believe it is imperative that both these unions understand that both our fights are interconnected and interlinked, fighting the same kind of Government policy. 'And that is what we all should understand as we go towards the ultimate victory.' Mr Scargill will meet Transport Workers' leaders today and will pledge the miners' support. As for the dockers, the Government line is that Transport Union leaders can no longer justify the strike on anything other than political grounds, now that the Immingham dispute which began it has been settled. This argument was put by Transport Secretary Nicholas Ridley on BBC radio yesterday.

Challenge

Following a weekend hint by Mrs Thatcher, he said troops and emergency powers would be used to move goods through the docks if the strike threatened the economy. TGWU national docks officer John Connolly, however, insisted there was 'no truth whatsoever in suggestions that the strike was politically motivated. On Thursday, Mrs Thatcher plans to deliver a rallying call to the 1922 Committee of Tory backbenchers. They will be urged to help quell revolt among some MPs. Leader of the Commons John Biffen meantime told Tory critics of Mrs Thatcher to 'put up or shut up.' Leading 'wet' Francis Pym, however, launched a new attack, with an inference that Mrs Thatcher might have out-lived her usefulness as Prime Minister. After describing how the Tory Party produced different leaders for different eras—like Baldwin and Churchill—he said pointedly: Mrs Thatcher was exactly the person needed to deal with the aftermath of the Wilson-Callaghan years.'



WORLD WEATHER AT NOON YESTERDAY

City	C	F	City	C	F	City	C	F
Amsterdam	14	57	Corfu	33	91	L. Palmas	25	77
Athens	31	88	Dublin	17	63	Lisbon	29	84
Belgrade	31	88	Dubrovnik	28	82	London	18	64
Berlin	16	61	Faro	26	79	Malta	23	73
Bombay	25	77	Geneva	20	68	Miami	29	84
Brussels	18	64	Gibraltar	24	75	Nice	25	77
Budapest	29	84	Guernsey	16	61	N. Delhi	33	91
Cairo	32	90	Helsinki	19	66	New York	28	82
Capetown	17	63	Hongkong	30	86	Oslo	21	70
Copenhagen	17	63	Innsbruck	17	63	Paris	19	66
			Istanbul	28	82	Prague	18	64

YESTERDAY

(24 hr. to 7 p.m.)—Warmest: Hurn (Hampshire) 21c. 70f. Coolest: Madley (Hereford and Worcester) 6c. 43f. Wettest: Gorleston (Norfolk) 0.78 in. Sunniest: Douglas (Isle of Man) 11.2 hr. London: Max. 19c. 66f. Min. 12c. 54f. Sun: 7.2 hr. Rain: 0.11 in.

MOON AND SUN

Moon rises 11.18 p.m., sets 3.14 a.m. Sun rises 5.01 a.m., sets 9.11 p.m. Lights (London): 9.41

SUNSHINE HOURS

Aberdeen	6.4	London	7.2
Blackpool	9.7	Morecambe	7.7
Bournemouth	7.2	Margate	6.5
Clacton	7.0	Penzance	9.3
Eastbourne	9.1	Prestatyn	5.0
Glasgow	4.6	Sandown	7.9
G. Yarmouth	2.2	Scarborough	6.9
Jersey	7.2	Weymouth	4.9

POLLEN FORECAST

Basildon ... High London ... High Bath ... Medium Maidstone ... High

Pit union cash moved to avoid seizure

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MINERS leaders in South Wales have moved thousands of pounds of union funds into private bank accounts and transferred assets abroad to avoid seizure by the courts.

Officials at the union Pontypridd's headquarters in mid-Glamorgan and even girl clerks have been handed the equivalent of six months' salary each to "look after" during the dispute.

Other funds have been switched to accounts in Geneva and Ireland.

The move was carefully planned with the help of financial advisers at the start of the strike to avoid the risk of sequestration.

The action was approved by the union's South Wales executive and reported to lodge committees.

It is not known how much is involved, but the area's assets before the strike were thought to be around £5 million.

Mr Emlyn Williams, the union's South Wales president said: "Staff have been given the equivalent of six months salary."

"But the money has not been touched by us—not a penny of it.

"It is there for union emergencies by a decision of the full executive.

Mr George Rees, the union's South Wales secretary, added: "All the lodges have been informed of the decision.

"No male staff member of this organisation is receiving any wages during the strike.

"All our wages go into union funds. Since the first day of the strike 18 weeks ago no official in this office, appointed or elected, has received a salary—not a penny."

Dock strike boost for Scargill but both sides pessimistic

MacGregor unrelenting on eve of talks

By Patrick Wintour,
Labour Staff

Both sides in the miners' strike were more pessimistic on the eve of the fourth round of talks than they have been for any of the earlier sessions.

Mr Ian MacGregor, chairman of the National Coal Board, said he had made the board's final offer at the talks a fortnight ago, while Mr Peter Heathfield, general secretary of the National Union of Mineworkers, said that if the NCB was not prepared to be flexible, "then we have got problems."

Since the last talks, the NUM special delegate conference has unanimously endorsed the strike action, and the dockers have shut down ports. Board officials privately acknowledged that the dock strike had boosted Mr Scargill's mo-

have received 20,000 inquiries about voluntary redundancy, not all the volunteers will be in pits or areas which it is planning to run down.

Mr MacGregor ruled out yesterday two other possible initiatives if the talks fail. He said he would not seek an injunction against the union since it would "drive a wedge between our people" and might alienate some miners who are working. He also ruled out as impracticable the board's holding a ballot of the membership.

At the talks today the two sides are likely to continue their discussions on the two draft agreements, one submitted by each side. The NCB has prepared a fresh paper, but this merely distills previous discussions.

Mr MacGregor said yesterday: "At previous talks the NCB and the NUM agreed that pit closures should be negotiated either if a pit is exhausted, unsafe, or for other reasons. It is these 'other reasons' that are the crux issue.

The NCB have for many years and without major conflict, reached agreement with the NUM on closing pits for "other reasons" apart from exhaustion and safety," he said. "These reasons have varied from poor geological conditions to low-quality coal, but have always amounted to the fact that the cost of coal from those pits has become too high to justify continuing to mine them."

Mr MacGregor said that in the past two decades 79 pits had been closed on these grounds, with 58 of the closures agreed locally. Mr Scargill was disturbing this pattern of local agreements.

On other obstacles to a settlement, Mr MacGregor said he would not accept a deal if the NUM agreed to a return to work after the pit closure problem had been settled, but then persisted with its overtime ban on the issue of the NCB's 5.2 per cent pay offer made last year.

"We are not going back to work if we have a half-assed settlement." He also said that on any return to work striking miners "are going to have to learn to work with miners' that ignored the strike call."

Although the board may

Police anger, page 2

Mail, Wednesday, July 18, 1984

Pickets trap miners at home

TERRIFIED miners were besieged in their homes yesterday by pickets.

Twelve of them phoned Bolsover Colliery, Derbyshire, for help and were picked up by van in time for the early morning shift.

But the others were afraid they would be set upon if they left for work and attendance at the pit was 20 down on normal.

Three thousand pickets were out in the county—most of them at Shirebrook. At Bolsover and Markham they milled around the streets.

Tough

Derbyshire police made 28 arrests—17 at Markham, nine at Bolsover and two at Shirebrook—alleging public order offences, criminal damage and one assault.

Meanwhile Coal Board chairman Ian MacGregor said there would be no surrender to the militants.

On the eve of talks between the NCB and pit leader Arthur Scargill, he confirmed his intention to strip the industry of its loss-making pits.

His tough stance indicates that he has no intention of giving way to Mr Scargill's demand that only exhausted pits, or those with hopelessly insurmountable geological problems, should be closed.

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He was called a scab. Aren't the scabs the cowards who threatened this family? Some might call them scum

Working miner driven to death



MR AND MRS CLAY ON THEIR WEDDING DAY

A WORKING miner killed himself after anonymous threats were made against his family and he was abused and spat at by his workmates.

Loving father Jim Clay, 33, finally broke after a sickening phone call suggesting that harm would come to his 12-year-old daughter.

Yesterday, a coroner said of the two men who made the call, one prompting the other: 'They are the scabs in this case. Some people might refer to them as scum.'

And he added: 'I am aware of remarks that the law does not apply to the unions. But the law of morals does.'

Mr Clay, a hard-working father of three young children, who was

Daily Mail Reporter

buying his council house at Stoke-on-Trent, felt under pressure to go on strike and stayed out for 14 weeks, an inquest in the city heard.

But when there was no food in the larder or fridge and the bills got out of control, he crossed the picket line at Wolstanton colliery.

'Last straw'

He tried to explain to his workmates, but they wouldn't listen, his 30-year-old widow, Ann, told the inquest. 'They spat and turned their backs on him,' she said.

'Before, they had been friendly — good mates.'

Then came the threatening phone calls. In one instance, two men said they knew where the Clay's 12-

year-old daughter went to school and commented on what a lovely uniform she had. By the time they had finished with her, she would have no uniform at all, they said.

'I feel the telephone calls were the final straw because they were getting at the children,' said Mrs Clay. 'That was what hurt him most, especially when I had to tell him about the little girl.'

Finally, two weeks ago and three days before he was due to return to the pit after a statutory holiday, Mr Clay was found dead in his fume-filled lock-up garage, with his car engine running.

The coroner, Mr John Wain, said: 'This is the first case in this area but certainly not the first of intimidation. It is going on, and the unions ought to be aware of it.'

It was very difficult to be impartial in such a case, he said. The dead man was 'a perfectly decent, rational hardworking man, typical of the average miner in this country.'

Mr Wain said: 'He endeavoured to get his problems over to his workmates, his former friends and colleagues. What was the result? He was spat at, he was called a scab.'

'We have heard of the word "scab". Scab is an unpleasant word. . . .

'Are the scabs not the two cowards who were in that public phone box, the two men who had the job of threatening this woman? And even then it needed two of them'

'Despicable'

They had made despicable implications, he said, that something physical might happen to the couple's daughter.

'Maybe certain members of the community would refer to them as scum. The whole of the mining industry must, and I am sure does, dissociate itself from such actions.'

North Staffordshire NUM presi-

dent Mr Joe Wills, who is also branch secretary at Wolstanton, said later that he was on the picket line when Mr Clay first returned to work.

'There were about 30 police and only 12 pickets and there was no way he was spat at.

'The next day and subsequent days he came in on scab buses, so we could not get anywhere near him anyway. I knew him well and feel very sorry about this, but at Wolstanton it has been a most peaceful picket over the whole five months.

'I agree with the coroner about the telephone calls. If a man hasn't got the guts to speak to somebody face to face, he shouldn't bother at all.'

Police in Stoke revealed last night that at least 30 other miners have reported threats of physical harm and damage to property, but said a far greater number of incidents went unreported.

Widow's plea over death fall husband

A WIDOW last night demanded an inquiry into the death of her husband killed in a mystery plunge from a police station window on a holiday island.

Tourist and father of two Mr Peter Nadin, 44, a Fleet Street printer, died on the Greek island of Mykonos at the weekend. Police said he was being quizzed after a local complainant Mr Nadin had threatened him.

Mrs Gabriele of Palace Road, Bromley, Kent, said: "I just do not believe it."

A question of cost

AN ATTEMPT to silence the Sleuth of Westminster, Labour MP Tam Dalyell, failed in the Commons yesterday.

Tory MP Peter Bruinvels complained to the Speaker that Mr Dalyell had put down 114 questions on the Falklands—believed to be a Commons record—for written answers.

But the Speaker reaffirmed MPs' rights to table questions.

Later Mr Bruinvels said it would cost nearly £6,000 to answer the 114 questions.

Spy wife back in jail

THE former wife of Navy spy David Bingham, jailed 11 years ago for introducing her husband as a potential agent for the Russians, was behind bars again yesterday.

Mrs Maureen Read, 47, of Pennington, Hants, was sentenced to 14 days by Southampton Crown Court for refusing to pay a £150 fine for handling stolen goods.

Esso puts 2p on a gallon

ESSO put up its petrol prices by 2p a gallon yesterday to 188.7p.

But prices are still being cut by as much as 10p in some areas.

Your Express

WE apologise to our readers for the many typographical imperfections in this issue, which are due to an industrial dispute.

Mob smashes holiday truce in picket fury

By FRANK URQUHART

VIOLENCE returned to a Scottish pit yesterday as pickets shattered a holiday truce.

Nearly 30 pickets were arrested as 15 miners reported back for work after the three-week summer break.

The ugliest scenes came in the afternoon as the 15 rebels, who had managed to produce some coal at Bilston Glen, Midlothian, ended their underground shift.

A hail of stones was thrown at police. Snatch squads were sent in to arrest some pickets and there was a series of running fights as police forced a mob of 400 strikers back from the colliery gates.

Earlier, police had stood firm as pickets hurled bottles bricks and stones at nearby pit buildings.

Assistant Chief Constable Hugh Watson said: "We had to move the picket line back from their source of ammunition—the walls which they were starting to demolish to throw at buildings and police officers."

A policeman was hit on the head by a stone and Mr Watson said it was "extremely fortunate that only one of my officers was slightly injured."

A young miner was taken to hospital with crushing injuries after being caught up in the clash.

Local NUM branch secretary Jackie Aitchison said:

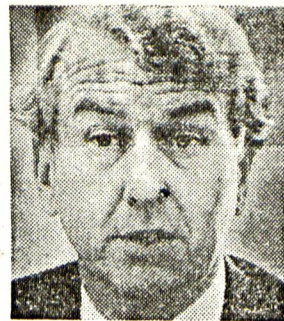
"I condemn the stone throwing. It is crazy."

Another 28 strikers were arrested at the nearby Blinkbonny private pit at Gore Bridge, where half the NUM members have been back at work since last week.

Ex-miner John Brightman, a member of Wakefield District Council in West Yorks, claims his family has been threatened.



Police carry off a picket yesterday at Bilston Glen



Walker: 'Generous'

Walker's challenge to Scargill

MINERS' leader Arthur Scargill was handed a challenge yesterday: Withdraw your pickets and see what happens to the strike.

The challenge was made by Energy Secretary Peter Walker, who said that miners were being forced to stay out on strike by threats and mob violence.

If Mr Scargill limited his pickets to six peaceful men at each colliery, the miners could "vote with their feet" against the strike, Mr Walker said on independent radio.

He stressed that the wage and redundancy offers to miners were generous, and argued that since the Government had tried to stop the strike before it started, they should not intervene again now.

Coal faces at 24 collieries could be at risk, Junior Energy Minister Giles Shaw disclosed yesterday.

Pit losses 'are set to double'

COAL industry losses for the last financial year are expected to have almost doubled in the official accounts published later this week.

This means the taxpayer has been pouring £2.5 million A DAY down the nation's collieries.

And those figures take no account of the present dispute. The financial year ended before the strike began to bite.

Coal Board officials have predicted a loss of around

£875 million, compared with a £485 million deficit the previous year.

Two factors are blamed—the miners' overtime ban which began last October and a rise in compensation claims for homes hit by mining subsidence.

The accounts will make gloomy reading when presented to the Commons on Thursday.

'SLAVE' CULT

From Page One

up in 1978 and, but for Scientology, the judge said he would have left them in their warm family circle.

The judge said the movement's founder, L. Ron Hubbard, had made these false claims to promote himself and his cult:—

- That he was a much decorated war hero who was wounded in action. He was not.

- That he was crippled and blinded and cured himself with techniques practised by the cult. He was not crippled, nor blinded.

- That he was sent by U.S. Naval Intelligence to break up a black magic ring in California. He was not. He was himself a member of the occult group and practised ritual sexual magic.

- That he was a graduate of George Washington University and an atomic physicist. He was neither.

Charlatan

The judge said: "Mr Hubbard is a charlatan and worse—as are his wife, Mary Sue Hubbard, and the clique at the top privy to the cult's activities."

His wife Mary Sue has served a jail term for offences connected with Scientology.

The judge condemned the Church's recruiting methods and its "auditing" techniques—"in blunt language, auditing is a process of conditioning brainwashing and indoctrination," said the judge.

Hubbard had now disappeared and was being sought by police in the U.S. He is believed to be flitting around Southern California.

Last month an American Superior court judge was told that he had creamed off £80 million from the church.



Mr Justice Latey

Court. It was decided the children should stay with their father and the mother was pressed into agreeing.

But it was plain all along she wanted the children, said the judge.

Scientology later hit back at the "extreme judgment" of Mr Justice Latey.

The church's public affairs officer Mark Garside pointed out that the church was not a party to the custody case and was not given the opportunity to answer allegations.

Frame

"It is very easy to pull out quotes from a broad selection of documents to make a point," he said.

He claimed documents before the court were out of date, and went back at least five years when there was "a more combative frame of mind" among some members.

There had been "an extensive house cleaning" two years ago and the church now operated an open door policy.

Appeal

Mr Garside said the Home Office had been satisfied with the church when it lifted the ban on overseas students of Scientology in 1980.

The disappointed father refused to comment but his solicitor said they were considering an appeal.

- Labour's Frank Dobson, MP for Holborn and St Pancras, last night called for a Government inquiry into Scientology.

Custody

Ironically the mother would have won custody of the children five years ago if she had applied to the court when her marriage broke up.

But Scientologists are forbidden from taking action without permission.

Instead she and her husband took their dispute to the church's own Chaplain's

THE CHURCH OF DIRTY TRICKS: SEE PAGE EIGHT

Sunny spells, scattered showers. Outlook: Dry, sunny spells.

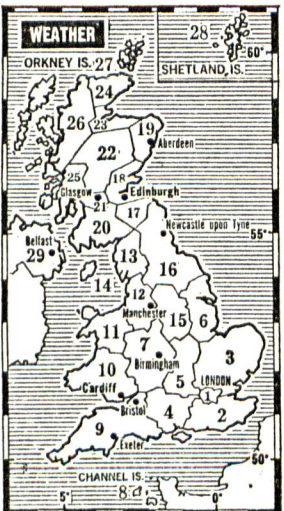
- 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 10: Sunny spells, showers. Max 25C (77F).
- 8, 9: Sunny spells, showers. Max. 23C (73F).
- 6, 16, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15: Dry, sunny spells. Max 24C (75F).
- 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 29: Sunny spells. Max. 23C (73F).
- 24, 26, 27, 28: Cloudy, showers. Max. 16C (61F).

Sun sets 9.1 p.m., rises 5.12 a.m. tomorrow. Moon sets 5.45 p.m., rises 1.35 a.m. tomorrow. London lighting-up time: 10.31 p.m. to 5.44 p.m. tomorrow. High water at London Bridge: 11.7 p.m. and 11.49 a.m. tomorrow.

TWENTY-FOUR HOURS TO 6 p.m. YESTERDAY.—Warmest place in Britain: Jersey 30C (86F). Coldest (night): St Harmon (Pows) 5C (41F). Sunniest: Cardiff. Glasgow 13.3 hours. Wettest: Bracknell (Berks) 1.69 inches.

AROUND THE COASTS

- Bognor sun ... 22 (72)
- Bournemouth sun 25 (77)
- Clacton sun ... 19 (66)
- Eastbourne sun ... 21 (70)
- Falmouth sun ... 22 (72)
- Folkestone sun ... 25 (77)
- Ilfracombe sun ... 24 (75)
- Jersey sun ... 30 (86)
- Lowestoft cloud 17 (63)
- Penzance sun ... 25 (77)
- Torquay sun ... 24 (75)
- Weymouth sun ... 25 (77)



TEMPERATURES

ATHENS cloud	22 (72)
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BARBADOS cloud	30 (86)
BACELONA sun	27 (81)
BERLIN cloud	16 (61)
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BRISTOL sun	28 (82)
BRUSSELS sun	22 (72)
CARDIFF sun	28 (82)
DUBLIN sun	19 (66)
GIBRALTAR sun	28 (82)
HONG KONG sun	32 (90)
HONOLULU sun	32 (89)
LAS PALMAS sun	28 (82)
LISBON sun	27 (81)
LONDON sun	27 (81)
LOS ANGELES cloud	24 (75)
LUXEMBOURG sun	20 (68)
MADRID sun	37 (99)
MAJORCA sun	29 (84)
MALAGA sun	29 (84)
MALTA sun	34 (93)
MIAMI cloud	29 (84)
MOSCOW cloud	20 (68)
NEW YORK cloud	29 (84)
NICE sun	26 (79)
PARIS sun	26 (79)
ROME sun	27 (81)
SYDNEY sun	19 (66)
TEL AVIV sun	29 (84)
TORONTO sun	27 (81)

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Swoop by miners' convoy blockades Humber bridge

OVER 500 miners blockaded the Humber bridge for over two hours yesterday, causing frustration and anger among commuters and confusion to the police.

The move seemed well planned although police suggested that it may have been a spontaneous gesture after miners were prevented from converging on Scunthorpe.

Two police cars were turned over and one had its windows smashed during the protest. Humberside police said they arrested 26 people for public order offences.

The miners eventually drove away, sounding their horns, shouting and then smiling at passers-by.

The episode began just before 5.30am when police estimate that around 3,000 miners tried to reach Scunthorpe to prevent iron ore arriving at the British Steel works or leaving Immingham.

The police prevented most of the pickets from reaching Scunthorpe but the miners were out in force and obviously intended picketing on the bridge or at the wharves along the nearby river Trent, where coal is still being imported by BSC.

Then at about 7am about 150 cars with three or four men to each vehicle arrived at the northern end of the bridge.

They drove up to the toll booths at the start of the bridge and sat in their cars or walked about, chatting, waiting for a reaction.

The police had spotted large convoys of vehicles moving east on the M62 and on the A63 just after 6am. Soon after the northern entrance to the bridge was snarled up with traffic the

bridge authorities closed this section.

Soon afterwards cars began arriving across the bridge from the southern end. It is possible to drive from south to north across the bridge without paying a toll, because the booths are on the northern end. So no vehicles were stopped until they reached the toll booths where the drivers refused to pay the £1 toll.

Soon after 7am the bridge was effectively blocked although the bridgeman, Mr Malcolm Stockwell, decided against closing it officially.

Residents near the entrance road to the bridge where the miners had parked their cars came out to talk to stranded motorists and lorry drivers or just to watch.

Trouble did break out here and police watched helplessly as men turned over police

vehicles and smashed their windows.

Mr Stockwell said later that he thought the blockade was well planned. "I think they do their cause no good by this. My prime responsibility is to keep the bridge open and get commuters across."

At that time in the morning about 400 vehicles an hour cross the bridge, with about 12,000 vehicles passing over each day.

For the most part the demonstration was peaceful. But there was also a good deal of hostility from the public. Most people said they felt that the miners had a case but that it was being eroded by such tactics. The miners said they wanted to make their feelings felt.

Shortly after 9.15am most of the miners dispersed, driving very slowly and blocking exit roads.

were partly to blame for the current level of interest rates. Pressed on the Government's inflation forecast, she told the SDP leader, Dr David Owen: "Inflation will depend on how long the mortgage rate has to stay up — which to some extent depends on the strikes in this country."

Mrs Thatcher was repeatedly challenged by Labour backbenchers on the social cost of the pits dispute. But she insisted that her Government had been more generous than any other in providing social grants and redundancy payments.

The terms last offered by the National Coal Board chairman, Mr Ian MacGregor to the miners were very reasonable, she said, adding: "I do, that is the end of de-accepted."

"The offer the Govern-

THE GUARDIAN

PIT DISPUTE

Violence will not win — PM

THE Prime Minister pledged yesterday never to give in to violence and intimidation in the miners' dispute. "If one does, that is the end of democracy in this country," she told MPs at question time.

Mrs Thatcher also stressed again her belief that strikers

Greenham women pickets arrested

By Tony Heath

ABOUT 20 women from the Greenham Common peace camp yesterday joined one of the biggest pickets in South Wales since the miners' dispute began five months ago.

They were among 500 pickets, including 200 miners' wives, who gathered outside the British Steel Corporation's Port Talbot works from which supplies of coal, coke and iron ore are being ferried to the Llanwern plant 45 miles down the M4.

Some of the women lay down in the road and prevented lorries from leaving the plant. Fighting broke out as police moved in to clear a path.

There was a delay of about an hour during which

police made 34 arrests. Seven of those arrested were women, including three from Greenham.

The day's operation to keep the beleaguered Llanwern works functioning was counted a success with 200 laden lorries getting through.

Police succeeded in wrong-footing pickets at Llanwern.

In the morning about 150 strikers gathered at the Magor entrance usually used by the lorry convoys. Police made a show of pushing them back but the lorries used another entrance four miles away where the miners had mounted only a token presence.

At one stage grass verges on the motorway were set alight and smoke billowed across the road.

Mr Viv Brooke, assistant chief constable of the South Wales police, said: "It was a danger to all road-users."

However, he praised the lorry drivers for reducing speed as they passed picket lines; early this month police expressed fears that if the lorries maintained high speeds at works entrances a fatality would be inevitable.

Mr Terry Thomas, vice-president of the South Wales area of the NUM, said that the presence of the peace women on the picket line reciprocated the support of miners for their cause.

More than 30 miners' pickets were arrested yesterday during further clashes with police outside Bilston Glen colliery near Edinburgh.

THE GUARDIAN TGWU threat to lorry drivers

By Patrick Wintour,
Labour Staff

The Transport and General Workers' Union is this week telling its regional councils to take disciplinary action against drivers who defy the union's policy of blacking coal movements.

Although some drivers involved in the coke convoys in South Wales have been expelled, the union's commercial vehicles national committee last week decided that disciplinary action should be taken on a national scale.

According to the National Coal Board, between 400,000 and 600,000 tonnes of coal is being moved each week from pits to power stations by road and rail. The issue has an added urgency amid speculation that the Government is prepared to contract lorries to shift the 18 million tonnes of coal at strike-bound pits to power stations. Some observers believe that it will be impossible for the Central Electricity Generating Board to survive the winter without power cuts unless it has access to some of the coal at strike-bound pits.

It is difficult to pinpoint the regional distribution of this pithead coal, but there are about 2 million tonnes at Scot-

ment has made shows there is a great future for the coal industry

Families defiant as 'blitz mentality' grips pit villages

By MAURICE WEAVER Industrial Staff

"HOW do you tell a striker from a black-leg?" joked Mr Michael McGahey, the Scottish mineworkers' president, yesterday. Answer: "The striker is the one with a healthy tan."

Mr McGahey was chatting in a London pub after yesterday's meeting of the TUC General Council.

He laughed at his own quip but then added more seriously: "It's the truth, you know. I've never seen the lads looking so fit."

Conscious that there were journalists among his audience, the miners' leader was undoubtedly putting out a bit of propaganda.

But it underlined the fact that there now seems little chance that this dispute will be resolved by human hardship.

After 20 weeks "on the cobbles," without wages and without strike pay from their union, the 145,000 miners who are supporting Mr Scargill and his NUM executive look neither physically drawn nor spiritually broken.

Their families, too, are bearing up remarkably well.

There are stories of suicides and wives suffering nervous breakdowns and no doubt the records will eventually show that the domestic stresses have taken their toll of marriages.

Financial pressures

But if Mr Ian MacGregor, that there now seems little doubt that by midsummer his ebullient workforce would be racking under the financial pressures of long-term confrontation, he must now have accepted that this is not to be.

There are two main factors to which this group survival can be attributed.

Firstly there is the character of the mining communities themselves which, while no longer the low-horizoned, pit-orientated clusters of "How Green is My Valley," retain a gritty self-reliance which ordinary industrial suburbs lack. Outsiders who visit them today come away with an impression of a population which, if not quite flattered by the experience of defiant self-denial, is finding a deep satisfaction in rising to the challenge.

Secondly, there is the development of an unofficial "welfare state" — makeshift, hurriedly organised by the trade union movement itself but surprisingly efficient in directing assistance where it is needed.

Blitz mentality

The operation is certainly aided by the tightness of the communities, geographically and socially, and its importance is more than just material, suggesting as it does that the long-distance striker has support in the "outside world."

There may be no ration book but the "blitz" mentality reigns with food parcels, community meal centres and cash hand-outs from funds donated by other trade unionists, for those in special need.

With savings gone and most possessions long ago sold off, strikers' families are now rely-

ing on the State for their staple income. Miners' wives get £21.45 a week supplementary benefit but £15 is deducted from that sum for assumed strike pay — which the union does not in fact give.

Children's allowance is on a sliding scale — £2.65 for each youngster under 11, £7.20 for those 11-15 and £10 for 16-17-year-olds. Bachelor strikers, hard core of the flying pickets, receive nothing.

Together the State handouts give an average two-child family a cash income of around £16.30 a week compared with anything between £90 and £150 in normal times. It is, they say, enough to keep body and soul together but no more.

But in these abnormal times some expenditures have been shelved. The DHSS pays the rent or interest on the mortgage, most banks and some hire purchase companies have agreed to suspend repayments on loans.

'Treats are out'

The family car, if it has not been sold, has in most cases been taken off the road, although in a few instances the union has helped with the bills to retain its strategic availability.

"Treats" are out and strikers say that, as time passes, even their children grumble less.

Retired grandfathers on pensions and with savings to fall back on, help struggling sons with families while fathers with social security income help their bachelor sons who get nothing.

Sharing, stretching resources, living by ingenuity has become a way of life.

Food parcels, sent by other unions or put together by strikers' own community organisations, have tended to go to the bachelors first—they look hungrier and need to keep their strength up to man picket lines.

Most families receive them infrequently, but say they are important.

Money to buy them and to help in other family emergencies has largely come from other unions.

Many unions have voted substantial sums from their national or local funds. The General, Municipal and Boilermakers' Union has promised £1,000 a day since June 11, the locomen's union, Aslef, donated £60,000, and yesterday the public employees union Nupe added a further £5,000 to the £50,000 it has already sent.

The NUM itself, with an estimated £4.7 million in its central fund but considerably more in areas such as Scotland and Yorkshire, has tended to reserve its resources for the fight.

Funds roll in, too, from local authorities — most mining areas are controlled by Left-wing councils — and it is estimated that around £1 million has been added to the strikers' coffers from that source.

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WIVES WILL DEFY VIOLENCE

By GUY RAIS

MINERS' wives who have started a campaign to get the strikers back to work in defiance of the union said yesterday they would not be intimidated by threats of violence.

"It's going to take more than threats to frighten us off," said Mrs Joy Watson, 41, one of the organisers in South Wales, as she set off to talk to miners' wives in a local shopping centre near her home in Aberdare.

"I expect to receive threats and abuse, but in common with the other women who are fed up with the strike, we shall fight on until our husbands and others go back to work."

As she spoke of her plans, the actions of the women and those of the moderate Nottinghamshire pit men who are secretly touring coalfields throughout the country in an attempt to end the 20-week-old strike, were strongly condemned by leaders of the National Union of Mineworkers.

Back-door traitors

Dr Kim Howells, the union's South Wales research officer, called on the anonymous miners to stand up and identify themselves "instead of using a traitorous back-door method."

"We know that miners in South Wales who have been suffering hardship with their families through the strike will not accept being stabbed in the back by a small bunch of traitors."

In a protest against the visit to South Wales by moderate Nottingham men, two busloads of striking Nottingham miners are expected to drive to South Wales today to show solidarity with Welsh miners on the picket lines.

The women, calling themselves Moderate Miners Militant Wives, said yesterday that they had been "delighted with the response."

Afraid to speak

Mrs Watson, mother of three teenage children, whose husband Paul worked at the Abercwmboi solid fuel plant, closed since the strike began, said: "In the beginning miners were said to have come out because of a fight over pit closures and jobs."

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Talks plea to Scargill

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MINERS' leader Arthur Scargill is likely to face renewed pressure to re-open peace talks with the Coal Board when his union's national executive meets in Sheffield today.

Moderates will point out that a campaign by a secret group of miners to defy the strike could quickly gain ground if nothing is done.

Three South Wales miners' leaders said they would not be in court today to answer charges that they had broken an injunction over secondary picketing.

The action is being taken by two haulage firms who allege that pickets are interfering with their business.

Seventy demonstrators were arrested yesterday when violence broke out as 2,000 pickets besieged Babbington colliery near Nottingham.

Another 2,000 were turned back by police who closed the approach roads to the nearby M1.

In Chesterfield, six pickets and a policeman were hurt outside a coking plant.

Denial failed

Injured picket appeals for police help at Bilston Glen yesterday

By FRANK URQUHART

PICKETS MOB MINER'S HOME

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FIFTY pickets howling abuse surrounded the home of a rebel miner yesterday as he was about to set off for work.

The strikers, frustrated by the failure of mass pickets to shut down Bilston Glen Colliery in Scotland, are now trying to terrorise strike-breakers into submission.

Several men have complained of threats of violence. Others have had their homes and cars vandalised and daubed with words of hatred.

Phil Inverarity, 49, and his wife Christina awoke to find 'their council' house in Tranent, East Lothian, surrounded by a chanting mob. It took a police escort to get the defiant miner and 23 of his colleagues to work.

Said Mrs Inverarity: "They were animals. Without the police, my husband would have been badly beaten up."

Police confirmed that they were investigating several allegations of intimidation.



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Cabinet sees no sign of pit peace

By JAMES WIGHTMAN
Political Correspondent

THE Cabinet and the Opposition leadership were united yesterday in the view that the 20-week miners' strike has the look of a dispute which could last for many more months.

Ministers who reviewed the dispute at the weekly Cabinet meeting could see no sign of any break in the stalemate between the Coal Board and the miners' leadership.

Some prominent Labour MPs were talking gloomily of the strike possibly lasting until next spring. They also sounded pessimistic about the chances of victory for Mr Scargill, the NUM president, and his militant colleagues.

The Cabinet again received an encouraging report from Mr Walker, Energy Secretary, about coal stocks and the number of miners gradually returning to work.

Meet again

Ministers decided, unexpectedly, to meet again on Thursday of next week, although Parliament will have risen for the summer recess the day before.

It was stressed that the meeting did not mean there was any expectation of an important development of the strike. But it was felt that, as Ministers would not have started their holidays by then, they should meet to review the coal strike again and to clear up any other business before a month's break.

Meanwhile, some Labour MPs were forecasting that the Cabinet would soon give the Coal Board authority to take a tougher line with the miners with action possibly including the closing of one or more pits under threat.

Familiar lines

Some Labour MPs also felt that, if the Government changed the regulations on redundancy payments, more miners would now be prepared to take the pay-off money.

But there was no hint of such action from the Prime Minister when she answered questions in the Commons.

She took her familiar lines of condemning violence and intimidation by striking miners on colleagues wanting to go to work and declaring that the miners' leadership should ballot their members about a strike.

She condemned as "totally and utterly wrong" the picketing of homes of miners who want to work.

40 PICKETS ARRESTED AT MAN'S HOME

Forty pickets were arrested yesterday outside the home of working miner Philip Inverarity, 49, at Tranent, near Edinburgh. They claimed they were waiting for a bus. Police later escorted Mr Inverarity to work at Bilston Glen pit.

Forty-five more pickets, from Yorkshire, were arrested in clashes with police at Creswell pit, near Nottingham.

Coal board's offer rejected, strike may be stepped up

From Paul Routledge, Labour Editor, Sheffield

Miners' leaders yesterday rejected the National Coal Board's peace plan on pit closures and recalled their delegate conference in a move to intensify the 20-week-old strike.

The conference, on August 10, will be urged to "extend the campaign within the coalfields and outside", Mr Arthur Scargill, president of the National Union of Mineworkers, disclosed after a meeting in Sheffield of his 24-man executive.

But his curt, repeated, "no comment" to questions about a possible resumption of the peace process with the coal board heightened speculation that there could be further negotiations before the union digs in for a strike lasting into the winter.

Mr Stanley Orme, MP for Salford East and Labour's energy spokesman, has been working behind the scenes to bring the two sides together after the breakdown of talks last week. Mr Scargill yesterday insisted that he was ready for "sensible discussions" at any time.

His hard-line negotiating

position remains unchanged, however. "All the pits will have to be retained. That has not changed and it will not change. The NUM does not regard any pit as uneconomic", he said.

"We want to negotiate a solution to this problem and get Britain's miners back to work. But we want to do that on the basis that the pit closure programme is withdrawn."

The board must also take the word "beneficial" out of the draft definition of an unworkable pit, otherwise there was an "irreconcilable difference between the two sides", Mr Scargill added.

"We are not talking about a word. We are talking about a philosophy, an ideology: either we accept full scale butchery of this industry or accept that our pits and jobs are retained."

His undiminished catalogue of demands suggests that prospects for negotiations are not good, and it is not yet certain that Mr Orme's peace-making efforts will result in a joint meeting in the fortnight before the conference takes place. Mr Orme said in the Commons last night that the

gap between the two sides could be bridged.

Mr Scargill continues to insist that the Government is directly involved in the talks, citing parliamentary exchanges between Mr Alex Eadie, Labour MP for Midlothian, and Mr Giles Shaw, Under Secretary of State.

Mr Shaw had "let the proverbial cat out of the bag", Mr Scargill said, by stating that the miners' union "must accept that the closure of uneconomic pits is an essential ingredient to the restructuring of the industry".

The miners' president also said that the coal board's annual report, published yesterday and disclosing a deficit of £875m, was "an unmitigated disaster".

He went on: "If I were Ian MacGregor I would be extremely concerned that my stewardship has proved so disastrous."

He sought to laugh off the threat of a drift back to work.

"The NUM leadership are as confident today as they have ever been that we will win this dispute."

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CRIMINAL PICKETING //

Mr Philip Inverarity looked out from his East Lothian home yesterday onto a crowd of at least forty picketing miners, most of whom came from County Durham. Some of them pretended to be waiting for a bus. All of them were guilty of criminal behaviour. Their purpose was to intimidate Mr Inverarity and his family so that he stopped going to work at Bilston Glen Colliery. This was not an isolated incident. Indeed it is the pattern of behaviour of Mr Scargill's shock troops and it is being accentuated now that more and more evidence accrues to suggest that thousands of miners, not to mention their families, are longing to return to work if they could overcome the barriers of intimidation which beset them.

At Creswell in Derbyshire yesterday 2,500 pickets roamed the village near Babbington Colliery. Elsewhere miners' pickets in cars obstructed traffic along the M1. It was an everyday story of the power determination and brutality of the National Union of Mineworkers under Mr Scargill's control. It is paying out between £80,000 and £90,000 a week to deploy its pickets in this way.

How much longer does the nation have to wait for chief constables and the Director of Public Prosecutions to act to prevent what is, in effect, a criminal conspiracy working to intimidate citizens in their homes, in their villages and on the road? Picketing of any kind is a form of intimidation, even when it is confined to the work place, even when it is limited to the legal maximum of six pickets. That limit is mocked with impunity each day by Mr Scargill's private army. We know that chief constables and the DPP have some element of

discretion about prosecutions. It may be that chief constables prefer to see their streets cleared and their areas reasonably free of trouble than to go through the endless administrative hoops required to prepare a prosecution which could identify these bully boys and bring their operations to an end.

That is not a good enough excuse. If the forces of law and order continue to allow mob rule to operate day after day, with impunity, it will be the Government which will suffer eventually from the erosion of public confidence which such evidence will gradually encourage.

At yesterday's meeting the Miners' Executive duly rejected the offer made by Mr MacGregor and the Coal Board. It is a lucky escape. The offer itself was not a good one. The agreement to relieve the five pits - perhaps only temporarily, but that would have been in the small print - and to revise the planned run-down of capacity looked like a concession which hardly merited the struggle of the last twenty weeks. It was only not a concession if the application of the "beneficial" viability criterion to each pit resulted in the almost immediate closure of the five pits in question. In the nature of things the reprieve and the revised production targets would have received most prominence after a settlement. The subsequent application of cool economic analysis by the Coal Board would have been greeted by Mr Scargill and his lieutenants as a betrayal of the settlement.

It is now up to Mr MacGregor and the Coal Board to change the bowling. The offer must be withdrawn. In its place the Coal Board should prepare a programme of pit closures,

without waiting for a settlement. It should consider pre-emptive redundancy for those miners who were prepared to take it. Perhaps working miners should receive the original payrise offered last year, or some variant of it. All these initiatives should be taken by the management acting on its own prerogatives now that the NUM has unilaterally opted out of the discussion.

With the workforce there is increasing evidence of a profound desire to return to the pits in defiance of the unballoted instruction to stay out on strike. Obviously these men fear Mr Scargill's power through the union machine. Every union official, with his union salary, his union car, his union mortgage and his union pension, is a party man in that sense, and not likely to assist in such defiance.

Somehow these tenuous beginnings must be encouraged by the Coal Board, by ministers and by society at large, all willing an end to this undeclared civil war which has defaced Britain this summer. But it is not enough to will the end without it being obvious to the British public that a settlement, when it comes, makes two things clear. The first should be that the nature of a settlement has not made any concession to an attempt to bully and intimidate the Coal Board and beyond it the taxpaying public, into subsidising operations far beyond their worth. The second must be some evident reassurance, either in the composition of the settlement or in its perceived consequences, that the brutalities of Scargillism both in its control of the miners and in its attempt to make a wider war on British society through the trade union movement as a whole cannot and will not be repeated.

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No winners in Shirebrook

Roger Ratcliffe reports from a mining community at war

EVERY lunchtime men, women and children line a route through the Derbyshire village of Shirebrook, along with a string of white-shirted policemen. The expressions are grim and there are no mini Union Jacks. Nobody is waiting for a visiting royal to go by.

A police Range Rover comes in sight, leading a convoy of five coaches, every window covered by steel mesh. As they pass, it is just possible to see that the drivers are wearing crash helmets. Several of the passengers are hiding behind SAS-style face masks. The roar of engines is drowned by screams of "scab" from the crowd and there is a brief tussle between women and police as two men returning from their shift at the local colliery dismount on a corner and hurry the 50 yards to their homes, heavily fortified against bricks, arson attack and bleach bombs.

"This village is the Belfast of England," says a Metropolitan policeman. "These women won't be allowed to do this again. They shouldn't have been allowed to do it any time - it's only because they've got a Micky Mouse police force up here. They wouldn't get away with it in London, that's for sure."

Jimmy Larby and Adrian Walters, two of around 100 miners still working at Shirebrook pit (total NUM membership: 1,950), are responsible for Recreation Drive being renamed "Scab Alley". The locals are unforgiving. "There's a street on the other side of the village that's still known as 'Scab Alley' from the 1926 strike," says one. But the rancour does not stop at name-calling. Walters, 23, has had 17

windows smashed since the strike started. Last Saturday and Sunday nights both his and Larby's home were besieged by men and women throwing bricks, milk bottles and even the Walterses' dustbin.

Larby, 52, and his wife, Madge, watch television in a half dark sitting room. Their window is mostly covered with a double layer of mesh and timber, a little daylight streaming through what looks like an observation slit in a gunpost. "We never go out if we can help it." Larby says. "We've lived in

"I don't know what a court looks like but I may end up in one for calling a neighbour a scab"

this house 26 years. But we're going to have to move out of Shirebrook, when we can."

It is difficult for outsiders to comprehend the feeling of betrayal which Larby, Walters and the minority of working miners at Shirebrook arouse. Every day that they report for work brings deeper debt to many of their neighbours. Arguments about national ballots and the strike being unofficial have long been exhausted. In bitterly divided Shirebrook (pop: 11,000) you are either "solid" or "a scab", and the "solids" and their families accept nothing but total support. Most of those in the daily reception party have never been in trouble in their lives.

Although there are rarely arrests, it is usually a close shave for civil liberties. Women who serve guests tea in Charles and Diana mugs, and who have never spoken to a policeman except to ask the time, find themselves confined to their front gardens under threat of arrest. One of them, Sandra Warren, 36, a mother of four, says: "I don't know what a court looks like but I may end up in one for calling a neighbour a scab."

The Metropolitan Police, who are assigned to Shirebrook, have a high-profile, low-tolerance approach which, locals say, makes matters worse. A pregnant woman is refused permission to leave her position in the street to use a toilet. A non-miner with his three children, one in a pushchair, is denied access to his home until the working miners are safely delivered inside their doors. Another non-miner is arrested from his van for arguing when refused permission to reach a friend's house, his four-year-old son - who has a hole-in-the-heart complaint - left by himself, screaming. A man out exercising his whippet is turned back on a public footpath.

Visitors receive the same treatment. The Sunday Times representatives are threatened with arrest for walking along "Scab Alley". Likewise the local MP, Dennis Skinner, who arrives to hear the wives' complaints about police harassment. Typically, he waits his moment and addresses the crowd on "Thatcher's gestapo".

The tragedy is that law-abiding folk, people unconnected

with the intimidation of working miners, have lost confidence in the police. One mother demonstrates her tiny son's feeling, clearly taught by the parent. "What do you think of policemen, duck?" she asks. "Bastards," replies the toddler.

Alf Oscrift, father of eight and grandfather of 14, says: "None of these kids are going to know how to ask a policeman for help after this. Not when they've heard about people being dragged out of their homes by police who say they'll think a charge up later."

Sadly, nobody wins in

"We never go out if we can help it. We've lived in this house 26 years but we're going to have to move"

Shirebrook. The intimidation of working miners gets more severe every week. In response, so does the police clampdown on the guilty, and the innocent. Since the Met are blamed for most restrictions, the backlash comes at weekends when they have returned to London, leaving Shirebrook to Derbyshire police. Last weekend, police patrols were attacked, panda cars smashed. Battle lines are clearly drawn: the police station and miners' welfare club stare at each across the street and the station has been regularly stoned.

The animosity towards the police has been a bonus for Arthur Scargill's strike effort. Now in the fifth month of the

dispute, local NUM leaders are finding that the biggest single factor in the hardening of support has been heavy-handed policing in the village. Alan Gasgoyne, NUM secretary at Shirebrook, says: "We had a hard core of about 100 men in our picket line to start with. Now it is over 500."

Last week, Scargill claimed the miners had passed through the pain barrier. Many are committed to months of strike. A well-oiled community help machine is providing funds for food parcels to families. A network of strike canteens has sprung up, providing free meals to miners' children and breakfasts at 15p a time to pickets. One, at the nearby village of Clowne, puts on 600 breakfasts a day, cooked on a camping stove. Pubs also provide free "snap" - usually unlimited sandwiches. Goodwill for the strikers, in spite of the intimidation, seems widespread. Men who have been arrested and given bail on condition they do not return to picket lines, spend their time cutting logs and digging gardens for Shirebrook's elderly.

The picket-line banter between miner and policeman has a serious edge. "You'd better get your thermal underwear ordered now," says a picket. "Oh, we have," replies the policeman, an inspector. "We've also ordered our image-intensifiers and night binoculars for the dark mornings."

Nobody expects the strike to be over before the autumn. Before then, the rift in Shirebrook between strikers, workers and police will get deeper. "Sooner or later," says Gasgoyne, the NUM secretary "this village is going to explode."

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Firebug attack as pitman's family sleeps

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Daily Mail Reporter

AN ARSONIST tried to set fire to a pit deputy's house yesterday while the family slept upstairs.

A burning paraffin-soaked rag was pushed through the letter box at 3 am, damaging the carpet, charring the woodwork and melting a sunblind.

Brian Maskray, 44, said: 'The smell of smoke woke me. When I got downstairs the place was thick with it.'

'I dread to think what would have happened if I hadn't woken up. The incident has left us badly shaken, especially my wife.'

This is the second attack the family has endured. Two months ago his wife Lillian was injured when she disturbed youths ransacking the house. They hurled a toaster at her and fled.

Mr Maskray has been working on during the strike at Brodsworth pit, near Doncaster. But his maintenance work is authorised by the miners' union.

He said: 'The police have asked me if anyone could bear a grudge because I have been working during the strike.'

'I just don't believe that this is possible. The maintenance is done with full NUM permission, and everyone on the pickets understands that. I am simply making sure they have a job to go back to when the strike is over.'

Dearer

In another incident, fire destroyed six lorries used by a Nottinghamshire firm carrying coal to power stations.

Police are treating the blaze in the compound of E. and J. Meeks, of Kirkby, in Ashfield, as arson, and an executive of the company said: 'We are pretty sure who set them alight — miners.'

Meeks have been delivering coal and coke for the past 25 years, and the executive said: 'Why should we stop now?'

Electricity bills could go up by 3 per cent, because of the miners' strike.

Hints of dearer power came from Industry Secretary Norman Tebbit yesterday when he was asked about the cost of the extra oil being burned in the power stations during the dispute.

'That will come through at the end of the day and will have to be borne by the electricity consumers one way or another,' he said on BBC's The World This Weekend.

Some industry experts say that electricity charges could rise by as much as 1.5 per cent, for each month the strike lasts.

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21 COAL FACES AT RISK

By STEPHEN WARD
Industrial Staff

MORE than half the 21 coal faces at serious geological risk as a result of the 20-week miners' strike are in Scotland, a list released by the National Coal Board yesterday showed.

The 21, which were named for the first time, are described as being in a "critical" condition because of walls and roofs converging or collapsing due to the enormous pressures underground.

According to the Board, a further 50 faces are causing concern. Eight faces have already been lost.

From week to week, the situation underground in each pit changes, with some faces being relieved by urgent safety work, but others deteriorating.

In some areas, such as Scotland, the National Union of Mineworkers has been more ready to give safety cover than in others, such as Yorkshire.

Serious convergence

The 21 faces at risk are at the following pits:

Scotland: BARONY, near Cumnock, employing 600, where three faces are threatened, two from serious convergence and one from water and severe convergence.

CASTLEHILL, near Alloa, employing 900, three faces at risk, two from severe damage to roof supports, one from general deterioration.

BILSTON GLEN, near Edinburgh, employing 1,800, one face at risk from flooding.

KILLOCH, next to Barony, employing 1,650, two faces at risk, one from convergence, one from damage to roof supports.

SEAFIELD, near Kirkcaldy, employing 1,550, one face threatened by pressure crushing the roadway at the face.

PELLEMMET, between Motherwell and Bathgate, employing 1,300, pressure crushing supports at one face.

North-East: MURTON, near Seaham, employing 1,664, one face threatened by convergence.

South Yorkshire: Four pits around Doncaster, ASKERN, employing 1,250, BRODSWORTH, employing 1,900, HATFIELD, employing 1,300, and MARKHAM, employing 1,400, each has one face at risk from severe deterioration of the face or roadway at the face.

MANTEN, employing 1,200, just south of the Nottinghamshire/Yorkshire border, one face at risk from severe floor lift and convergence.

Earlier this week, at Markham, the NUM withdrew safety cover in a row over expenses.

North Derbyshire: SHIREBROOK, near Mansfield, employing 1,520, one face at risk from severe roof deterioration.

Kent: TILMANSTONE, near the Channel ports, employing 870, where one face has already gone during the strike because of geological problems, faces the loss of a second because of heavy roof falls.

South Wales: ST JOHNS, near Maesteg, employing 888, one face threatened because of convergence and heavy falls on face.

Faces lost so far, apart from Tilmanstone, are at BEDVAS and COLYNON SOUTH in South Wales, due to convergence; RESSINGTON and BENTLEY, near Doncaster, because of spontaneous combustion; HIGHGATE near Doncaster, BOLD in Lancashire and PENRHYBER in South Wales, because of deterioration; and the entire BOGSIDE colliery between Alloa and Dunfermline, because of flooding.

Working miners resist growing intimidation

By JAMES O'BRIEN

POLICE in North Derbyshire mining communities are dealing daily with cases of violence and intimidation against working miners and their property.

Nearly 50 incidents a week are being reported.

Among the most recent cases this week are:

An attack on a pigeon loft belonging to a working miner at Stonebroom near Chesterfield when 19 pigeons were strangled.

Paint stripper was poured over a car belonging to a working miner's wife at Old Tupton causing £1,000 worth of damage.

A working miner was abused and threatened when he attended a wedding reception at a miners' welfare club at Doe Lea. His car was kicked causing £80 worth of damage.

A doctor who is a magistrate at Chesterfield, has had paint thrown against the outside walls and windows of his surgery at Killamarsh.

House damaged

Women and children have damaged the partly-built house of a miner at New Houghton, North Derbyshire, who has continued working at Shirebrook Colliery.

Mr Peter Barton, 31, a face worker and his wife Rosine, 30, live in a caravan next to the plot of land in Verney Street, where they are building their new house.

Bricks and stones have been thrown through the caravan windows and one was hurled through the bodywork. New brickwork has been chipped away on the house and wooden joists have been damaged.

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LET them come and take us. We stand fast on sequestration and we will show them what we are made of. There is no crack in our ranks. We will fight and win or die in the attempt."

These were the words Mr Fmlyn Williams, president of the South Wales miners, boomed through a megaphone from a window of his barricaded headquarters in Pontypridd to roars of cheering from two thousand miners and ancillary activists, some of whom had come from as far away as Scotland.

These are stirring words, though somewhat stereotyped. Think how much grander and more inspiring they would have been if Mr Williams had delivered them in Welsh! What matter that few if any of his hearers could have understood him? The ancient, noble language of his ancestors, so apt for the preacher and the orator, would have lent a sense of glory verging on delirium.

However that may be, the Great Siege of Pontypridd has begun. All that is lacking is besiegers. For, sad to say, there will probably be no need for huge forces of sequestrators to attack the headquarters with battering rams, siege towers and scaling ladders. If the besieged have got in supplies of oil and lead for boiling they will probably never get the chance to use them—except, in exasperation, on their own supporters.

Far away in London the cold minds of accountants are even now busy with files and figures as they examine the accounts of the Welsh miners' union. With the stroke of a pen or activation of a computer circuit, these unromantic men believe, they can sequester the miners' funds without going to Pontypridd at all or even leaving their neat, clean, air-conditioned offices.

Will the Siege of Pontypridd go on just the same, to become at last a fading ritual whose original meaning few will remember or care about, merging confusedly, perhaps, with the old legends of Merlin and King Arthur?

Peter Simple

THE NCB ADVERTISE PIT JOBS

By JAMES O'BRIEN

THE Coal Board is advertising jobs for experienced miners and 20 trainee underground workers at Bolsover Colliery, North Derbyshire, which is in partial production.

Applicants will be asked to give an assurance that they will be prepared to cross picket lines.

Bolsover Colliery is in the NCB's North Derbyshire area, but its miners are members of the Nottinghamshire NUM.

However, Mr Ken Moses, North Derbyshire area director, believes that the advertisements in local newspapers are not part of a bold attempt to break the pit strike in his area.

He said there was no strike in Nottinghamshire's 25 NUM pits.

Bolsover is one of three pits working in North Derbyshire from nine pits in the area.

There has been recruitment of miners in Nottinghamshire during the strike.

Bolsover Colliery voted against strike action. The pit has been heavily picketed and the homes of working miners are regularly picketed by strikers to try to prevent them from going to work.

Normal wastage

The Coal Board said last night that if North Derbyshire miners were among the applicants for the jobs, they would have to be considered along with the others.

The reasons for the recruitment were to make up for employees lost through normal wastage and retirement.

"The new people will be recruited over a period of time, and we shall not want those who are going to join the strike if they are recruited. We will expect an assurance that they will go through the picket lines.

"We do not expect to be overwhelmed, because of the strike. There are experienced miners now working in other jobs outside the coal industry, and we would like to see applicants from these people."

The trainee miners would attend the Coal Board's area training centre and work at the pit during their training period under close supervision.

Recruitment drive

Although the board had not made any official statement about the recruiting drive, it was not an attempt to beat the strike. The board still wanted striking miners to go back to work.

Bolsover Colliery is a long-life pit and employs 980 men. About 320 men are reporting daily to work. The pit is producing about 5,000 tonnes a week. In June, the Left-led NUM branch at the pit was swept from control and officials were replaced by a moderate leadership.

VILLAGE TURNS AGAINST LONE PIT REBEL 2

By COLIN RANDALL

POLICE made seven arrests yesterday when more than 300 strikers, wives and children from a South Wales pit village declared war on a solitary miner who tried to lead a back-to-work revolt.

Mr Monty Morgan, 54, a former Royal Marine, turned up for work at the Garw Colliery, in Blaengarw, near Bridgend, at 6 a.m. without a picket in sight.

But by the time he left it needed more than 200 police officers drafted in from all over the area, to protect him.

After being besieged inside the pit buildings for two and half hours, he was finally taken home in a 48-seater coach, driven by a policeman, and with four other officers surrounding him. The coach driver originally hired for the job, Mr Morgan's next-door neighbour, refused to cross the picket line.

Women and children chanted abuse and men pelted the coach with eggs, bricks and bottles as police struggled to clear a path.

Mr Morgan emerged from the coach to jeers from 100 people, including some neighbours, who had grouped outside his first floor council flat, five miles away in Bettws.

He was greeted by his wife Sheila, who had waited trembling on the doorstep. Mr Morgan refused to talk to reporters, but his daughter Tina, 32, said: "He intends to go back to work tomorrow."

'He's finished'

Later, as police mounted a round-the-clock guard on Morgan's home, Mr John Jones, the Garw Lodge chairman, said Mr Morgan was "finished in the valley."

"No man will ever work with him after the strike is over. He will be known for the rest of his life as a scab.

"He will have to take redundancy, but perhaps that is what he wants, anyway."

A miner's wife said: "Our village is united and his protest is pointless."

Mr Morgan went to work on Monday, but then stayed at home for two days after 50 miners picketed his home on Tuesday morning. He said then he was "scared stiff" but despite warnings that he faced union disciplinary action, he returned to the pit yesterday.

The coach driver, Mr

Morgan's neighbour Mr Ronald Harvey, 57 an ex-miner said: "I admire him starting back to work. He has guts. It is something I would not do.

"But I have never crossed a picket line in my life."

WORKING ON

Police escort

Mr Jim Pearson, 51, was the only miner to work in the Fife coalfield in Scotland, for the second day running. He met only a token picket when he drove with his police escort from his home in Balgonie, West Culross, to Longannet pit. The day before, 18 miners were arrested in scenes outside the pit.

In Yorkshire, Mr David Hill, who reported for work at the new Selby coalfield on Wednesday, did not return, following a meeting with NUM officials.

Daily Telegraph

PLEA TO MINERS BY PIRATE RADIO 2

Pirate broadcasters who have interrupted Radio Trent's programmes with Blake's hymn, "Jerusalem," and extracts from Arthur Scargill's speeches, were reported to the Independent Broadcasting Authority yesterday.

Listeners in the Mansfield and Derby areas heard a voice yesterday urging working miners to join the strike. Radio Trent's chief engineer, Mr Geoff Woodward, said: "The broadcasts are probably coming from a mobile transmitter."

Daily Telegraph

CZECHS ACCUSE BRITAIN 2

The Czechoslovak Communist party daily RUDE PRAVO yesterday accused the British Government of wanting to destroy the trade union movement.

The paper said after beatings and arrests had failed to break the will of the miners to fight on, the Government had decided to starve the miners and their families with the seizure of funds designed to purchase food in Wales.—Reuter.

Daily Telegraph

BAN ON COLLECTIONS

Conservative councillors at Kettering, Northants, have voted to ban street collections in aid of families of striking miners. They say the dispute has become "too political."

Daily Telegraph

Notts pulls out of miners' conference 1

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE NUM leaders last night took the surprise decision to withdraw their delegates from today's special union conference in Sheffield.

The coalfield, the second largest in Britain, had been expected to mount a large minority vote against Mr Scargill's policies.

Last night's move could lead other moderate areas to reconsider their position.

A meeting of the Nottinghamshire area council decided by 27 votes to three not to send their 10 delegates, who have a card vote strength of 36,000.

The reasoning is that a High Court move by some Nottinghamshire miners to challenge the validity of the strike could be compromised if their delegates took part in any vote on the controversial rule change on disciplinary procedures.

Even if they voted against the reaffirmation it could be held that they were bound by the majority decision at the conference which is expected to approve the change.

It is uncertain whether Not-

tinghamshire's two full-time officials, Mr Ray Chadburn and Mr Henry Richardson, will be at the conference. But in any event they have a mandate to vote.

Nottinghamshire's decision could also affect Mr Jack Jones, of Leicestershire, and Mr Ken Toon, of South Derbyshire.

Both will be at the national executive meeting in the morning, but it is doubtful whether their delegates will turn up for the conference.

£65m SUPERPIT | PLAN FOR WALES

The National Coal Board yesterday announced approval for detailed planning costing £250,000 to start on the construction of Margam "super-pit" near Port Talbot, South Wales.

If the project receives the final go-ahead, it will represent a £65 million investment creating 650 jobs

Drift back, and steel output up

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THE SUN SAYS

The shame of Selby 6

FOR the bully boys of Gascoigne Wood pit, near Selby, Yorkshire, even odds of 1,000 to one on their side are not enough.

Yesterday their mob of pickets was swollen to 3,000, all to prevent Brian Green exercising his democratic right to decide for himself whether or not he would go to work.

Even their fire-raising antics did not deter him, and a few others in the Selby coalfield.

We should like to know the reaction of the leaders of the TUC to what is happening at Selby.

Will they tell us whether they approve or disapprove?

Empty

There is supposed to be a voluntary code on picketing, limiting numbers to six and confining pickets to peaceful persuasion.

For more than 20 weeks, Arthur Scargill's travelling thugs have exposed the TUC's reassuring words to be as empty as the promises of the late Adolf Hitler.

Yet, with one or two honourable exceptions, the union bosses have looked on, unwilling to intervene, afraid to utter a single word of rebuke.

After the shame of Selby, do they really imagine that anyone trusts or respects them?

Maybe they should ask Brian Green.

BURNED COACHES

Boss's arson heartache

By SIMON HUGHES

COACH boss Ken Podmore wept yesterday as three buses used to carry working miners blazed in a pit-strike arson raid.

Ken, who managed to save two more vehicles from the firebomb inferno only yards from his house, said: "I just leaned against a tree and cried.

"I don't know why—I just couldn't help myself. I was stunned to think this could really happen."

Tearful Ken, who runs the Thomson Tours depot at Trentham, Staffs, put the damage in the early-hours attack at £120,000.

But he said he and his 11 drivers will **NOT** stop ferrying strike-breakers through crowds of pickets at nearby Hemheath Colliery.

Gutted

The 41-year-old boss declared: "I was due to drive through the picket lines this morning but I couldn't trust my temper."

Ken, who is married with two children, was woken by his 14-year-old



Ken... he saved bus

daughter Nicola after she heard petrol tanks exploding in the coach yard.

Last night he said angrily: "I'd like to meet Arthur Scargill face-to-face and have him explain to me why this has happened."

A MINER appeared before magistrates at Fenton, Staffs, yesterday charged with arson. He was remanded in custody until Monday.

Magnificent Seven—Page 2

Solitary strike breaker is jeered as a scab and hailed as a hero

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From Peter Davenport, Selby

The only Yorkshire pitman to break the miners' strike yesterday continued his solitary defiance of his striking colleagues when he again turned in for work.

It was an act that earned Mr Brian Green widely differing epithets from his colleagues at the Gascoigne Wood drift mine near Selby, North Yorkshire, and the National Coal Board.

Pickets at the gate of the modern mine shouted "scab" and "bastard" as Mr Green was driven through their ranks in a car, his jacket shielding his face.

To the coal board, however, Mr Green, an underground locomotive driver in his twenties, was "the tip of the iceberg of those wanting to return to work". Officials at the board's area headquarters at Doncaster, said yesterday that management at 20 of the coalfield's 53 pits had received calls from miners asking how they could get back.

"They are being told that it is no good coming in groups of one or two: they must organize in groups of at least 50", a spokesman said: "At some pits

we understand there may be just 40 or 50 wanting to come back, but at others we believe there to be groups up to 100 strong", he said.

In another back-to-work development in Yorkshire some miners at Barrow colliery, near Barnsley, angered at the death on Monday night of Mr James Christie, after a heart attack as he chased a man who had been

Two production faces at the Castlehill pit in Fife are to be abandoned, with the loss of several hundred jobs and equipment worth £1.6m, the National Coal Board announced yesterday. Page 2

shouting "scab" outside his home, held an unofficial meeting urging a return to work.

Earlier on Tuesday night there had been a stormy branch meeting on the NUM at the colliery where Mr Christie had worked for 13 years.

One man tried to pass a motion calling for a national ballot on the strike but the

move was rejected by branch officials who were said to have been booed and jeered when they claimed that the strike was "solid".

Mr Green turned in for work at Gascoigne Wood on Monday and Tuesday and although he is unable to do his real job, work is being found for him. Yesterday morning there were almost 400 pickets as he was driven into work accompanied, it is believed, by two plain clothes policemen.

When he left yesterday afternoon, however, there were more policemen, television teams and reporters than pickets, who numbered about half a dozen.

Mr Malcolm Norton, the pit's NUM delegate, was one of those trying to persuade Mr Green to change his mind.

"He is being used by the coal board and I believe they put him up to this", he said. "I offered to go and talk to him but the management have barred us from the site. I do not think he realizes the consequences of strike breaking."

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General strike call from NUM

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union which emphasizes the need for unions not to go on their own in a dispute and then suddenly turn to the TUC for help.

The left-right split on the issue of compliance with labour laws is encapsulated in the little publicized decision of the TUC General Council in June that, while it remained fully prepared to respond to requests for assistance under the provisions of the Wembley strategy, "all requests will be judged on their merits.

"Decisions will be taken in the light of the kind of action being taken, or proposed by the union, the likely response of other unions and their members to requests from the TUC for supporting action, and the prospect of winning the dispute", according to the general council.

The general council's report to Congress also says that unions may need to be called upon to top up the campaign and defence fund to support unions in financial difficulties because of the legislation. The fund now stands at just over £362,000, although the TUC is committed to helping the Post Office engineers' and journalists' unions to meet the cost of expensive legal actions.

Rival goals, page 2

TIMES ~ The miners' strike

Rival goals of working groups

By David Felton, Labour Correspondent

Rival working miners' groups hope that the drift back to work which made slow progress last week will accelerate this week as the strike goes into its sixth month.

The groupings of dissident miners who were dismissed by the official leadership of the National Union of Mineworkers as having no chance, will press for a big return ahead of the union's executive meeting in Sheffield on Thursday.

But amid signs that the National Working Miners Committee, launched on Saturday, does not command the wholehearted support of other groups around the coalfields, confusion increased as to whether there would be a public call for a coordinated return.

It is understood that some elements in the national committee want to see a mass return on Wednesday, while sup-

porters of Mr Chris Butcher, "Silver Birch", aim for a return on September 3, although they do not want to be tied to a specific date and say they would prefer it to be gradual.

The Lancashire working miners said last night that there would be an increase on the 100 who returned to work last week and believed there could be cracks in the solidarity at Bold and Sutton Manor pits, near St Helens, which have maintained 100 per cent support for the strike.

Mr Butcher said last night that, although he welcomed the national working miners' committee, he hoped the members would disclose their identity so that any mineworker who needed help knew whom to contact.

Mr Butcher said that he believed that most miners could be back at work in six weeks.

That view was rejected by Mr Peter Heathfield, union general secretary, who said that the strike was still solid, with 80 per cent of miners on strike.

There are unlikely to be any initiatives presented to the executive meeting on Thursday, particularly as Mr Stanley Orme, Labour's energy spokesman who has been acting as go-between in discussions with the coal board and the union, has been in hospital.

● Working miners in Rugeley, Staffordshire, have set up vigilante patrols to protect their homes and families from flying pickets after two weeks of violent clashes which have led to 20 arrests.

About 80 per cent of the 2,000 workforce at the Lea Hall colliery have worked throughout the strike. But the 400 strikers have been joined by pickets from county Durham.

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Pit villages ripped

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MINUTES after speeding through the picket lines a small convoy of green buses, sandwiched between police cars and vans, stops at a housing estate on the Nottinghamshire-Derbyshire border: a front line of the Coal Board's drive to break the miners' strike.

Ten men alight hurriedly — some to the arms of waiting wives while others race up a hill to their homes. "See, you've got a reception committee today," one woman warns her husband as she glanced across the road.

Another group of women opposite raise a small jeer then break into a soft scornful chant; any louder, and they run the risk of arrest. "I've got to live next door to one of them — they're a disgrace to the village," says one, who vows she will never again speak to her neighbour, although they were very friendly until recently.

"Those men are frightened to walk home on their own," says another. "My husband would be ashamed if I ever met him like that." Someone else mutters the inevitable "Scab."

Until recently, this token demonstration at the village of Church Warsop was a noisier affair. But police threatened to arrest the women — "children and all," they say — if they left their gardens and gathered in any group to await the returning working miners.

The police are always on hand to enforce their confinement threat if necessary; there is freedom of assembly and movement only for those who conform to their code.

The daily homecoming may be quieter now but but the tension is high, the divisions deeper, in a once united community where the small band of working miners — estimates vary between 12 and 20 — arouse feelings of betrayal which

some visitors find difficult to comprehend.

For many, the money ran out long ago and the sight of workers returning with a pay packet — sometimes even boasting about it — is just too much to stomach as the debts mount up.

Although the village is just inside Nottinghamshire, where 28 collieries have been in production for much of the 24 week strike, the local pit, Warsop Main, is part of the NCB's North Derbyshire area, where the National Union of Mineworkers succeeded in pulling out its 9,000 members.

Two months ago the NCB acquired a few second hand buses, put metal grilles over the windows, re-named them personnel carriers, and told the area's miners they would be guaranteed a safe passage to work with a strong police escort — in police vehicles if necessary.

Only a handful responded. But one of the Church Warsop dissidents, who emerges from a blue van outside his home after the day shift, predicts others will soon be crawling back "... just like 1926" (when the miners' strike began to crumble after six months).

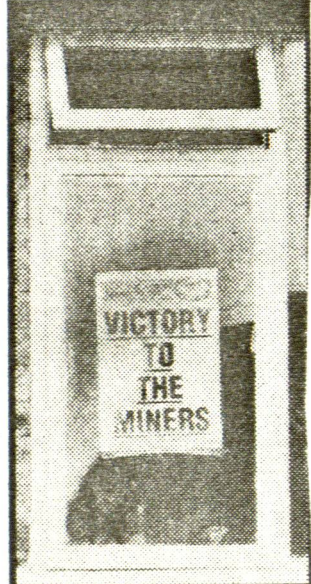
He is the only working miner on his street and returned to the pits three weeks ago. "I'd been there for 20 years and I'm not going to have young whippersnappers who've just started telling me what to do," he says. "Scargill is doing nothing so someone has to make a move."

His wife explains: "The first day he said: 'I feel great inside.' But outside, in the streets and the shops things are pretty bad—even the kids, not more than toddlers, yell 'scabby bastards' and the women turn away."

The children, these days, are just as likely to be playing scabs and pickets as

cops and robbers; their playground repertoire includes many adaptations of old favourites... "build a bonfire... put Thatcher on the top, MacGregor in the middle and burn the blooming lot."

In Church Warsop the beleaguered working miners undoubtedly feel intimidated and threatened. One woman displays a stone which shat-



A poster that sums up the mood of most miners in Church Warsop

tered a front window, she says. "I'm keeping it to show the next Labour canvasser wo dares knock on the door."

In other villages, stories abound of slashed tyres, paint stripper poured on cars, bricks through windows and anonymous letters and 'phone calls. Derbyshire police alone report "over 300" cases of damage in the 24 weeks of the dispute,

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apart by strike

ranging from arson attacks on the Coal Board's special buses — 14 have been badly damaged in two incidents — to broken windows at pits.

But the strikers, and their families, often feel threatened by authority: in Church Warsop and elsewhere, law abiding people who once had respect for law and order, mistrust and even hate the police.

Women, wearing miners' support badges, complain they are often prevented from going to the shops with their children.

"If you don't take the badges off they seem to think you're going picketing," says one mother in the Church Warsop miners welfare which doubles as the soup kitchen. Members of a women's aid group had gathered for a meeting and relations with the police dominate the conversation.

At the village of Welbeck, three miles away, there is another version of intimidation. Only about 120 of the 1,000 miners at the local colliery remain on strike. Like the working miners in Church Warsop, the strikers in Welbeck are social outcasts . . . unloved, ignored and often abused. They are the "scabs," the enemy within, it seems.

They were denied any facilities by the colliery welfare institute, controlled by working miners. Last month they staged a protest march to plead for the use of a youth centre as a lunch time soup kitchen.

There was a heavy police response, the odd arrest, and divisions widened further. "I've never seen anyone beaten up in my life but one lad really got it that day," said a middle aged woman who was on the march.

They now have the use of the local school until the beginning of term in two

weeks time. After that there will probably be no soup kitchen.

The strikers' complaints have a familiar ring: the majority, the working miners, just ignore them and the police show little sympathy.

"A lot of people, friends for a long time, just pass you in the street and turn away," says Christine, a mother of three. Her husband, John, the only striker among 12 men in the colliery's coal preparation plant, says colleagues refuse to acknowledge his presence.

Movement in the village, and just beyond, is sometimes severely restricted. Production of a driving licence is an inadequate form of identity. Men going on fishing trips, or visiting relatives, say it is not unusual to be turned back — or to be refused admission to their own village.

Strikers have even been forced to leave the local sports field, owned by the NCB but run by a social fund into which the miners contribute.

"We are playing cricket one day," said a middle aged miner. "The police surrounded it, moved in towards us, and told us to leave, 'so you can be in an area where we can see you.' We're just treated like dirt."

There are fears that when the strike ends, there will be victimisation at work. Some point to the experience of one man, who went back recently underground. Nine colleagues in his team decided they didn't want to work with him.

He was returned to the surface, they say. "Now he's picking up paper on the pit top," said another underground worker. "The NCB is telling people to get back — but this is what happens to them."

TOMORROW: Divided families, and pits.

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GUNLA W MINER ROUTS A MOB

STAR REPORTER

WORKING miner Fred Cantrell fired a shotgun blast over the heads of a mob of strikers besieging his home.

And a court heard yesterday that police agreed he had done the right thing.

The 30-strong mob of stone-throwers had already smashed a window at Mr. Cantrell's home and left his wife screaming with fear.

But after the shot over their heads the "heroes", who had been drinking at a local Labour Party get-together for striking pitmen, fled Rotherham magistrates were told.

Chanting

They fined ten miners from Thurcroft Colliery a total of £2,135 including compensation to Mr Cantrell and another miner whose home was also attacked.

Mr Philip Chadwick, prosecuting, said Mr. Cantrell, 35, of Elgitha Drive, Thurcroft worked at Bevercotes Colliery—a pit which is not on strike.

The chanting mob dispersed after Mr. Cantrell fired over their heads — "something that in my opinion and that of the police he was perfectly entitled to do," said Mr. Chadwick.

DOCKS DILEMMA

A docks strike hung in the balance last night. BSC may defy a ruling that steelmen can't unload a ship carrying coal for Ravenscraig.



Farmer Colin . . . crops were stolen

Colin opens fire to halt pickets

AN ANGRY farmer scattered picketing miners yesterday — with two blasts from his shotgun.

Colin Smith, 35, found 500 strikers raiding his crops near the entrance to Wistow Colliery in Yorkshire's Selby coalfield.

Colin said: "They were carrying cauliflowers, cabbages and leeks by the armful. I fired above their heads to scare them off and it did the trick. They fled."

Mr. Smith said his wife Elizabeth and their two young sons were terrified by the pickets' rampage.

He said: "I felt helpless as the crops were either being stolen or damaged."

"I phoned the police for help but they said they were too busy dealing with pickets elsewhere."

Last night police said the incident was being investigated.

A local NUM spokesman said: "We don't condone stealing produce and we can understand the frustration of the farmers."

WEAT

TODAY: Another scorcher western districts: TOMORROW

AT HOME

Noon temps	Weather	C	F
Ayr	Sunny	27	81
Blackpool	Sunny	27	81
Brighton	Sunny	24	75
Douglas	Sunny	22	72
Edinburgh	Sunny	24	75
Jersey	Sunny	28	84
London	Sunny	28	82
Manchester	Sunny	26	79
Newquay	Sunny	26	79
Scarborough	Sunny	21	70
Tenby	Sunny	27	81
Yarmouth	Fog	19	66

STAR 02

Daily Telegraph £20-A-DAY GUARD ON BUNGALOW

By CHARLES HENN

TEAMS of striking miners are sharing up to £20 a day from union funds to maintain a round-the-clock guard on the home of Mr Scargill, the NUM president, in the pit village of Worsbrough, near Barnsley.

"He has had threats in the past and more people are against him now," said a union source. Branches had been asked to supply the teams.

The presence of the "minders" and their noisy nocturnal shift changes while on patrol has angered residents living near the Scargills' bungalow in Yews Lane.

Noisy doors

Each evening four men, described by observers as "heavy-weight," arrive by car outside the bungalow, where they remain until Mr Scargill is collected next morning by Mr Jim Parker, his permanent bodyguard and chauffeur.

During the day the team returns periodically to inspect the property, especially when Mrs Anne Scargill and their daughter Margaret, 22, are alone inside.

One neighbour said the watch began about 10 days ago. "They take turns to sit in the car, and stretch their legs by patrolling the pavement. The slamming of car doors keeps us awake."

"I would be happier if his home was put under official police protection if he is considered at risk."

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Daily Telegraph

NUM FURY AT 'PERKS' CLAIM 2

By Our Industrial
Correspondent

MEMBERS of the 24-strong executives of the National Union of Mineworkers are angry at suggestions that their support for the 24-week strike hinges on pension rights controlled by Mr Arthur Scargill, the union president.

An article in the SPECTATOR on Aug. 11 claimed that NUM executive members receive only "a small pension administered in the ordinary way."

"But on top is a grace-and-favour bonus. This was invented by Lord Gormley and is very valuable."

"Its distinctive feature is that its rate, and whom it is paid to, are in the discretion of the NUM president."

"This helps to explain the continuing 'solidarity' of the executive."

The magazine also lists the "perquisites" available to NUM leaders as a salary of about £25,000; a free house until the death of the executive member or his wife (whoever dies last); heating, lighting and rates paid by the union.

But even moderate NUM leaders see the suggestion that they can be "bought off" by such arrangements, particularly their pensions, as scurrilous in the midst of a major dispute.

Daily Telegraph

Picket line clashes worsen as more miners go back 2

By GRAHAM JONES

AS the number of miners reporting for work in previously "solid" Yorkshire rose from 10 to 18 there were ugly clashes yesterday between pickets and police.

Barricades were set alight at three pits, mobs stoned police wearing riot gear as they sought to protect individual miners reporting for work, and there were several injuries.

There were 27 arrests at Polkemet Colliery, West Lothian, as 300 pickets stoned and smashed the windscreens of a bus carrying six working miners.

In the North-East there were 20 arrests at Wearmouth and others at Ellington Colliery, Northumberland, but some of the worst scenes came in the early morning at Silverwood Colliery near Rotherham. In the darkness and mist police were ambushed by stone-throwing pickets hidden in nearby woods.

Huge barricades were erected from torn down fencing, stone walls and scrap metal from a raid on a nearby yard including two cars.

Petrol and diesel was poured on to the barricades and they were set alight as for the second day running Mr James Massey, 54, an electrician, arrived for work.

18 in hospital

Ten pickets and eight police were treated in Rotherham General Hospital. Two were detained. There were three arrests.

At Brodsworth, near Doncaster, 2,000 pickets succeeded in preventing a lone miner reporting for duty. Later, however, police reinforcements arrived and the man was able to get into the colliery.

But during picket line clashes and a bout of stoning from a mob which gathered on the streets, six pickets and four policemen were injured and treated at Doncaster Royal Infirmary.

Local people alleged a 14-year-old boy had been hit with a police truncheon and badly hurt. Other eyewitnesses said he was standing by a picket who threw a stone and was the victim of mistaken identity.

Further south at Allerton Bywater a third miner turned up for work yesterday. Joe Coffey

was greeted by 700 pickets as he joined colleague Tony Cassidy and Terry Moore who began work on Monday.

But the largest surprise to NUM officials were the seven men who "clocked on" at four collieries in the Doncaster area.

There were bitter scenes as pickets clashed with police at Askern and at Hatfield and Martham Main. At both pits barricades were constructed and set alight.

The moves in South Yorkshire, and particularly in the Doncaster area previously 100 per cent strikebound, meant there was only a token presence at the Gascoigne drift mine near Selby for the familiar arrival of locomotive man Brian Green and an unnamed colleague. Five other men were again working in the Selby field yesterday.

A Coal Board spokesman said union officials must have been worried by the spread of the return to work in Yorkshire. The demands on Yorkshire pickets now meant collieries in Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire and Lancashire were seeing relatively light picketing. There were 36 "new faces" in Lancashire, and in Scotland 139 men were working—13 up on Monday.

Safety cover withdrawn

But in South Wales a back-to-work attempt foundered after a miner was warned that his pit would be allowed to flood unless he rejoined the strike. The NUM withdrew safety cover when Mr Roy Jones, escorted by police, defied pickets to report for a second day's work at Bedwas Colliery, near Caerphilly, Mid Glamorgan.

Mr Jones, 43, a Conservative voter, who was driven back chiefly by debts topping £4,000, said later that he could withstand threats and abuse but not the thought of putting 580 colleagues out of work.

At Killoch Colliery, Ayrshire, a former MUM delegate, was greeted by 300 pickets when he arrived for work.

Mr Hugh Robertson, 58, claimed that two-thirds of the men wanted to go back. "I approached 150 and there wasn't one who didn't want to work. But everyone of them said 'I'm scared for what would happen to my family and house'."

The NUM later withdrew safety cover from the pit and underground power had to be shut off.

Daily Telegraph

Swiss protest

Swiss Trotskyists dumped a pile of coal outside the house near Zug where Mrs Thatcher is staying to "remind her of striking coal miners in Britain."

—Reuter.

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'Storm trooper' in pits rampage

By MARTYN SHARPE

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THE pit strike took a sinister new turn yesterday when "storm troopers" in paramilitary-style uniforms went on an orgy of wrecking.

The 50-strong mob — in camouflage jackets, boiler suits and balaclava helmets—were led by a mystery woman.

They left a trail of injury and destruction in the Doncaster coalfield.

The gang struck at dawn, looting pit stores and offices, and wrecking TV security cameras.

Their leader—a thin-faced woman with straggly hair—is believed to be a miner's wife.

The thugs overturned hijacked vehicles to form barricades and doused them with stolen diesel fuel.

But the police arrived and the mob fled before setting fire to the barricades.

Barricades

The "commandos" then descended on Markham colliery five miles away — and joined 1,000 strikers laying siege to the village of Armthorpe.

They grabbed a council excavator and mobile crane to blockade roads with huge slabs of concrete. Buses and cars were stoned.

Police declared Armthorpe a no-go area, sealing off all entrances to the village.

Grabbed

Two policemen and four pickets were injured in the clashes.

South Yorks police chief Tony Clement said of the "storm troops": "I do not think it needs a police officer to say how sinister and dangerous this new development is."

And a Coal Board official declared: "A sinister element has jumped on the bandwagon."

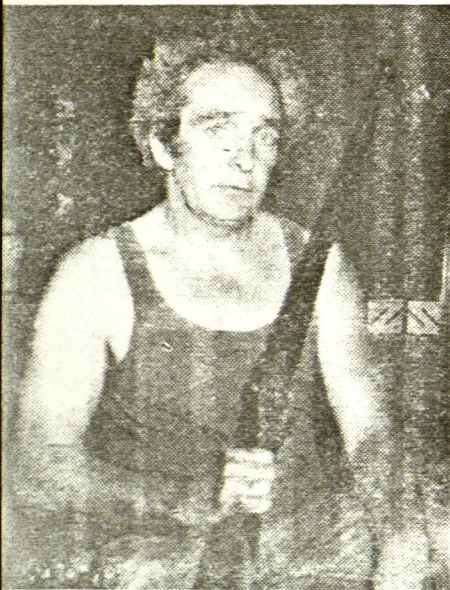
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STRIKE A LIGHT!

Striking miners may get loans of up to £100 from Northumberland County Council to help the repay their electricity bills.



Injured . . . picket at Armthorpe



Gordon Cuffling . . . shotgun at the ready

Rebel Gordon gets his gun!

REBEL miner Gordon Cuffling reached for his shotgun yesterday as bullyboy strikers wreaked vengeance on his home.

Angry pickets went on a window-smashing spree after the gritty grandad became the first strike-breaker at Doncaster's militant Askearn Colliery. But last night Gordon,

51, vowed: "I've got a shotgun at the ready and I'll use it if anyone tries to attack my home again."

Yesterday he was under police guard at his home in Campsall, near Doncaster.

Gordon decided against clocking on for the second day running, fearing a riot.

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EXPRESS OPINION

A futile exercise

LAST NIGHT'S great TV debate—Scargill v the Coal Board—was a futile exercise.

A sterile, scrappy reiteration of all-too-familiar arguments.

Yet throughout the day this country saw scenes of terrifying violence from Scargill's stormtroopers—some of them, not inappropriately, wearing IRA-style uniforms.

Most people have no difficulty rejecting Scargill's claims that the strike is still solid. We see evidence to the contrary mounting every day.

The country wants to see him answer for the mayhem he is orchestrating in pursuit for his avowedly political ends.

This issue is too important to be reduced to a bandying about of figures. Too important to be reduced to the shallow showbiz level that Channel 4 News allowed it to fall to.

The Coal Board was foolish beyond belief to indulge Scargill's gimmickry in the first place.

Doubly foolish to fall in with his last-minute demand that Ian MacGregor join this silly stunt.

The most important aspect of this wicked strike is the violent attack on the rule of law which it represents.

Everyone in the country — except, apparently, the debate's chairman, Mr Peter Sissons—is aware of that.

The issue is too important for gimmickry.

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DAILY EXP

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Poison Ivy's armoury of terror found

POLICE yesterday found a deadly armoury stashed away by pit terror gangs led by a mystery woman branded as Poison Ivy.

Sledge hammers, steel-tipped pick-axe handles and nuts and bolts, stolen in raids on two pits, were concealed with military expertise behind a picket line barricade at Bentley colliery, near Doncaster, South Yorkshire.

And in a garden at nearby Armthorpe, detectives stumbled over a cache of petrol bombs.

As the weapons were sent for tests, a senior detective said: "They could only have been meant for us."

South Yorkshire's assistant chief constable Tony Clement said he was prepared to set up crack mobile squads in helicopters and increase road blocks to trap Poison Ivy and her gang.

The mysterious, thin-faced woman with "straggly hair"

By DAVID WOODING

was heard to have a London accent as she led about 50 thugs on a rampage of destruction on Wednesday.

The gang, wearing paramilitary uniforms and IRA-type balaclava helmets, smashed security video cameras, floodlights and office windows at Bentley and Markham collieries.

Gang hid hammers and petrol bombs

The raids were described by Coal Board bosses as "the most sinister development yet" in the 23-week miners' strike.

Now, police believe the thugs may be Left-wing agitators drafted in to scare off the back-to-work movement. Detectives are hoping to question sympathisers visiting Yorkshire from Camden, London.

THE MOB violence failed to

stop the slow drift back to work by NUM moderates yesterday.

Eighteen miners clocked on in the traditionally solid Yorkshire coalfield—four more than on Wednesday.

At the crippled Gascoigne Wood colliery, near Selby, 2,000 pickets turned up—but two men reported for duty.

There was a similar build-up of militants at Markham Main, where one man crossed the picket line.

Tree

The largest turnout in Arthur Scargill's domain was at Kiveton Park, where six men spoke to union officials at the pit gates, but decided to clock on.

Police shifted a 25ft tree blocking the entrance to Manton Colliery, in Nottinghamshire, where 50 pickets tried to stop three safety workers breaking the strike.

The men were eventually taken in under police escort.

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Rioting miners hold up dying man's ambulance

A widow wept yesterday as she told how her husband died as she sat with him in an ambulance after being delayed by rioting miners.

Mr Christopher Jackson, aged 56, a farmworker, had suffered a severe heart attack and was being taken to Doncaster Royal Infirmary when the ambulance was stopped by roadblocks near Markham Main colliery at Armthorpe.

The vehicle was delayed for about five minutes as 1,000 pickets and police clashed in the streets of the mining village and

stones fell around the ambulance.

Mr John Mills, senior administrator at the hospital, said: "It took about four minutes for the police to force a way through. That might not sound long but in severe coronary cases like this every second counts."

Mrs Mary Jackson, aged 52, of Graiselound near Haxey, said: "I'm not saying that my husband would have lived without this delay - but the pickets did not give him that chance".

Face worker crushed to death

An investigation was under way yesterday after a miner was killed in an accident 2,000ft underground.

Mr John Wildman, aged 36, a face worker, was carrying out roof repairs at Cotgrave colliery, near Nottingham, on Thursday when he was crushed by a hydraulic support he was using to lower a roof beam. His workmates tried to save him and gave first aid.

A National Coal Board doctor gave mouth-to-mouth resuscitation but the miner was dead before he was brought to the surface.

Mr Wildman, of Cartbridge, Cotgrave, had worked through

the miners' strike. He was divorced, with two daughters.

In Yorkshire 19 miners went in to work at various pits, an increase of one over Thursday's figure. Three men were arrested outside the Silverwood colliery as two miners crossed the picket lines to go to work. Previously only one miner, Mr Jim Massey, an underground electrician, had been going to work at the pit. Three miners went into work at Allerton Bywater, where only a small number of men were picketing.

In Lancashire five men were helping police in connexion with attacks on the homes of two working miners in the

village of Golbourne. Windows were smashed in the houses.

About 40 per cent of the workforce at Golborne, one of a three-pit complex, at Leigh, in Greater Manchester, are reporting for work.

In Staffordshire police received a petition with 191 signatures from working miners in Stoke on Trent thanking them for their support during the pit strike. Chief Inspector Peter Johnson said: "All the miners who signed gave their lamp numbers and they thanked the police for their support which has enabled them to go to work with the minimum of effort."

I feel like a prisoner, says victim of strike hatred

Pit rebel's wife is forced to flee

By CLIVE EDWARDS



Defiant: Monty Morgan

THE distraught wife of a pit strike rebel has been forced to leave her home.

An entire village turned against Mrs Sheila Morgan after her husband Monty became the first miner in South Wales to return to work.

Mrs Morgan, 53, endured weeks trapped in her home in Bettws, near Bridgend, by the violent intimidation of neighbours and pickets.

Sobbing

Finally on doctor's orders she fled to stay with relatives in Gloucestershire when the abuse and the stone-throwing became too much for her.

Yesterday a sobbing Mrs Morgan said: 'What have we done wrong? I'm a girl from the valleys. It's my home and I'm being pushed out.'

Mr Morgan, 54, an ex-Royal Marine, was forced to abandon his attempts to work

after violent clashes outside Garw Colliery on his second day back.

But even after his promise not to break the strike again the intimidation continued.

The Morgans were told: 'Move away. No one here will ever speak to you again.'

Mrs Morgan said: 'I feel like a prisoner in my own home. One woman who offered to help me was told she'd have all her windows smashed in.'



Tracey: Operation

A FUND-raising concert for a deaf three-year-old girl has been cancelled — because it starred a pop group led by a working miner.

Striking miners threatened to picket a performance by White Light at a social club in Sunderland. It was being held to help raise £10,000 to send toddler Tracey Scotter to America for an operation to cure the deafness that followed an attack of meningitis.

Miner Ken Robson, who sings and plays guitar with the group, said yesterday: 'I feel saddened and disgusted that the NUM should take reprisals, not against me, but against a helpless little girl.'

Local NUM officials say they have no quarrel with Tracey. 'We have always supported causes like this one and once we get back to work we will do everything we can to help this little girl,' said a spokesman.

Now the Morgans have begged the local council to find them a new home urgently. 'We just want to move to a non-mining area where we can be quiet,' said Mrs Morgan.

Shunned

Until that happens Mr Morgan is continuing to stay in Bettws, despite the intimi-

dation and his wife's fears for his safety.

Last night Mr Morgan said: 'The NUM have made it abundantly clear that they want us out of the community. People I've worked with for years have shunned me in the street.'

'We will have to move. My wife would never be happy here again. She would always be looking over her shoulder.'

Crisis day faces TUC over mine talks

By MICHAEL EDWARDS,
Industrial Editor

ONE phone call this morning will determine whether it is to be war or peace over the pit strike at the TUC's Brighton congress next week.

The secretary of the miners' union, Mr Peter Heathfield will ring TUC secretary Mr Len Murray to tell him

whether NUM leaders will accept the TUC's invitation to talk with its finance and general purposes committee before the congress opens.

If the miners refuse to talk the congress will be violently split over Mr Arthur Scargill's demand for 'total support' from the entire union movement.

But if the miners say yes, then top-level talks with the TUC's senior statesmen will be set up with the aim of uniting

congress behind the miners. Those talks would have four objects: To co-ordinate financial aid for miners' families;

To seek how to raise funds other than through the 10p a week compulsory levy on all union members demanded by the National Union of Railwaymen;

To examine how various groups outside the coal industry could aid the miners—such as those in the electricity supply industry;

To press for new negotiations between the miners' union and the Coal Board 'satisfactory to the union.'

These moves would have to be jettisoned, however, if Mr Scargill insists on putting his resolution calling for 'total support' before the congress without preliminary discussions with the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

Meanwhile the split in the national dock strike widened

yesterday when dockers at Belfast and Larns voted to stay at work.

Already men at Immingham, Grimsby, Sheerness and Medway have defied the strike call, and the 40 or so unregistered ports are expected to stay at work as well — including Dover and Felixstowe.

● Mrs Thatcher flew back from her Swiss holiday yesterday, and by mid-afternoon was back working at her Downing Street desk.

Tracey, 3, is victim of pit bully boys



Victim . . . Tracey with her mother yesterday

Blow to show in aid of a deaf girl

By ALAN BAXTER

LITTLE Tracey Scotter sat alone in her world of silence yesterday — a victim of the pit bully boys.

Pickets have stopped a charity show by a pop group which would have raised cash to help cure three-year-old Tracey's deafness. They warned that if the show went ahead they would mount a picket line.

Target of the militants was the group's lead singer Ken Robson, a miner who has defied the strike. Mr Robson said last night:

"It is unforgivable that an innocent little girl should suffer. The pickets have gone to a shameful and mean extreme just to have a go at me.

"I expected the pickets to have a go at me and my family when I decided to go into work last week.

"But to go to these lengths, especially when a child is ill and needing urgent treatment, is despicable."

TUC bid to cool Scargill

By BARRIE DEVNEY

Industrial Editor

AN urgent session of the TUC's inner cabinet was called for this afternoon over the miners' strike.

Union leaders fear a massive split between moderates and militants at next week's Brighton conference.

Worried TUC officials spent the Bank Holiday on the telephone trying to bring together the members of the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

Explain

Miners' leader Mr Arthur Scargill has been invited to meet the committee to explain what is meant by the demand for "total" support from the unions.

Last night TUC chief Mr Len Murray was unable to confirm that NUM representatives would be present at the meeting.

The union movement faces bitter in-fighting next week unless a formula can be agreed.

Bitter

He has been going through picket lines at Wearmouth colliery, Sunderland, Tyne and Wear.

It was hoped to raise £500 for Tracey but the show, due to have been held tomorrow, was postponed by Hepworth and Grandage social club, Sunderland.

Tracey's mother, 24-year-old Mrs Suzanne Scotter, said yesterday: "I feel very bitter and angry about this.

"Mining people have a reputation for caring for families and this is just not like them. I am sure that it is only the leaders who are responsible for this."

Tracey became totally deaf last October after getting meningitis. Her family are trying to raise £10,000 to send her to a Los Angeles clinic which specialises in treating the deaf. Already £1,500 has been raised.

A union official said: "Feelings among the men in this area are running very high because of these scabs crossing picket lines. It is possible that some men have gone to the club off their own bat."

Scargill 2.

Mr Maxwell as an intermediary.

Asked what sign there was that Mr Scargill's attitude had changed, Mr MacGregor said: 'I understood at the weekend that the NUM wanted some negotiations. I presumed they had some initiatives. The message was transmitted to us from the NUM via Mr Maxwell.'

Mr Scargill, however, insisted that the talks were agreed on after a phone call from the Coal Board's industrial relations chief, Mr Ned Smith, to NUM general secretary, Mr Peter Heathfield.

Mr Maxwell gave yet another version of events. He said on BBC Radio's World at One programme: 'A couple of days ago Mr MacGregor indicated to us he was willing to restart negotiations immediately. I met Mr Scargill and his senior colleagues at Sheffield some weeks ago and understood that they would like to start negotiations. As there was some problem as to who was going to pick up the telephone first, I performed a useful service for both parties.'

Pressure

Told Mr Scargill was claiming that the Coal Board had been forced back to the negotiating table by the TUC backing for the miners, Mr MacGregor replied: 'That is a typical Scargillism. It bears no relation to the facts. I'm not forced to do anything.'

It was the NUM under pressure from its members, he said.

'I would remind Mr Scargill that they have an increasing number of members of the NUM coming back to work — an increasing number of people are voting with their feet despite the intimidation.'

On the question of what the two sides will find to talk about when they do meet, Mr MacGregor declared: 'That depends on what is proffered by the other side. So far, I am the proud owner of all the initiatives. I would like to see one on their part. I welcome the opportunity of their coming and telling me about it.'

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every pit, coke works and one policeman suffered a broken arm and another a ... where there was the lowest turn-out of pickets. Just 200 spread between 25 pits.

Miner's wife weeps as she masterminds 'resistance'

IRENE McGIBBON confesses she 'had a little cry' yesterday—after spending the weekend listening to telephone threats to rape her and murder her husband.

She had found her Lancia car smashed by a stolen car being driven into it . . . 'and then they came back and had another go.' She and her working miner husband Robert received threats to burn down their Georgian cottage near Deal, Kent.

But it was not the threats which brought the tears. It was the sight of two coaches of miners pulling away from her house taking 30 men back to the Kent pits.

Half of them had spent the night in sleeping bags camping on her floor so they could set off together for work next morning.

'It was just like the war and we were in enemy territory,' she said. Mrs McGibbon, 39, has been organising a local back-to-work campaign for weeks. At one stage 600 men secretly told

her they wanted to 'report back, but were too afraid

'But this weekend we had a meeting in my house of 45 of them who decided that come what may they were determined to work. Unfortunately they were photographed coming to the meeting and then the NUM went round to various houses telling them what would happen



Irene McGibbon . . . 'in enemy territory'

By DIANA HUTCHINSON

if they did go to work.' Thirty were still determined.

'As the men all filed out they came up and thanked me. It was when I saw my hubby get on the bus that I had to cry,' said Mrs McGibbon.

The return to work by the pitmen at Tilmanston and Betteshanger collieries was supposed to be secret.

But 42-year-old Albert Theobald, who first tried to return to work two weeks ago, said the hatred shown by pickets was more frightening yesterday than ever.

Victory for pit's lone rebel

A LONE miner who has regularly braved up to 1,500 pickets won a High Court injunction against the NUM yesterday.

Paul Wilkinson, 28, is the only union member working at Easington Colliery, County Durham. He has a daily police escort to the pit.

He and his children have been threatened, and their home is linked by buzzer to the police station in case of attack

In a unique action at Manchester Crown Court yesterday, Mr Justice Gidwell granted him injunction which bars striking miners from besetting his colliery or intimidating him at home.

The injunction also guarantees his rights within the NUM but prevents the union taking disciplinary action against him.

The injunction was awarded against both the Durham area of the NUM and the union nationally. They are expected to apply for it to be lifted at a second hearing on September 14.

the Pope was not arriving for another week.

Maggie's summit

MRS THATCHER and Irish Premier Dr Garret FitzGerald are to meet for an Anglo-Irish summit in the autumn, probably in London, it was announced after a brief meeting at Downing Street yesterday.



Weather

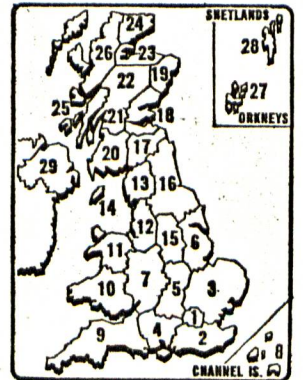
RAIN AT FIRST
BECOMING DRY
OUTLOOK: SHOWERS

DISTRICT FORECASTS

- 1, 2, 3, 8: Rain at first, becoming mainly dry with sunny intervals. Wind SW, moderate or fresh, becoming N. Max. 19c, 66f.
- 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 15: Occasional rain at first, becoming mainly dry with sunny intervals. Wind N, moderate or fresh. Max. 20c, 68f.
- 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 25, 29: Sunny intervals, a few showers. Wind mainly N, moderate or fresh. Max. 17c, 63f.

19, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 28: Sunny intervals and showers. Wind mainly N.W., moderate or fresh. Max. 13c, 55f.

Southern North Sea and Channel: Wind W to SW, veering NE, fresh or strong backing N. Rain, then showers. Sea moderate or rough becoming slight. Irish Sea Wind NE, fresh or strong backing NW, moderate. Showers, becoming fair. Sea moderate or rough, becoming slight.



WORLD WEATHER AT NOON YESTERDAY					
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Berlin C 25	77	L. Palmas S 25	77	Rome S 28	82
Bombay ... F 28	82	London . C 23	73	Singapore C 27	81
Cape Town F 16	61	Madrid ... S 30	86	Sydney ... F 22	72
Copenhagen F 18	64	Malta ... S 29	84	Tel Aviv .. F 29	84
Corfu ... S 31	88	Miami ... C 23	73	Wellington F 15	59
Dublin ... R 16	61	Nice ... S 25	77	Tenerife .. S 26	79
Dubrovnik S 27	81	N. Delhi .. F 29	84		
Gibraltar S 29	84	Oslo ... F 14	57		
Guernsey F 18	64	Paris C 23	73		
Helsinki .. F 12	54	Peking ... S 28	82		
Hongkong F 29	84	Perth ... F 17	63		
		Prague ... F 28	82		

SUNSHINE HOURS	
Aberdeen ... 1.5	Jersey ... 5.3
Bournemouth ... 7.9	London ... 8.3
Clacton ... 8.7	Leamington ... 7.0
Eastbourne ... 6.8	Sandown ... 7.4
Glasgow ... 2.3	Scarborough ... 0.3
Gr Yarmouth ... 6.8	Stoway ... 1.9
Morecambe ... 0.8	Weymouth ... 7.0

YESTERDAY	
24h. to 7 p.m.): Warmest: Manston (Kent) 26c, 79f. Coolest: Lerwick (Shetlands) 8c, 46f. Wettest: Ronaldsway (Isle of Man) 1.56in. Sunniest: Folkestone 9.1hr. London: Max. 24c, 75f. Min. 17c, 63f. Sun 8.3hr. Rain Trace. Barometer (7 p.m.) 1010.5mbs, falling. Humidity 63 per cent.	

MOON AND SUN	
Moon rises 5.23 p.m. sets 12.24 a.m. tomorrow. Sun rises 6.17 a.m. sets 7.48 p.m. Lights (London): 8.10 p.m. to 5.47 a.m. High Water London: 9.05 a.m. and 9.53 p.m.	