

MR. BUTLER

MINERS' STRIKE

David Hart telephoned the Prime Minister this morning.

The Prime Minister said that the press had got hold of the fact that Mr. Hart could get through direct to her. It was very important that he should not talk about his direct access. Mr. Hart said that he would not. He was infinitely deniable.

Mr. Hart said that Peter Walker's statements over the last few days had created some confusion and uncertainty and had upset Mr. MacGregor. The Government should not show weakness. The Prime Minister said that she would send Mr. MacGregor a copy of her letter to Mr. Kinnock. (I will deliver this during the weekend.)

Mr. Hart said that his information was that NACODs members were very unhappy about the strike call.

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Powermen vote 'no' to miners

By Glen Allan

Power workers yesterday made it clear to miners that they will not support the TUC's call for "total support" for their seven-month-old strike. A secret ballot of more than 43,000 members of the Electrical, Electronic, Telecommunications and Plumbing Union has resulted in a five to one vote against taking action to support the miners. Nearly 60 per cent of the EETPU membership concerned took part in the ballot and decided by 20,000 to 3,864 against supportive action. The decision will come as no

surprise to Mr Arthur Scargill, president of the National Union of Mineworkers, for he was warned at the TUC Congress in Brighton last month by Mr Frank Chapple, then general secretary of the EETPU, that he could expect no support from power workers. Nevertheless, it will come as a blow, for with the help of EETPU power station workers, the NUM could have made its strike felt in the form of power cuts sooner rather than later this winter.

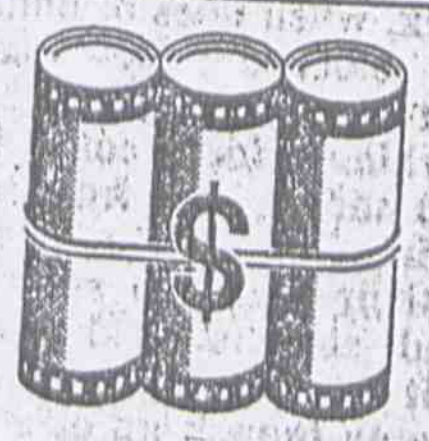
The vote by the EETPU craftsmen, who carry out maintenance and other work at

power stations, is a big boost to the Government, which next week faces the threat of a strike by pit deputies.

Last night, Mr Eric Hammond, leader of the EETPU, said: "I believe that it is a rejection of the tactics of the National Union of Mineworkers' leadership in this dispute, a rejection of their refusal to hold a ballot, and a rejection of the organized violence which is changing the face of British trade unionism for the worse. Finally, it is a rejection of the attempts to use this dispute for political ends."

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on the state of dentistry in the NHS



Star Chamber

The Hollywood elite have issued so many lawsuits against each other it is becoming a multi-million dollar industry

How the NUM controls deployment of pickets

By Rupert Morris

Minutes of a meeting of the National Union of Mineworkers that have come into the hands of *The Times* confirm the way in which major picketing in the dispute is coordinated.

The work is done by a National Control Centre, manned 24 hours a day, at the NUM headquarters in Sheffield.

Staff coordinate information on coal movements and supply a strategic link between the union's areas.

Of the 35 to 40 full-time staff in Sheffield, at least two, sometimes assisted by members of the executive, usually man

the centre on a rota basis. The centre is on the eleventh floor of the building, and contains maps and several telephones. Journalists and television cameras have not been welcome in the office.

Although precise movements of pickets are decided by individual areas, this is based on information from the National Control Centre and, in turn, each will inform the centre of its dispositions.

If, for instance, an NUM member were to receive information about plans to import

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MINUTES OF THE NATIONAL CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 4th JULY, 1984

"That 24 hour picketing of Power Stations be maintained and that no fuel or other materials be permitted to cross out. Picket Lines: Where there were difficulties, the National Control Centre would be available for assistance. Furthermore, the Secretary be requested to communicate with all Unions representing Power Workers seeking solidarity action."

The document showing how pickets are coordinated

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Imprisonment for arson

Services Correspondent

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1981 when she set fire to a printing works, causing £100,000 worth of damage, and medical reports were given on her psychiatric state. Judge Verney said that the Department of Health had refused her a place in a special hospital and no other appropriate facilities were available in the county or region.

The health authority had, however, paid for Miss Porter to go to St Andrews on a three-year probation order. In April this year a mental health review tribunal recommended that she should not be discharged. In June, however, St Andrews discharged her and her behaviour deteriorated. Within two weeks she breached her probation order when she caused £700 worth of damage

to a car by scratching graffiti on it. She was found sitting on top of the car, whose door handles she had tied together, by the police.

Placed in a hostel for assessment, Miss Porter set a metal waste-paper bin alight, and Mr Marsh said that she had absconded regularly, assaulted staff and caused severe disruption.

The judge said that St Andrews was unable to readmit her, believing she would not respond to treatment, "and funds were not available" for such readmission. The court had to bear in mind that she could be a danger to the community and had to consider a period of indefinite detention. "We are most unhappy to reach that conclusion", he said.