

Daily Coal Report - Wednesday 24 October 1984

The NACODS Executive Committee has decided to call off the NACODS strike. The news was announced this afternoon and represents a massive blow to Scargill. The NACODS General Secretary Peter McNestry issued a statement that the executive "expressed satisfaction and unanimously agree to call off the strike". The Coal Board are shortly to issue a statement welcoming this news. By agreement with NACODS neither side will release until tomorrow at the earliest the text of the Board's document which led to the settlement.

The Board and the NUM are scheduled to resume negotiations tomorrow.

The rest of the days news is as follows:-

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

There are good attendances in the main working areas; little change elsewhere. However in Scotland the total number reporting has risen to 350, including a record 199 at Bilston Glen.

Coal Movements

177,000 tonnes were moved yesterday.

39 coal trains ran.

Law and Order

NUM picketing was heavier today, especially in Yorkshire. 2,000 pickets clashed with police at Denby Grange. 3 policemen were injured. There were 3,000 pickets at Yorkshire Main. There were also scuffles outside Didcot power station, though the station continued to function.

High Court Proceedings

The NUM has until midnight to pay the £200,000 fine imposed two weeks ago for contempt of court. The fine was imposed after the union described the pit strike in Yorkshire as official, breaching an injunction obtained by two working miners. Failure to pay the fine could result in the High Court ordering seizure of the union's assets.

Line to Take

Welcome the responsible actions of the NACODS Executive who have clearly had in mind the interests of their members, their members' families, the working miners and the future of the industry.

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