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Daily Coal Report - Thursday 25 October 1984

	<u>Number</u>	<u>plus on holiday</u>
(i) Working normally	45	-
(ii) Turning some coal	10	-
(iii) Some men present	24	-
(iv) On strike/picketed out	95	-

There have been good attendances in the main working areas.

NACODS members have reported normally in these areas. Elsewhere there have been only one or two problems. In South Wales NACODS went on strike at two pits, and were providing only minimum cover at five others.

#### Coal Movements

177,000 tonnes were moved yesterday.

46 coal trains ran.

#### Law and Order

Once again Yorkshire has been the main centre of militant activity.

There were 6,000 pickets at Denby Grange. 17 policemen were injured under a hail of missiles as they escorted 4 working miners into the pit. There were 7 arrests. There were also 3,000 pickets at Kiveton Park.

10 writs have been served on Nottinghamshire Chief Constable by striking miners. These allege, inter alia, unlawful detention without charge and assault by police officers.

SECRET AND PERSONAL

To date 956 policemen injured in the dispute.

High Court Proceedings

The High Court has ordered the seizure of all the NUM's assets. The sequestration was authorised following the union's refusal to pay the £200,000 fine for contempt of court. The judge commented "What has brought the NUM to this sorry state of affairs of having all its property sequestrated is the refusal to accept that the members have rights against their union which the law should be allowed to protect."

NCB/NUM Negotiations

At the time of writing these were still in progress at ACAS.

Line to Take

The NACODS settlement is a triumph for the commonsense and reasonableness shown by both sides.

NUM members who have suffered so much at the hands of Mr Scargill should consider how their losses and hardship will escalate if reason does not soon prevail in their union.

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