


SECRET AND PERSONAL

Prime Minister


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	<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	-

Although today's attendances were generally around the level of last week, there were modest but encouraging increases in North Derbyshire and the NCB's Western area. A record 209 men reported at Shirebrook (North Derbyshire).

NACODS men are working normally in the main working areas.

Coal Movements

172,000 tonnes were moved on Friday, bringing the total for the week to 877,000 tonnes.

38 coal trains ran on Friday.

Law and Order

No reports of major trouble today, though there were 2,000 pickets at Allerton Bywater and 2,500 at Brodsworth (Yorkshire).

NUM/NCB Negotiations

Present indications are that these will resume at ACAS on Wednesday. Scargill's continuing intransigence gives little cause for optimism, though reaction to the Libyan saga from the Opposition, other Trade Union leaders and more moderate members of his executive, will increase the pressure on him.

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Michael Eaton

Contrary to some of tonight's press reports, Mr Eaton is not resigning. Nor has his position as the Board's communicator been diminished by Mr MacGregor. On Mr MacGregor's instructions Eaton suspended interviews with the media while the Board considered the implications of the Libyan connection and determined its posture in advance of further talks with ACAS.

Line to Take

Clear that a vast spectrum of public opinion condemns Mr Scargill's activities with the Libyan authorities. The Government shares this deep concern. It is time for the voice of sanity to be heard once again on the NUM national executive.

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