

Daily Coal Report - Tuesday 30 October 1984

	<u>Number</u>	<u>plus on holiday</u>
(i) Working normally	45	-
(ii) Turning some coal	10	-
(iii) Some men present	25	-
(iv) On strike/picketed out	94	-

Arkwright pit (North Derby) has now moved from category (iv) to (iii).

Generally, attendances have shown further modest though encouraging increases.

114 ex-strikers returned to work yesterday and a further 36 today. Notable features are as follows:-

Scotland: (morning shift): 360: New Record 10 up on previous best.

Yorkshire: (morning shift): 93: New Record 1 up on previous best set set yesterday. Today is the 6th consecutive daily increase.

N. Derbyshire): (24 hr figure): 1,115: New Record 56 up on previous best for 24 October.

Western: (morning shift): 5,373: New Record
(24 hr figure): 8,591: compares with best of 8909 on 19 October.

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Coal Movements

890,000 tonnes (rather than 877,000 tonnes as reported yesterday) were moved last week, of which 634,000 went to the CEGB.

Law and Order

There was renewed violence in Yorkshire. Missiles were thrown by pickets outside Kinsley drift mine and Woolley pit. 5 policemen were injured. Management cars at Hickleton main pit were damaged during the night.

The cost of policing the miners' dispute in England and Wales up to October 24 was £80 million. 1022 policemen have been injured.

NCB/NUM Negotiations

These resume at ACAS tomorrow morning.

Scargill shows no sign of wishing to compromise in any way so the chances of a settlement seem remote. Today he specifically ruled out any question of a deal on the basis of the NACODS formula.

However Scargill has come under pressure from various quarters today. The TUC Chairman Jack Eccles said that in the event of a breakdown tomorrow there might have to be a clear and positive input by the TUC to help reach a negotiated settlement. He said the TUC would have to examine whether the failure was due in part to the "rigidity" of the NUM.

Scargill tonight claimed he had a secret document which showed that the Coal Board had a substantial hit list of pits it wanted to close between now and 1985.

Line to Take

It is time that this dispute ended and the coal industry was allowed to recover from the blows Mr Scargill has inflicted upon

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it. Every miner in the country can now go back to work with a good wage offer, a guarantee that any miner wishing to remain in the industry is able to do so, a good investment programme for the future, and an enterprise programme which will enable new industries and new businesses to come into the mining communities. Miners can vote for this deal with their feet.

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