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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	26	-
(iv) On strike/picketed out	93	-

A further pit - Shireoaks (Yorkshire) - has moved from category (iv) to (iii).

Attendances have again strengthened slightly. Bilston Glen in Scotland had a record 201 on the morning shift. Elsewhere the main improvement was in North Derbyshire, where the 24 hour attendance record of 1,187 was 50 up on yesterday.

Coal Movements

A good day. 186,000 tonnes were moved yesterday.

41 coal trains ran.

Law and Order

There were the usual number of pickets in Yorkshire, but no large scale disturbances have been reported.

Mr John Evans MP, who was one of 24 people arrested during a picket of Parkside pit, St Helen's, last August was today found guilty of obstructing the police. He was given an absolute discharge and ordered to pay £50 costs.

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Breakdown of Negotiations

Board spokesman said this morning that they saw no sign that the NUM was interested in resolving the dispute through negotiation. There was therefore no point in anticipating any resumption of talks.

The NUM national executive met today and decided to call a national delegate conference in Sheffield on Monday. Scargill claimed to the media that this was for "the purposes of further ensuring that the strike is effective, in order to bring about a settlement of the dispute which results in withdrawal of the pit closures programme".

Scargill also said the executive committee would invite Mr Kinnock and TUC General Secretary Norman Willis to chair the platform at 5 major rallies which would follow the delegate conference.

High Court Action

Members of the national working miners' group have issued writs against individual members of the NUM executive in an attempt to force payment of the £200,000 contempt of court fine imposed on the union last month. The executive members are being sued to the full extent of their personal assets.

Line to Take

- Suggested speaking note attached.

[Also attached for information is a copy of the NCB document which formed the basis of the deal with NACODS].

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