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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	30	-
(iv) On strike/picketed out	89	-

Bersham (North Wales) has moved from category (iv) to (iii).
(See below).

A further 411 strikers returned to work today, bringing the week's total to 1279. Once again there were record attendances in all areas.

Scargill today complained that the Board were making misleading claims that there had been a surge back by striking miners. The Board have rejected this.

Coal Movements

The CEGB have confirmed that coal stocks at power stations rose again last week.

Yesterday 165,000 tonnes were moved, of which 115,000 went to the CEGB.

Law and Order

Picketing was again generally light today.

High Court

The High Court in Dublin has turned down the NUM's application to

lift a court order freezing the union's assets. The sum in question is now believed to total £2.75 million.

Three working miners in Scotland have failed in their second attempt to challenge the legality of the strike. The Judge said he had been informed that each area had its own rules: the Scottish area did not need a ballot to hold a strike.

Meanwhile the total morning shift attendance in Scotland today rose to a new record of 423, including 220 at Bilston Glen.

Welsh Pit Ballot

Miners at Bersham pit in North Wales are reportedly arranging a secret ballot on Thursday to decide whether to continue to support the strike.

Mr Kirk

The Coal Board's Director of Public Relations, Mr Kirk, returned to duty today having been sent on leave for a week - and announced that by agreement with the Board he will retire at the end of the week. He disclosed that he had in any case been planning to retire in December.

Line to Take

Reality is now catching up fast with Mr Scargill. Striking miners are marching with their feet - back to work. In just the first two days of this week nearly 1300 have returned. The militants are facing defeat.

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