

Times' use of picture is upheld

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The Times was entitled to publish a photograph of Mr Arthur Scargill greeting striking miners, although his pose was likely to link him with the idea of authoritarian leadership, the Press Council says today.

The council rejected a complaint by Mr Owen Davies, of Garden Court, Middle Temple, central London, that the newspaper improperly published a photograph which was likely to associate Mr Scargill with nazism or fascism in readers' minds.

The caption said: "Mr Arthur Scargill giving a greeting at the pitmen's protest in Mansfield yesterday" alongside a report by the labour editor, Paul Routledge. Mr Davies protested to the editor and the council and asked why the newspaper printed a picture in which Mr Scargill appeared to be giving a nazi salute.

Mr Colin Webb, deputy editor, replied that the picture was accurate and in his view could not be misleading. He said it was an actual photograph of a news event, and was used in the normal way.

The Press Council's adjudication was:

This was an unusual and striking topical news picture of Mr Scargill which *The Times* published without making significant comment on it, or capital of it, in the caption.

The newspaper was entitled to publish the photograph as it did even though the pose was likely to link Mr Scargill with the idea of authoritarian leadership in the minds of those who saw it.

The complaint against *The Times* is not upheld.