

Prime Minister (2)

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	<u>Number</u>	<u>plus on holiday</u>
(i) Working normally	45	-
(ii) Turning some coal	13	-
(iii) Some men present	59	-
(iv) On strike/picketed out	57	-

Another encouraging day. By 5.00 pm a further 718 ex-strikers had returned, bringing the total for the week to 4,629 and the total since 5 November to 6,830.

In Scotland 958 reported this morning, including 515 at Bilston Glen.

In the North East 823 reported, including 134 at Ellington and 85 at Wearmouth.

In Yorkshire a further 156 reported bringing the morning shift total to 1,211. Attendance at Manton rose to 202, Shireoaks 209, Denby Grange 127, Kellingley 53. Five men again reported to Cortonwood.

North Derby attendances also increased again, with 771 at Shirebrook, 543 at Warsop, and 301 at Markham. Attendance at Bolsover dipped by 3 to 304.

In Wales 271 men reported at Bersham (65 per cent of the workforce). These must have included men who last week voted for the strike to continue. The number at Cynheidre rose to 48. There were 20 at Celyn South.

#### Coal Movements

191,000 tonnes were moved yesterday.

34 coal trains ran.

Law and Order

There has been further trouble in South Yorkshire. In one incident youths carrying pickaxes, and some wearing balaclava helmets and combat jackets, sped in a convoy of cars through the gates of Saville pit, near Leeds. Windows and doors were smashed.

NUM Executive Meeting

The NUM Executive met in Sheffield today. Predictably it resisted pressure for a ballot of the entire membership, and reportedly decided on a series of meetings throughout the mining communities in what is described as a "public relations" exercise.

High Court

At a court hearing due to start on Monday, the Yorkshire NUM will seek to discharge the order made against it in September which declared the strike in Yorkshire to be illegal.

Line to Take

Moderate and responsible trade union members who are working in Britain's coalfields should take heart at the continuing return to work by their striking colleagues. Increasingly it is clear that the mob violence and intimidation by the militants is failing. No public relations exercise can deflect attention from this reality.

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