

Daily Coal Report - Friday 16 November 1984

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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	62	-
(iv) On strike/picketed out	54	-

Bates and Westoe (North East) and Barnburgh (Yorkshire) have moved from category (iv) to category (iii).

By 5.00 pm the Board had reported that a further 372 ex-strikers had returned today, bringing the total for this week to 5,016 and the total since 5 November to 7,217.

In Scotland 1003 reported on the morning shift, including 527 at Bilston Glen. A dispute with NACODS men at three Scottish pits appeared to have been satisfactorily resolved during the day. After conciliation talks at two of the pits, the Board issued a statement saying that agreement had been reached on the interpretation of national guidelines.

In the North East 876 reported, including 150 at Ellington and 94 at Wearmouth.

In Yorkshire the morning shift attendance rose to 1,266, including 204 at Manton, 224 at Shireoaks, 134 at Denby Grange and 56 at Kellingley. The same 5 men again reported to Cortonwood.

Again biggest increases were in North Derby with 786 at Shirebrook, 574 at Warsop, 322 at Markham, 300 at Bolsover, and 95 at both Arkwright and Whitwell.

There was little movement in South Wales, but in North Wales the number of men reporting at Bersham rose to 280.

In Kent 49 men reported to Tilmanstone.

Coal Movements

197,000 tonnes were moved yesterday.

31 trains ran.

Law and Order

The increasing number of pits at work presents obvious problems for the militants co-ordinating mob violence. The trend is towards smaller mobs spread around a larger number of locations.

There was trouble today at various locations in South Wales, the North East and Yorkshire, with missiles being thrown and barricades set alight etc.

Soviet Cash for Scargill

The Soviet News Agency TASS has stated that Russian miners have given £0.5 million to the NUM strike fund. This news comes in a week when there have been reports that those on picket duty have been receiving significantly smaller sums than of late.

NUM

A Sunderland miner was today expelled from the NUM for crossing picket lines at Wearmouth pit. A second miner is to be disciplined next week. However the NUM adjourned cases against two further men who are reportedly seeking legal advice.

Church "mediation"

There have been media reports of possible initiatives. But it is by no means clear what role the clergy concerned see for themselves.

High Court

Four striking Yorkshire miners yesterday asked the Court of Appeal to rule that police officers who stopped them at a road-block had acted outside their powers. Judgement was reserved to a date to be fixed.

Christmas Bonus

With the return to work now picking up, the Board have decided to extend by one week to Monday 26 November the deadline for returning miners to qualify for extra entitlements before Christmas.

Line to Take

Since 5 November more than 7,000 miners have returned to work. This is the clearest possible indication that mining communities are sick and tired of the violence, intimidation and deprivation being inflicted upon them by the militants. There is every sign that the return to work will spread.

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