

Daily Coal Report - Wednesday 5 December 1984

	<u>Number</u>
(i) Working normally	46
(ii) Turning some coal	18
(iii) Some men present	74
(iv) On strike/picketed out	36

At the time of writing 82 new faces had reported back today.

Area attendances were as follows:-

			<u>Change on</u> <u>Yesterday</u>
Scotland	(24 hr attendance)	2267	+ 19
North East	(24 hr attendance)	3171	+ 14
Yorkshire	(24 hr attendance)	2829	+ 15
North Derbyshire	(24 hr attendance)	4751	+ 38
Western	(24 hr attendance)	11015	+ 275
South Wales	(morning shift)	126	- 1
Kent	(morning shift)	111	+ 3

Coal Movements

174,000 tonnes were moved yesterday.

39 coal trains ran.

Law and Order

Although 1,000 pickets were reported to be outside the Cortonwood pit at 3.00 am, the general picketing scene was relatively light.

NUM

The NUM are meeting the TUC and Labour Party tomorrow. McGahey claimed at a rally in Scotland today that they would ask the TUC to mobilise the trade union movement to stop "scab" coal and oil and to "bite into the economy". They may also ask the TUC to provide a headquarters building if their own is taken over by the Receiver.

TUC

Meanwhile there are increasing signs of TUC anxiety about the dispute. The Secretary of State for Energy will report further at tomorrow's Cabinet meeting.

Receiver

The Receiver has still not recovered the £4.6 million of NUM assets in bearer bonds held in a Luxembourg bank. Today he was in Dublin trying to recover the £2.78 million lodged there.

The Receiver had a temporary setback today when he failed to win a court order that his fees be paid out of union money already seized by the sequestrators. The High Court judge ruled that the union must be given two clear days notice before his application could be heard.

Line to Take

As yesterday.

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