

Daily Coal Report - Monday 10 December 1984

	<u>Number</u>
(i) Working normally	47
(ii) Turning some coal	17
(iii) Some men present	75
(iv) On strike/picketed out	35

Area attendances were as follows.

			<u>Change on</u> <u>Friday</u>
Scotland	(24 hr attendance)	2,334	+ 24
North East	(24 hr attendance)	3,061	- 111
Yorkshire	(24 hr attendance)	2,835	- 18
North Derbyshire	(24 hr attendance)	4,338	- 222
Western	(morning shift)	6,171	*
South Wales	(morning shift)	120	- 5
Kent	(morning shift)	109	- 1

* No comparison with Friday's 24 hour figure available.

Coal Movements

950,000 tonnes were moved last week, of which 644,000 went to the CEGB.

164 coal trains ran last week, including 29 on Friday.

Law and Order

Quiet.

NUM

The NUM has today officially denied that a letter sent recently to the Coal Board about pay amounted to an official pay claim. An NUM spokesman said the letter was a reminder that its members had not had a pay rise for two years.

Pit fire at Rossington

The fire here, which has been burning since Friday, threatens serious damage to new coalfaces. The local NUM branch are still refusing to co-operate with management to bring the fire under control.

High Court

The hearing has opened in the case of two working miners who are seeking orders against three Derbyshire NUM officials for repayment of the £1.73 million spent by the area on the dispute.

The Welsh miner who was last week given leave to inspect the minute books of the South Wales NUM today told a High Court judge that he proposed to bring new proceedings. He proposes to seek an injunction banning the area union from spending money on the strike and a further ruling that the strike is unlawful because of the use of mass pickets.

Receiver

The Irish court has adjourned until 14 January the Receiver's attempt to recover the £2.7 million of NUM funds lodged in a Dublin bank.

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Sequestrators

The Opposition has reacted against today's announcement about the availability of funds to assist Price Waterhouse. Mr Orme claimed that the Government were interfering in the work of the courts and said there was no statutory authority for such a move.

STUC

Members of MISC 101 will be aware of the STUC's request for a meeting with the Prime Minister.

Line to Take

More than 100,000 members of the coal industry refuse to have any part in this strike. In the coalfields of Britain there is growing determination that the militants will not succeed. The number of court cases which ordinary working miners are seeking to bring against the NUM is one indication of this. Another is the fact that over the last month more than 16,000 miners who had been on strike have returned to work.

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