

Daily Coal Report - Thursday 13 December 1984

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	<u>Number</u>
(i) Working normally	47
(ii) Turning some coal	19
(iii) Some men present	73
(iv) On strike/picketed out	35

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Riccal pit, part of the Selby complex in Yorkshire, was mistakenly reported yesterday as having moved into category (ii). Although some coal was turned the pit, which is still at the development phase, has not been officially inaugurated as a producing pit. So it falls outside the categories listed above.

59 new faces reported today, bringing this weeks total to 443.

Area attendances were as follows:-

			<u>Change on yesterday</u>
Scotland	(24 hr attendance)	2,392	+ 27
North East	(24 hr attendance)	3,094	- 9
Yorkshire	(24 hr attendance)	2,972	- 14
North Derbyshire	(24 hr attendance)	4,820	- 13
Western	(24 hr attendance)	11,124	+ 217
South Wales	(morning shift)	126	no change
Kent	(morning shift)	111	+ 3

Coal Movements

177,000 tonnes were moved yesterday.

46 coal trains ran.

Law and Order

Generally a quiet day but there were 600 pickets at Manvers (Yorkshire).

Scargill appeared in court at Rotherham today on two charges of obstruction arising from picketing at the Orgreave coking plant in May. The hearing was adjourned until tomorrow.

Pit fire at Rossington

The fire is being contained. Men from other pits are assisting - still no official help from the NUM.

TUC

Tomorrow's meeting with the Secretary of State for Energy will commence at 10.30 am.

High Court

The move by two working miners to seek appointment of a Receiver to run the financial affairs of the Yorkshire area NUM has been adjourned until next year.

Line to Take

This senseless dispute was started, and has been sustained, by the intransigence and unreasonableness of Mr Scargill and the militant left. More than 100,000 miners have rejected all he stands for by not striking. The onus is now on the TUC to prove whether the forces of moderation and commonsense can prevail within the trade union movement.

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