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Daily Coal Report - Monday 17 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

80 new faces reported back today. However the Board expect attendances generally to tail off as Christmas nears. Today's area breakdown was as follows:-

			<u>Change on</u> <u>Friday</u>
Scotland	(24 hr attendance)	2,414	+ 13
North East	(24 hr attendance)	3,121	- 97
Yorkshire	(24 hr attendance)	2,980	- 26
North Derbyshire	(24 hr attendance)	4,312	- 261
Western	(24 hr attendance)	10,528	- 613
South Wales	(morning shift)	125	- 2
Kent	(morning shift)	107	+ 5

Coal Movements

966,000 tonnes were moved last week, of which 674,000 went to the CEGB.

38 coal trains ran on Friday.

Law and Order

Still quiet.

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TUC

The TUC liaison committee today met the NUM and met with a predictable response from Scargill. According to media reports Scargill said the NUM was not prepared to allow the closure of any section of the industry, but if the Government or the Coal Board wanted to resume talks the union was available.

Sequestrators

The sequestrators today indefinitely postponed legal attempts to seize NUM money held in Luxembourg. They are however to continue their direct negotiations with the Luxembourg bank.

Line to Take

Mr Scargill's comments after his meeting with the TUC today show how determined he is to keep the strike going, despite the hardship and suffering this is inflicting on mining communities. He refuses genuine negotiation and is only interested in confrontation. He tries to deny his members a national ballot. He and his supporters are now putting the industry's future at great risk.

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