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Daily Coal Report - Tuesday 18 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

The pre-Christmas trend is continuing. Just 32 new faces reported today. Area attendances were as follows:-

			<u>Change on yesterday</u>
Scotland	(24 hr attendance)	2,431	+ 17
North East	(24 hr attendance)	3,120	- 1
Yorkshire	(24 hr attendance)	3,011	+ 31
North Derbyshire	(24 hr attendance)	4,652	+ 340
Western	(24 hr attendance)	10,295	- 233
South Wales	(morning shift)	126	+ 1
Kent	(morning shift)	107	no change

Coal Movements

171,000 tonnes were moved yesterday.

26 coal trains ran.

Law and Order

The number of pickets at various locations in Yorkshire and the North East increased this morning, but there were no reports of major violence.

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Line to Take

The intransigence shown by Mr Scargill and the hard left on the NUM Executive has cost striking miners a huge sum in lost wages, has divided mining communities and families and is the single reason why many in the industry now face a miserable Christmas and New Year. When the industry returns to work after the Christmas break those who wish to call an end to this senseless dispute can take decisive action by voting with their feet and joining the hundred thousand who have already rejected everything Scargill stands for.

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