

Daily Coal Report - Wednesday 19 December 1984

	<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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29 new faces reported this morning. Area attendances were as follows:-

			<u>Change on yesterday</u>
Scotland	(24 hr attendance)	2,449	+ 18
North East	(24 hr attendance)	3,133	+ 13
Yorkshire	(24 hr attendance)	3,016	+ 5
North Derbyshire	(24 hr attendance)	4,673	+ 21
Western	(24 hr attendance)	10,662	+ 367
South Wales	(morning shift)	126	no change
Kent	(morning shift)	111	+ 4

Coal Movements

189,000 tonnes were moved yesterday.

38 coal trains ran.

Law and Order

Five police were hurt in South Wales today when 500 pickets turned up at a smokeless fuel plant near Aberdare (mid Glamorgan) to prevent one miner from reporting for work. Eight miners were subsequently arrested.

SECRET AND PERSONAL

High Court

Mr Justice Warner today ruled that the NUM could argue its case in the High Court against the attempt by Nottinghamshire miners to make rule changes which would give the Nottingham area control over the calling of strikes. The hearing continues.

Also today the TUC was given leave by the Court to challenge the Government's right to cut supplementary benefit payments to strikers' families.

Other TUC News

Norman Willis today claimed that the dispute could go on "for years" unless there was a negotiated settlement. However, today's meeting of the TUC's General Council does not appear to have come up with any specific ideas for new initiatives.

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There are reports this evening that the rail unions are considering stepping up their support for striking miners. This follows claims by militant railwaymen at Coalville, Leicester, of management "harassment".

Line to Take

As yesterday.

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