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DAILY COAL REPORT - THURSDAY 3 JANUARY 1985

	<u>Number</u>	<u>Plus on holiday</u>
(i) Working normally	46	1
(ii) Turning some coal	23	1
(iii) Some men present	57	11
(iv) On strike/picketed out	32	3

235 new faces appeared this morning. Yesterday's 24 hour total of new faces was 368. Scotland remains virtually shut down today - only two pits, Barony and Killock, have some men working. Elsewhere many miners are still taking holiday and rest days. The area breakdown of new faces is:-

North Derbyshire	77
South Derbyshire	44
North East	42
North Yorkshire	35
Barnsley	15
Western	9
South Wales	5
Doncaster	4
North Nottinghamshire	3
Coal Products	1

COAL MOVEMENTS

19 coal trains ran yesterday. Movements are not expected to return to pre-Christmas levels until next week.

PICKETING

No incidents were reported this morning.

Neil Kinnock spent 90 minutes today with around 40 striking miners at Celynon South colliery in his South Wales constituency. He watched about 30 miners report for work at the pit. The visit was in response to left-wing criticism that he had been slow to support striking miners by appearing on an NUM picket line.

MORE PITS PRODUCING COAL

The 4 North East collieries which commenced production yesterday - Wearmouth, Herrington, Vane Tempest and Whittle - continued to mine coal this morning. The NCB also hope to resume production shortly at the massive Kellingley colliery in North Yorkshire.

LINE TO TAKE

As yesterday.

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