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Daily Coal Report - Monday 7 January 1985

	<u>Number</u>
(i) Working normally	47
(ii) Turning some coal	24
(iii) Some men present	68
(iv) On strike/picketed out	35

By 5.00 pm a total of 1,203 new faces had reported back - a reasonably encouraging figure given the adverse weather conditions. This was the biggest single day's return to work since November 19.

Of these new faces 363 were in the North East, 247 in Derbyshire, 243 in Yorkshire and 210 in Scotland. Detailed area attendances were as follows:-

			<u>Change on</u> <u>last Monday</u> <u>before Xmas</u>
Scotland	(morning shift)	2,676	+ 262
North East	(morning shift)	3,582	+ 459
Yorkshire	(morning shift)	3,266	+ 286
North Derbyshire	(24 hr attendance)	5,089	+ 777
Western	(morning shift)	6,342	+ 171*
South Wales	(morning shift)	141	+ 16
Kent	(morning shift)	Pits closed today	

* Change on last available morning shift figure for 10 December.

Coal Movements

Confirmed figures for last week were also encouraging. Over the three working days to Friday 455,500 tonnes were moved.

39 coal trains ran on Friday.

Law and Order

There was minor skirmishing in a number of areas. However in a more serious incident at Frickley (Yorkshire) 200 demonstrators threw missiles at police. One officer was hit on the head by a brick. There were 4 arrests.

Nine miners and a farmer have been jailed at Derby Crown Court after pleading guilty to charges arising from the burning of Coal Board vehicles last August. One miner, with previous convictions, was sentenced to 3 years, and the others to 30 months.

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Predictably Scargill claimed that the strike remains solid. He disputed the back to work figures and also claimed that they fell well below Coal Board expectations.

At a rally at Polkemmet (Scotland) McGahey reportedly said the union was prepared to resume negotiations with the Coal Board, but was also quoted as saying "there will be no sacrificial lambs".

Lancashire Area Secretary, Sid Vincent, fresh from his holiday in Tenerife, was given a vote of confidence by the Lancashire Executive.

Striking miners today received a "substantial cheque" from "trade unionists" in Afghanistan. One of the prime movers in this appears to have been Mr Ron Brown, the Member for Leith, who is Chairman of the "Friends of Afghanistan Society".

Line to Take

Stress advantages of returning to work now - see NCB advertisement circulated with Friday's report.

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