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Daily Coal Report - Tuesday 5 February 1985

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	<u>Number</u>
(i) Working normally	49
(ii) Turning some coal	30
(iii) Some men present	73
(iv) On strike/picketed out	22

By 6.00 pm 666 new faces had reported, bringing the total for the week to 2,998 (compared to 1,121 this time last week). This means that since the start of the dispute over 36,000 strikers have returned to work. There are now over 82,000 NUM members not on strike which is 44 per cent of the 187,300 NUM members employed in the industry. Only 11 of the Board's 174 pits have no men working at all.

Today's area attendances were as follows:-

			<u>Change on</u> <u>last Tuesday</u>
Scotland	(24 hr attendance)	4,459	+ 339
North East	(24 hr attendance)	7,134	not comparable*
Yorkshire	(24 hr attendance)	6,272	+ 819
North Derbyshire	(24 hr attendance)	6,626	+ 228
Western	(24 hr attendance)	11,480	+ 99
South Wales	(morning shift)	379	+ 34
Kent	(morning shift)	158	+ 18

* NE figures are from today being put on to a slightly different basis.

Coal Movements

161,000 tonnes were moved yesterday.

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36 coal trains ran.

Law and Order

Scattered violent incidents, but no major disorder.

NUM/NCB

ACAS today reported to the Board on their discussions with the NUM, and said afterwards merely that they had "reviewed the position". The Board issued no statement.

NACODS

Though the result of their ballot has still to be formally announced, NACODS members appear to have accepted the Board's pay offer for the year commencing 1 November 1984.

High Court

The NUM's application for an adjournment of the action being brought by working Yorkshire miners for injunctions outlawing mass picketing. The case should therefore be heard next week. Counsel for the working miners alleged that the Yorkshire NUM spent more than £3 million on financing picketing in the six months to January.

The Judge hearing an application by 20 working South Wales miners for a similar injunction today reserved judgement on that case.

Line to Take

The strike is crumbling as more and more miners realise the futility of Mr Scargill's position, and his refusal to face the reality of uneconomic closures. More than 36,000 have returned

to work since the strike started. Those who care about the future of their jobs and their families should hesitate no longer and return to work tomorrow.

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