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Daily Coal Report - Wednesday 6 February 1985

	<u>Number</u>
(i) Working normally	49
(ii) Turning some coal	30
(iii) Some men present	76
(iv) On strike/picketed out	19

By 6.00 339 new faces had reported.

Today's area attendances were as follows:-

			<u>Change on</u> <u>last Wednesday</u>
Scotland	(24 hr attendance)	4,514	+ 382
North East	(24 hr attendance)	7,274	+ 140
Yorkshire	(24 hr attendance)	6,400	+ 931
North Derbyshire	(24 hr attendance)	6,714	+ 114
Western	(24 hr attendance)	11,834	+ 125
South Wales	(morning shift)	380	+ 45
Kent	(morning shift)	160	+ 20

Coal Movements

190,000 tonnes were moved yesterday.

55 coal trains ran: the best since 5 June.

Law and Order

No change.

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There are signs of growing pressure on Scargill for a change of tactics. The idea of an organised return to work without a settlement was publicly canvassed by the South Wales NUM spokesman, and is reportedly also favoured by some of the Yorkshire executive.

Fire at Scottish pit

It is likely that the Coal Board will be forced to announce tonight the sealing of the main face at Seafield colliery - which is linked to the Frances colliery already closed by fire. Two minor faces at Seafield are as yet unaffected.

Line to Take

For as long as Mr Scargill remains intransigent this strike will go on - to the detriment of miners, their families, and all who depend on the industry. It is time for the NUM leadership collectively to face reality and accept the best offer made by the Coal Board since nationalisation.

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