

KINNOCK SUPPORTS NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT  
LABOUR LEADER NEIL KINNOCK TODAY SUPPORTED A NEGOTIATED  
SETTLEMENT AS THE WAY TO END THE MINERS' STRIKE.

HE SAID THAT THAT WAS THE ONLY BASIS BY WHICH A SETTLEMENT COULD  
BE MADE TO STICK.

SPEAKING ON BBC RADIO TWO'S JIMMY YOUNG PROGRAMME, HE SAID THAT  
TO GO BACK TO WORK WITHOUT A SETTLEMENT IN THE HOPE OF CONTINUING THE  
FIGHT ON A PIT BY PIT BASIS HAS BEEN TRIED BEFORE.

ASKED WHETHER A DRIFT BACK TO WORK WOULD NOT END THE NUM  
EXECUTIVE'S NEGOTIATING POSITION, HE SAID: "NEGOTIATION NEED NOT  
MEAN THAT THE STRIKE GOES ON FOR ANY LENGTH OF TIME.

"I FEEL THAT NEGOTIATION MEANS SETTLEMENT AND HAS MEANT THAT FOR  
THE PAST MONTH OR SIX WEEKS."

HE ADDED: "WHEN NEGOTIATIONS START, THE PROSPECT OF A SETTLEMENT  
AND RETURN TO WORK IS LITERALLY DAYS AWAY."

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PRESS ASSOCIATION NEWS AT 1 P.M.

...OFFICIALS OF THE PIT DEPUTIES' UNION NACODS ATTENDED CRUCIAL  
MEETING OF THE NUM EXECUTIVE IN SHEFFIELD TO DISCUSS WAYS OF FINDING  
A NEGOTIATED END TO THE PITS STRIKE.

...BACKING FOR A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT TO THE 11-MONTH-OLD  
DISPUTE CAME ALSO FROM LABOUR LEADER NEIL KINNOCK WHO SAID IT WAS THE  
ONLY BASIS UPON WHICH AN AGREEMENT WOULD STICK.

...MEANWHILE, ANOTHER 193 MINERS ABANDONED THE STRIKE, ACCORDING  
TO NATIONAL COAL BOARD FIGURES, WITH THE LARGEST RETURN IN YORKSHIRE,  
SCOTLAND AND THE NORTH EAST.

...STEELMAKING AT THE GIANT RAVENSCRAIG COMPLEX AT MOTHERWELL,  
NEAR GLASGOW, WAS AT A STANDSTILL AFTER A WALKOUT BY 300 PRODUCTION  
WORKERS WHO WANT MORE MONEY FOR OPERATING NEW EQUIPMENT.

...TWO KASHMIRIS WERE JAILED FOR LIFE AT BIRMINGHAM FOR THE  
KIDNAP AND MURDER LAST FEBRUARY OF INDIAN DIPLOMAT RAVINDRA MHATRE.  
THREE OTHERS WERE JAILED IN CONNECTION WITH THE KIDNAPPING.

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PRESS ASSOCIATION NEWS AT 2PM

... NUM AND PIT DEPUTIES' UNION NACODS HAVE JOINTLY CALLED FOR THE NATIONAL COAL BOARD TO 'IMMEDIATELY RESUME FULL NEGOTIATIONS WITHOUT PRE-CONDITIONS AND SETTLE THE STRIKE.'

... BACKING FOR A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT TO THE 11-MONTH-OLD DISPUTE HAS COME FROM LABOUR LEADER NEIL KINNOCK WHO SAID IT WAS THE ONLY BASIS UPON WHICH AN AGREEMENT WOULD STICK.

... MEANWHILE, ANOTHER 193 MINERS ABANDONED THE STRIKE, ACCORDING TO THE NATIONAL COAL BOARD FIGURES, WITH THE LARGEST RETURNS IN YORKSHIRE, SCOTLAND AND THE NORTH EAST.

... POLISH SECURITY POLICE CAPTAIN GRZEGORZ PIOTROWSKI WAS SENTENCED TO 25 YEARS' IMPRISONMENT FOR LEADING KIDNAP AND MURDER OF PRO-SOLIDARITY PRIESTE JERZY POPIELUSZKO.

... DESIGN SHORTCOMINGS WERE ONE OF THE MAIN CAUSES OF THE ABBEYSTAD WATER PLANT DISASTER IN LANCASHIRE IN WHICH 16 PEOPLE DIED AND 30 WERE INJURED, SAID THE HEALTH AND SAFETY EXECUTIVE.

... TWO KASHMIRIS WERE JAILED FOR LIFE AT BIRMINGHAM FOR THE KIDNAP AND MURDER LAST FEBRUARY OF INDIAN DIPLOMAT RAVINDRA MHATRE. THREE OTHERS WERE JAILED IN CONNECTION WITH THE KIDNAPPING..

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NEWS AT ONE

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NEWSREADER:

Well, we've just heard that Mr Scargill, the miners' leader, is holding a news conference now, and we'll go back to Sheffield straight away.

ARTHUR SCARGILL:

It is agreed that there should be immediate

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negotiations to resolve this long and damaging dispute in the mining industry. To this end it is agreed: the conditions being demanded of the NUM by the National Coal Board would effectively negate the agreement reached between NACODS and the National Coal Board in October 1984. The fact that the NUM accepted, last October, the provisions under a modified colliery review procedure of an independent review body should in itself provide the basis for a negotiated solution to the current dispute. The two unions call upon the Board to immediately resume full negotiations without preconditions, and settle the strike. That was unanimously agreed between the two Executives, and I think that the atmosphere in the meetings can be described as one of excellent relationships, complete understanding of the difficulties and the problems that could be posed for both or either, as a result of the totally unreasonable attitude of both the Coal Board and the Government's present attitude. And

it's against this background that both organisations hope that there will be a very serious and immediate rethink of their position.

Mr Sampoy.

KEN BAMPEY (NACODS):

I would express very strongly the word 'immediate', an immediate response to the statement that Mr Scargill has just made. And let me say this, that because of the intransigent attitude of the National Coal Board in demanding from the National Union of Mineworkers a written undertaking on a certain issue, we say that this completely undermines the agreement that we made with, with the Board in October 1984. And that is why we have pressurised the National Coal Board for an immediate meeting with the National Union of Mineworkers, because part of that agreement in the review procedure involves the National Union of Mineworkers. They're involved with us in that agreement. And they've accepted this morning, as it says here in this statement, the, the independent review body inside a

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modified colliery review procedure. So that is why we've come along this morning to talk to the NUM to get their assurance that they're prepared to accept this particular situation.

NEWSREADER:

So, the two unions there, hand in hand, in a new approach to the Coal Board.

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