

## SECRET AND PERSONAL

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## Daily Coal Report - Tuesday 19 February 1985

	<u>Number</u>
(i) Working normally	54
(ii) Turning some coal	26
(iii) Some men present	76
(iv) On strike/picketed out	18

By this afternoon, 376 new faces had reported today, one more than last Tuesday. This was a creditable figure, given this morning's highly publicised meeting in Downing Street. 15% of NUM members in Yorkshire are now not on strike. Only 8 pits now have no one present.

Today's area attendances were as follows:-

			<u>Change on</u> <u>last Tuesday</u>
Scotland	(24 hr attendance)	5,091	+ 270
North East	(24 hr attendance)	8,308	+ 366
Yorkshire	(24 hr attendance)	7,420	+ 507
North Derbyshire	(24 hr attendance)	6,538	- 93
Western	(24 hr attendance)	11,693	+ 613
South Wales	(morning shift)	478	+ 77
Kent	(morning shift)	179	+ 4

Coal Movements

165,000 tonnes were moved yesterday.

37 coal trains ran.

Law and Order

Generally quiet.

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The Prime Minister's Meeting with the TUC

Direct talks between TUC leaders and senior ministers lasted for an hour at No 10 this morning. Both sides afterwards made it clear that they welcomed the talks as a genuine attempt to assist in promoting a negotiated settlement. The statements by Mr Walker and Mr Willis given to the press after the meeting are attached.

Informal contacts were continuing at the time of writing.

Threat to Seafield Colliery in Scotland

The NUM has withdrawn its agreement to NACODS providing safety cover at Seafield Colliery in Fife, because it claims that carbon monoxide levels had reduced. The four deputies crossing picket lines are having to work double shifts to ensure safety at the pit where 203 working miners are repairing a leaking fire seal. The NCB have said that a minimum of 14 deputies are required to carry out inspections, and that by picketing out deputies the NUM is further jeopardising the future of the colliery.

Line to Take

See Mr Walker's statement, attached.

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