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Daily Coal Report - Wednesday 20 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

The continuing negotiations at the TUC had a predictable affect on today's return to work. By 7.00 pm 172 new faces had reported, bringing the total so far this week to 1,615 and the total for 1985 to 18,474.

Area attendances were as follows:-

		<u>Change on</u> <u>last Wednesday</u>
Scotland	(24 hr attendance) 5,110	+ 228
North East	(24 hr attendance) 8,589	+ 447
Yorkshire	(24 hr attendance) 7,372	+ 421
North Derbyshire	(24 hr attendance) 6,917	+ 108
Western	(24 hr attendance) 11,951	+ 83
South Wales	(morning shift) 485	+ 83
Kent	(morning shift) 173	+ 7

Coal Movements

200,000 tonnes were moved yesterday - the best figure for a Tuesday since the dispute began.

52 coal trains ran.

Law and Order

Very quiet.

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TUC

In the light of the TUC's comments at yesterday's meeting with the Prime Minister, and the subsequent meeting with the Secretary of State for Energy, the Coal Board today met the TUC Liaison Committee to offer further clarification of the document tabled last week. The Board emphasised to the TUC that the document, as clarified, represented their final position: thus the fate of the TUC initiative stands or falls by the reaction which the TUC get from their dialogue tonight with the NUM National Executive and any subsequent reaction from tomorrow's delegate conference.

North East Working Miners

The solicitor acting for the National Working Miners' Committee said today that working miners in the North East may become the latest group to take the NUM to court over its disciplinary procedures.

Fife Pit

Striking NUM members today lifted a ban on NACODS members entering the Frances colliery in Fife. The NCB management had warned that any chance of redeveloping the pit following the recent fire would be lost unless management was allowed in to carry out vital inspections.

Line to Take

For the moment, continue to draw on Mr Walker's statement of yesterday.
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