

SECRET AND PERSONAL

Daily Coal Report - Wednesday 27 February 1985

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	<u>Number</u>
(i) Working normally	54
(ii) Turning some coal	26
(iii) Some men present	78
(iv) On strike/picketed out	16

By 6.00 pm 1,342 new faces had reported, bringing the total for the week so far to 6,663. Over 93,000 NUM members - 50.25 per cent - are now not on strike.

As yesterday, the best return - 540 - was in Yorkshire. Some 250 returned in the North East, 100 in Scotland and 120 in South Wales. Also in the North East there was a full return to work at the Derwent Haugh coke works.

Area attendances were as follows:-

			<u>Change on</u>	
			<u>last Wednesday</u>	
Scotland	(24 hr attendance)	5,687	+	577
North East	(24 hr attendance)	10,695	+	2,106
Yorkshire	(24 hr attendance)	9,989	+	2,617
North Derbyshire	(24 hr attendance)	7,242	+	235
Western	(24 hr attendance)	12,324	+	283
South Wales	(morning shift)	1,374	+	889
Kent	(morning shift)	219	+	46

Coal Movements

191,000 tonnes were moved on Monday, and 200,000 tonnes yesterday.

54 coal trains ran yesterday.

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Law and Order

Generally quiet.

NUM

The NUM national executive meet tomorrow - Scargill now has his back to the wall.

The TUC general council today reaffirmed Congress policy to support the miners and to give financial help to alleviate hardship in mining communities - but Willis again confirmed that they had no plans for any new peace initiative.

Labour's national executive committee today urged the whole party to step up support for the NUM.

North East Ports

Four ships today left North East ports carrying coal for Thameside power stations. The lifting of the seamen's blockade follows the granting of last week's High Court injunction preventing the NUS from instructing members not to sail.

Line to Take

A majority of NUM members have now returned to work. The end is now in sight to this senseless dispute which has caused such damage to the coal industry and mining communities. The urgent task is now to get the whole industry working normally and for mining communities to learn to live and work with each other again.

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