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Daily Coal Report - Thursday 28 February 1985

	<u>Number</u>
(i) Working normally	54
(ii) Turning some coal	26
(iii) Some men present	80
(iv) On strike/picketed out	14

Oakdale and Blaenant (South Wales) have moved from category (iv) to (iii).

By 7.30 pm 1,114 new faces had reported - an excellent total considering the uncertainty which today's meeting of the NUM national executive will have created for some miners. More than 95,000 NUM members have now returned: 51 per cent of total membership. Excluding the figures for Yorkshire and South Wales 74.2 per cent of NUM members are now not on strike.

Area attendances were as follows:-

			<u>Change on</u> <u>last Thursday</u>
Scotland	(24 hr attendance)	5,774	+ 641
North East	(24 hr attendance)	10,879	+ 2,161
Yorkshire	(24 hr attendance)	10,647	+ 3,102
North Derbyshire	(24 hr attendance)	7,265	+ 334
Western	(24 hr attendance)	12,337	+ 13
South Wales	(morning shift)	1,471	+ 980
Kent	(morning shift)	230	+ 59

Coal Movements

Fog affected road movements of coal yesterday: 190,000 tonnes were moved.

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60 coal trains ran - a new record.

Law and Order

Generally quiet.

NUM

The NUM national executive met for seven hours today before deciding to hold a delegate conference on Sunday to decide the union's next move.

Earlier in the day the committee had approached the Coal Board, first through NACODS and then directly, about the possibility of using the NACODS agreement "as a basis" for new negotiations. They were, it seems, unwilling to accept the Coal Board's final offer as previously conveyed to them by the TUC. Scargill later said "We shall at no time sign an agreement acquiescing to the closure of pits and the destruction of jobs".

Notts Miners' Overtime

Although NUM members in Nottinghamshire have lifted the overtime ban NACODS indicated today they would refuse to co-operate pending a decision by their national executive committee who are due to meet next week.

Line to Take

Please draw on press statement issued tonight by the Secretary of State for Energy.

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