

Pine Minister ①

SECRET AND PERSONAL

Daily Coal Report - Friday 1 March 1985

	<u>Number</u>
(i) Working normally	54
(ii) Turning some coal	26
(iii) Some men present	81
(iv) On strike/picketed out	13

Hickleton (Yorkshire) has moved from category (iv) to (iii).

By 6.30 pm 1,656 new faces had reported - a record return for a Friday and proof positive that the strike is crumbling. Over 1,000 of these were in Yorkshire.

The total figure for the week is 9,455. In all, over 96,000 are now not on strike, ie 52% of total NUM membership.

Area attendances were as follows:-

			<u>Change on</u> <u>last Friday</u>
Scotland	(24 hr attendance)	5,882	+ 683
North East	(24 hr attendance)	10,762	+ 2,252
Yorkshire	(24 hr attendance)	11,581	+ 3,931
North Derbyshire	(24 hr attendance)	7,182	+ 388
Western	(24 hr attendance)	12,485	+ 374
South Wales	(morning shift)	1,561	+ 1,052
Kent	(morning shift)	212	+ 56

Coal Movements

195,000 tonnes were moved yesterday.

57 coal trains ran.

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Law and Order

Still generally quiet

NUM

Given the influence of Scargill and his fellow extremists it would be foolish to predict the outcome of Sunday's NUM delegate conference - though the decision of South Wales, Durham and Lancashire NUM leaders to recommend a national return to work without an agreement is of obvious significance. Predictably Yorkshire leaders have called for the strike to continue.

Line to Take

It is in the interests of every miner, his family and community that the industry should return to normal working. The final offer made by the Coal Board and conveyed to the NUM by the TUC should be accepted without delay.

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