

RED LIES ABOUT ME BY ANGRY SCARGILL

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He 'didn't speak to them'

'Four million unemployed are the reserve of our pickets ... even ten thousand police would be powerless against such an army'

—What Moscow's Trud paper alleges Mr Scargill said

ARTHUR SCARGILL was last night at the centre of an amazing storm after a Russian newspaper published a "class war" interview with him — which he claimed never took place.

The Soviet trade union mouthpiece Trud said the militant miners' president described the British pit strike as "a battle against suppression and exploitation by the ruling class."

But after a furious wave of protest led by Tory MPs, a miners' union spokesman declared: "The reports concerning an alleged interview with Mr Scargill are completely untrue."

Extracts

"Although the journal informed Mr Scargill that it would be reproducing extracts from an article written by him for a British paper, the alleged interview never took place.

"Mr Scargill has not at any point talked to this journal nor has he made the statements carried in its pages."

Mr Scargill, an outspoken critic of the way the **BRITISH** press treats him, was quoted by Trud, as urging the whole working class to support the pitmen.

Support

He is supposed to have said: "Workers know that the businessmen, stockbrokers and Press barons easily spend more on a bottle of wine than a pensioner gets to live off in a week.

"This is the barrel of social evil which has been burst open by the miners' anger.

"Four million unemployed are the reserve



Scargill ... denies Red article

By TONY SNOW

of our pickets and the Tory Government realises that even ten thousand policemen confronting them would be powerless against such an army."

Coal Board chief Ian MacGregor ought to "think twice" about using anti-picket laws, Mr Scargill is alleged to have threatened.

The "interview" was reported in Britain by the Reuters international news agency at 7.35am yesterday.

Mr Scargill issued his statement at 10pm.

He had spent all day in London's High Court fighting a legal battle with the Coal Board over the pit workers' pension fund.

STRIKE

FOUR night shift miners protesting about flying pickets staged a sit-in yesterday ... 800ft underground at Ollerton colliery near Mansfield, Notts.

SPOT

STRIKE

MEMBERS of the Flying Pickets pop group handed out beer and butties to NUM flying pickets outside Drax power station near Selby, Yorks.