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Continued from page One. steel union chief Bill Sirs in opposing the plan and called on the two unions to do a deal on limited steel production.

He told the steelworkers conference in Scarborough: "Otherwise it will be suicide for some pits and some steel plants."

THE FEUD between Kinnock and Mr Scargill is revealed in the forthcoming biography of the Welsh leader.

Author Robert Harris said last night Mr Kinnock spelled out his dislike of Mr Scargill in a long interview during a train journey to Blackpool last September.

Mr Kinnock said of the miners' chief: "He's the Labour movement's nearest equivalent to a first World War general."

Mr Harris said: "The rift between the two men is based on their deep-seated political animosity.

"Neil Kinnock is soft Left, while Arthur Scargill is hard Left — and the hard Left hates nobody so much as it hates the soft Left."

Mr Harris recalled that Mr Kinnock accused Scargill three years ago of "strutting demagogy" and "bullying" for denouncing Tony Benn's critics as traitors to socialism.

Last night Mr Kinnock's office confirmed the attacks but said he blamed the Government, not Scargill, for the coal industry's current plight.

'He's destroying the coal industry single-handed'

BY CHRIS POTTER

A BITTER personal feud between Labour leader Neil Kinnock and Arthur Scargill was revealed last night.

Mr Kinnock, it is claimed, branded the miners' leader a bullying mischief-maker and has accused him of "destroying the coal industry single handed."

The NUM chief was leading his men to slaughter like a First World War general, stormed Mr Kinnock.

Mr Kinnock's amazing onslaught was disclosed as deputy Labour leader Roy Hattersley accused Mr Scargill yesterday of a "suicide" mission.

He claimed that would be the effect of Mr Scargill's call for a total coal blockade of Britain's steel plants.

Mr Hattersley backed