

Scargill 'the tyrant

who hates democracy'

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PREMIER Margaret Thatcher and Home Secretary Leon Brittan combined last night to launch the strongest attack yet on pit strike leader Arthur Scargill.

And both drew parallels in hard-hitting speeches between the violence on miners' picket lines and the carnage caused by terrorists.

Mr Brittan waded in at an election meeting in London's Southgate, whose



Maggie . . . "hard left
conspire to break law"

MP Sir Anthony Berry died in the IRA bombing of the Tory Conference.

He said crime and violence were threatening society in other ways, and went on:

In the miners' dispute, concerted criminal violence has been used on an unprecedented scale. The aims have been as much political as industrial.

Clarify

As each day passes, Mr Scargill's behaviour plumbs new depths.

He single-mindedly refuses to restrain his followers from violence against the police, working miners and their families, and he con-

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sistently refuses to condemn it.

This shameful silence is more than just inertia. It goes beyond a craven washing of the hands.

For it shows all the world with crystal clarity where the moral responsibility for the violence lies.

The Home Secretary predicted the NUM President would not succeed because he had been "rumbled" by his own members.

He said: "Mr Scargill does not JUST hate our free and democratic system, and seek to do everything he can to discredit and damage it.

"He also feels equal hatred and contempt for those miners whose ser-



Strike leader Scargill . . . "a tyrant"

vant he is meant to be—but whose tyrant he has become."

Meanwhile, Mrs Thatcher spoke of the new dangers facing democracy from "professional minority campaigners."

Break

Delivering a lecture at the Carlton Club in London, she said:

"We must never give in to the oldest and least democratic trick of all—coercion of many by the ruthless, manipulating few.

There has come into existence a fashionable view that there is no need to accept the verdict of the majority, that the minority should

be quite free to bully, even coerce, to get the verdict reversed.

At one end of the spectrum are the terrorist gangs within our borders, and the terrorist states which finance and arm them.

At the other are the hard left operating inside our system, conspiring to use union power and the apparatus of local government to break, defy and subvert the laws.

Mrs Thatcher dismissed the Labour Party as a moderating influence.

She demanded: "Who is there to speak for the majority? Labour cannot—it is itself the victim of a takeover by a ruthless minority."