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Daily Coal Report - Tuesday 8 January 1985

	<u>Number</u>
(i) Working normally	47
(ii) Turning some coal	25
(iii) Some men present	67
(iv) On strike/picketed out	35

Kellingley (Yorkshire) has moved into category (ii).

Yesterday's final total of new faces was 1,250. Today's currently stands at 460. Of these 120 were in the North East, 107 in Scotland (where today's attendance set a new record), 93 in Derbyshire and 77 in Yorkshire.

			<u>Change on yesterday</u>
Scotland	(24 hr attendance)	2,796	+ 120
North East	(24 hr attendance)	3,664	+ 82
Yorkshire	(24 hr attendance)	3,406	+ 140
North Derbyshire	(24 hr attendance)	5,494	+ 405
Western	(24 hr attendance)	10,876	+ *
South Wales	(morning shift)	145	+ 4
Kent	(morning shift)	118	+ 118

* Comparable figure for yesterday not available.

Coal Movements

153,000 tonnes were moved yesterday.

28 coal trains ran.

Law and Order

Little change. No serious disorder reported today.

NUM

The NUM National Executive meets in Sheffield on Thursday. There are media reports of increasing divisions between the various factions. One report (unsubstantiated) suggests that the Lancashire area has instructed its delegate (Vincent) to call for new negotiations with the Board.

Line to Take

More miners are deserting the strike. More coal is being produced and another major pit is turning coal in Yorkshire. Strikers who return to work now can earn substantial sums and in most cases won't need to pay tax on earnings before April. In one month alone they could earn as much as £1,000 and qualify for holiday pay. This emphasises that the deal on offer to miners is a good one. It will pay miners to listen to the Coal Board and not to the militants and wreckers who are trying to destroy the industry for political ends.

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