

Prime Minister (2)
 AT 10/11

Daily Coal Report - Thursday 10 January 1985

	<u>Number</u>
(i) Working normally	47
(ii) Turning some coal	24
(iii) Some men present	71
(iv) On strike/picketed out	32

Grimethorpe (Yorkshire) and Six Bells (South Wales) have moved from category (iv) to (iii). Herrington has been demoted to category (iii) because mechanical problems have stopped coal production.

195 new faces reported back today. These included the first (10) men to report back to the Six Bells pit in South Wales. The total for the week so far is 2,223. Area attendances were as follows:-

			<u>Change on yesterday</u>
Scotland	(24 hr attendance)	2,907	+ 53
North East	(24 hr attendance)	3,781	+ 23
Yorkshire	(24 hr attendance)	3,559	+ 34
North Derbyshire	(24 hr attendance)	5,760	+ 185
Western	(24 hr attendance)	11,198	+ 35
South Wales	(morning shift)	163	+ 12
Kent	(morning shift)	123	+ 4

Coal Movements

191,000 tonnes were moved yesterday - an excellent total considering the adverse weather conditions.

35 coal trains ran.

Law and Order

No major troubles though in one or two areas pickets have turned their attention to power stations as well as pit heads.

Some moderate NUM National Executive members were punched and jostled by a mob of 200 jeering miners after they left today's meeting in Sheffield.

NUM National Executive

At this stage we have no intelligence on the proceedings beyond what has already been well reported by the media.

Scargill said afterwards that the full national executive committee was willing to go into negotiations with the Coal Board in an attempt to settle the dispute - though he gave no indication of any shift in NUM demands. The committee also reportedly decided to exclude the Nottinghamshire area from the national body unless it reconsiders decisions on recent rule changes. The issue is to be put to a special delegate conference to be held at the end of this month.

Rail Unions

The unions have announced that they intend to call out eleven Midlands depots on 17 January.

Line to Take

The sole cause of this needless dispute has been Mr Scargill's continued intransigence over a period of months, in the face of the best offer to miners from the Coal Board since nationalisation.

SECRET AND PERSONAL

If Mr Scargill seriously wishes to resume negotiations with the Board the over-riding need is that he should put this intransigence behind him and show convincingly that he has something constructive to offer which recognises the realities which the industry faces.

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