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Daily Coal Report - Friday 11 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

113 men reported back today bringing the week's total to 2,339.

There were no particularly notable features today. Area attendances were as follows:

			<u>Change on yesterday</u>
Scotland	(24 hr attendance)	2,920	+ 13
North East	(24 hr attendance)	3,790	+ 9
Yorkshire	(24 hr attendance)	3,591	+ 32
North Derbyshire	(24 hr attendance)	5,610	- 150
Western	(24 hr attendance)	11,290	+ 92
South Wales	(morning shift)	166	+ 3
Kent	(morning shift)	120	- 3

Coal Movements

Another excellent day: 194,000 tonnes were moved.

48 coal trains ran - the highest number since 2 October

Law and Order

Isolated reports of trouble in Yorkshire and the North East but no major violence.

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NUM

Nottinghamshire miners' leaders will decide tomorrow how to respond to the National Executive's threat to expel them from the union. They will also reportedly discuss the possibility of seeking consent from the Coal Board to act as the sole negotiation body on wages and conditions in the Nottingham area.

Meanwhile, Scargill has urged Nottinghamshire miners to stay in the NUM claiming that the real intention of the Nottingham executive is to establish a "management union". He has asked individual members to "declare their faith in writing".

Meanwhile the national executive's embarrassment has continued, over the Ashington (Northumberland) branch decision to return to work unless negotiations resumed by 21 January. The Northumberland area president claimed at a press conference that there had been a "clerical error" in the Ashington letter. This seemed a fairly desperate attempt to paper over the cracks.

NACODS

NACODS had further discussions with the Coal Board today on the Board's 5.2 per cent pay offer for the current year (already accepted by the management union BACM). The Secretary of State will report on the detailed outcome to Monday's MISC 101 meeting. NACODS propose to hold a special delegate conference on Wednesday, followed by a national ballot.

High Court

Working miners who are seeking to have the NUM leaders replaced as trustees of the union's national funds today agreed to delay the trial of their High Court action until after elections from

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the national executive committee.

The Judge also adjourned, until after proceedings in the Dublin High Court scheduled for next week, further moves relating to seizure of the union's assets in Ireland.

The High Court today refused to grant a temporary injunction against the South Wales NUM pending a full hearing of an application by working miners for a ban on mass picketing.

Line to Take

As before. 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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