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NOTE FOR THE RECORD

Coalmining Dispute

There appears to have been a further deterioration in the position this morning. 37 pits are working normally, 9 are working on a restricted basis, 3 are working but not producing and 127 are idle, either through strike action or being picketed out.

The Executive of the Notts NUM is meeting this morning to consider "mounting criticism of their failure to advise miners not to cross picket lines". There is increasing evidence of local pickets at the Notts pits. Outside pickets seem to be concentrating on pits in the other "yes" areas. The aim seems to be to intensify the pressure on those men still working without resorting to crude and heavy picketing. There is a report of an injury to a picket at a South Notts pit but there are no further details.

There are no signs of an early meeting of the NUM National Executive.

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