



10 DOWNING STREET

Prime Minister

I expect Mr Tebbit will report that Messrs Haslam, Reid and MacGregor are to meet tomorrow afternoon to coordinate positions on injunctions. I suspect Mr Walker will oppose any injunctions and will suggest that the three chairmen should meet with you and the sponsor ministers. Mr Tebbit feels it would be wrong to hold a Ministers / Chairmen meeting and that although deliveries of iron ore have been stopped without violence, this represents a difference in kind. Mr Walker argues that one cannot justify no action in response to Orgreave but injunctions against peaceful picketing.

You will need to consider:

- (i) the impact of injunctions in possibly uniting dissenting unions but
- (ii) your previous insistence that recourse to injunctions was far to be management is the last resort to decide.

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COAL DISPUTE

BSC

Movement of coal and coke by lorry into Ravenscraig and Llanwern continuing without problems, with only light picketing. Movements of ore continue by train into Ravenscraig. At Llanwern three out of five ore trains ran yesterday. So far today one has got through and two have been either cancelled or stopped. BR are not optimistic and we could end up today with only one out of five. The oil train ran neither yesterday nor today. [BSC believe that they should issue an injunction some time this week although stocks of ore at Llanwern are sufficient for four weeks and stocks of oil for more than four weeks. This would be against the NUM in the first instance, probably to be followed up by injunctions against NUR/ASLEF.]

Not for use:  
To be discussed  
at MISC 101  
tomorrow.

Coal to Power Stations

In the Nottinghamshire area 23 trains ran yesterday compared with 43 last Monday and around 23 are expected today compared with 47 last Tuesday. Coalville is completely shut down and at Shirebrook around 30-40% of the roll crew have been sent home.

NUR Conference

This authorised payments to staff sent home. It also authorised the recreation of a provident fund. This is believed to be an attempt to create a haven which is free from sequestration. Mr Knapp has promised an end to coal movement by Friday.

TUC South-East Day of Action

Mainline stations in London expect less than 50% of normal trains, with Waterloo possibly totally closed. The tube and buses may suffer limited disruption. An NUM picket





will be at Marylebone to protest about <sup>its</sup> ~~this~~ closure.  
The meeting of MISC 101 has been brought forward to  
1030 in the morning to discuss possible injunctions by  
BSC.

### Pits

The number of pits working and attendance are more  
or less the same as yesterday. NCB estimate that after  
making allowance for the effect of pits on holiday,  
attendance is about 1,000 higher than a week ago.

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(Andrew Turnbull)





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BRIEFING FOR THE PRIME MINISTER: 25 JUNE 1984

COAL INDUSTRY DISPUTE

40(4) pits are working normally this morning; 7(2) are turning some coal; 4(1) have some men working and 117 are idle; the figures in brackets refer to 7 pits which are on holiday this week and would normally appear in these categories.

In Scotland, Bilston Glen has 38 men working - 5 more than last week - plus a team providing safety cover. The NUM agreed to restore safety cover on Friday, and the pit will produce some coal today. There are over 200 pickets at the pit, but few are from Bilston Glen; most are from Yorkshire and other Scottish pits.

The slow return to work in N Derby continues: Bolsover has 233 men this morning and Shirebrook 76, both best attendances so far, despite 150 and 800 pickets respectively. Markham has 9 men (5 last week) and Warsop 17 (12 last week); Renishaw Park has 3 men plus some industrial staff and is the pit to have left the idle category today. All 3 pits are heavily picketed.

Attendances in Nottinghamshire continue to improve and Coventry has its best attendance in the dispute so far.

10 men have been occupying the control room at Tilmanstone (Kent) since Saturday. There are also 150 pickets outside. Management are meeting branch officials today and the NCB are understood to be going to court today to seek a possession order as they did in the case of Betteshanger colliery last week.