

Daily Coal Report - Thursday 4 October 1984

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	<u>Number</u>	<u>plus on holiday</u>
(i) Working normally	45	-
(ii) Turning some coal	9	-
(iii) Some men present	23	-
(iv) On strike/picketed out	97	-

Rossington (Yorkshire) has been upgraded to category (iii).

- Good attendances in the main working areas.
- NACODS men are continuing to work normally.
- 317 reported in Scotland - up 2 from yesterday - including 187 again at Bilston Glen.
- A record 64 reported in Yorkshire.
- Elsewhere attendances are much as yesterday.

Coal Movements

A good day: 185,000 tonnes were moved yesterday, including 138,000 tonnes to the CEGB.

47 coal trains ran.

Law and Order

For the second successive day there was trouble at Woolley (Yorkshire). 2,000 pickets caused disturbances and threw stones and other missiles. 3 policemen were injured.

Police cars were stoned by several hundred Durham pickets outside Hartlepool nuclear power station. The pickets barricaded the entrance, ripped up fencing and set it on fire.

In court at Mansfield today 3 striking miners were remanded for a week on charges of making threats to kill working miner Mr Bob Taylor and his family.

Industrial Relations

The NACODS executive is to meet the Coal Board again tomorrow (Friday).

ACAS is to meet the NUM on Saturday to discuss NACODS proposals.

High Court Proceedings

The contempt proceedings against Scargill and other NUM officials has been adjourned until Wednesday next. Mr Justice Nichols said he hoped they would reflect on their decision not to appear in court. He said that the unchallenged evidence of Scargill's remarks revealed "a very grave state of affairs".

Line to Take

The number of miners returning to work continues to increase. This is further evidence that ordinary working miners want an end to this senseless strike as quickly as possible. The country applauds the efforts of those who are seeking to exercise their democratic rights for a return to work.

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