

## Daily Coal Report - Monday 8 October 1984

	<u>Number</u>	<u>plus on holiday</u>
(i) Working normally	45	-
(ii) Turning some coal	10	-
(iii) Some men present	22	-
(iv) On strike/picketed out	97	-

Wolstanton (Staffordshire) has moved from category (iii) to category (ii).

- good attendances in the main working areas.
- attendance in Scotland up 3 to 323 - including 187 at Bilston Glen.
- in the North East 19 men reported at the troubled Wearmouth pit (up 2 from Friday).
- 71 reported in Yorkshire (up 6 from Friday). There were also 115 contractors men working in this area.
- in North Derbyshire 213 reported at Bolsover, 176 at Shirebrook and 138 at Warsop.
- attendance in other areas was much the same as Friday.

Coal Movements

876,000 tonnes were moved last week, of which 637,000 tonnes went to the CEEB.

Law and Order

Picketing was generally light today, though at Longannet a policeman was injured when a brick was thrown through the window of his panda car.

Industrial Relations

As reported at MISC 101, save that the Board have this afternoon agreed to have further talks with the NUM on Thursday. ACAS will play a limited role in being present at the start of the meeting, though the negotiation will be directly between the Board and the union. The Board have made clear to ACAS that there can be no compromise on the question of who runs the industry - the management not the union.

Line to Take

Mr MacGregor has always said that he is willing to talk about arrangements which would enable the Coal Board to fulfil its duty to manage the industry effectively. If ACAS can help in finding a basis for doing that - and if the NUM are prepared to attend negotiations in a constructive spirit - that's fine. It would not be useful to say more now.

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