

# Scargill at head of the funeral

By Craig Seton

Mr Arthur Scargill led 8,000 miners throughout Britain at the funeral yesterday of Mr Joe Green, the second striking miner to die during the dispute, who was killed in an incident with a lorry on a picket line a week ago.

The long procession of miners marched through the centre of Pontefract, West Yorkshire, behind a brass band to join a smaller funeral procession of Mr Green's family, friends and colleagues from the Kellingley Colliery, near by.

The body of Mr Green, aged 55, who was unmarried and moved to Yorkshire from Scotland in the 1960s was first taken through Knottingley, where he lived, with a Scottish piper playing the lament *Flowers of the Forest*. In the background was the huge Ferrybridge power station where Mr Green was one of five pickets when he was killed last Friday as a lorry was going through the main entrance.

The service took place in the chapel of Pontefract Crematorium. The grounds outside were packed with thousands of miners who listened to the service being relayed by loudspeakers.

Among the wreaths was one from the family of David Jones, aged 24, who died while picketing at Ollerton Colliery, Nottinghamshire.

Outside the chapel, Mr Arthur Scargill, the president of the National Union of Mineworkers, said: "We owe it to the memory of Joe Green and David Jones to win the fight to keep pits open, jobs secure and our mining communities intact and make no mistake, we are going to win."

"With over 3,000 miners arrested and 1,000 hurt, some of them badly, and two killed, the price we are paying is a heavy one

● Five striking miners yesterday ended their 60-hour long protest sit-in at the top of winding gear at Whitwell colliery, North Derbyshire. They were immediately arrested.