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Writ scoop pass probe

A high-level investigation is under way at the Labour Party conference into how private detective Keith Lilley got into the Winter Gardens hall to serve a writ on Arthur Scargill. The suggestion is that Lilley got in on a press pass. The conference arrangements committee warned yesterday that if the culprit is traced, he is likely to be expelled along with the rest of his team. Lilley was accompanied by a *Daily Express* photographer, whose front-page photograph of Scargill being handed the writ was billed as "Another Express Picture Exclusive."

There will be no "enemy within" at next week's Tory conference. Labour MPs from Liverpool, North Wales and Merseyside have been approached by the *Liverpool Daily Post* with the offer of press accreditation in return for a conference sketch, but all have refused. I am told that some of the MPs fear for their reputations should they have to pass through ranks of striking miners to reach the conference hall.