

Daily Coal Report - Monday 12 November 1984

	<u>Number</u>	<u>plus on holiday</u>
(i) Working normally	45	-
(ii) Turning some coal	12	-
(iii) Some men present	44	-
(iv) On strike/picketed out	73	-

By early evening the Board were claiming that a further 1900 men had reported back today bringing the total number who have returned over the last 8 days to more than 4,000. (This compares to a previous drift back of some 6,000 over the previous 8 months).

There were record attendances in all areas today.

In Scotland the number reporting on the morning shift, compared to Friday, rose by 200 to 671.

In Yorkshire over 350 men returned this morning bringing the morning shift figure to 614 and striking at the NUM's most sensitive nerve. These numbers included 120 at Manton pit, 70 at Shireoaks, 52 at Denby Grange and 46 at Kellingley. In all men were present at 33 Yorkshire pits. Despite the violence in the surrounding area (see below) the number reporting at Cortonwood rose to 4.

In North Derby Markham colliery started turning coal again. Once again the most substantial increases in attendance took place at pits in this area.

In Wales the number of men reporting at Bersham (where the ballot took place last week) rose from Friday's 77 to 130. There were also 38 men at Cynheidre and men in at 5 other pits.

Coal Movements

A record 954,000 tonnes were moved last week of which 674,000 went to the CEGB.

172 coal trains ran.

Law and Order

The worst violence of the dispute occurred last night in South Yorkshire. By 3.30 am two police stations had been attacked and as the night went on there were incidents of looting, petrol bombing and attacks on NCB staff. 31 police officers were injured. There were more than 30 arrests. The police said later that the violence had been co-ordinated throughout the county. Scargill later blamed the police for the rioting, claiming that they had intimidated striking miners.

There were also disturbances outside pits in South Wales, with reports of cars overturned and arrests.

High Court

Scargill and NUM secretary Heathfield have been ordered by the High Court to pay personally a £5706 legal costs bill. This arises from the court action in July which led to a ruling that the NUM rule change introducing the so called "Star Chamber" disciplinary tribunal was illegal.

A Nottinghamshire miner and 15 other miners opposed to the strike have issued new High Court writs against the NUM. One writ seeks to make the NUM's National Executive personally liable for repaying national funds spent on the strike. Another asks the court to remove from office the trustees of the union's funds, and to appoint a receiver to hold the union's property.

SECRET AND PERSONAL

The Irish High Court has ruled that cash deposited by the NUM in the Irish Republic should remain frozen for a further month.

Line to Take

The surge back to work is accelerating. In just 8 days over 4,000 men have returned. They have much to gain: by reporting at collieries this week, miners have the opportunity to earn by Christmas up to £1,400 in weekly pay, holiday pay and allowances.

The NUM's national leadership bear a heavy moral responsibility for the appalling violence and destruction which took place in Yorkshire last night. Mining communities can register their disgust by returning to work as quickly as possible.

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