

# Kinnock to appear with Scargill

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Mr Neil Kinnock and Mr Arthur Scargill are to appear together at a Labour Party rally in support of the miners at Stoke on Trent on November 30. The Labour leader's office said yesterday that the rally would be staged "to put the case for coal and mining jobs and communities".

But the meeting will also be seen as a test of the delicate political relationship between the two men and Mr Kinnock will be under enormous pressure to restate his views on picket line violence.

It is also possible that he will have been persuaded to give public support to Mr Roy Hattersley's view that the NUM leadership should actively and formally consult its membership on the continuation of the strike.

● Mr Kinnock told miners in his Islwyn constituency last night that he would be prepared to go with them on a picket line — when he could find the time (Tim Jones writes).

But Mr Kinnock, told strike leaders from four pits that he could not agree to their request immediately because of prior engagements.

Mr Kinnock also said he was prepared to meet the executive of the South Wales NUM who criticized him for failing to attend their rallies. He added that if he was a miner he would still be on strike to defend jobs and communities.