

File 67A

Daily Coal Report - Thursday 17 January 1985

	<u>Number</u>
(i) Working normally	47
(ii) Turning some coal	25
(iii) Some men present	75
(iv) On strike/picketed out	27

Ireland (North Derby) has started producing coal and has moved into category (ii). Abertilly (South Wales) has moved from category (iv) to (iii).

By this afternoon's shift, 255 new faces had reported bringing the total for the week to 2,587.

Area attendances were as follows:-

			<u>Change on</u> <u>yesterday</u>
Scotland	(24 hr attendance)	3,377	+ 17
North East	(24 hr attendance)	4,684	+ 17
Yorkshire	(24 hr attendance)	4,149	+ 68
North Derbyshire	(24 hr attendance)	6,128	+ 44
Western	(24 hr attendance)	11,442	+ 23
South Wales	(morning shift)	260	+ 26
Kent	(morning shift)	135	+ 11*

* Change on Monday

Coal Movements

178,000 tonnes were moved yesterday. Movements today have been affected by the rail strike and the weather - though the Coal Board hope they will be able to make up some of the lost movements over the next few days.

34 coal trains ran yesterday, including 28 to power stations.

Law and Order

Generally quiet.

NUM

Scargill has today been talking of his hopes of winning support from Yorkshire power station workers. However, the CEGB have reported that, so far at any rate, there is little to substantiate his claim. Difficulty in getting further oil and coal into Yorkshire power stations would not by itself jeopardise power station endurance.

More than 300 delegates from 31 pit branches in Nottinghamshire met today for a briefing on recent events. An area executive meeting tomorrow is reportedly to draw up contingency plans for a breakaway union in advance of the area's likely expulsion from the NUM.

High Court

Mr Justice Nichols today adjourned until Tuesday an application by working Yorkshire miners to ban mass picketing organised by the NUM. On Tuesday the judge will hear a similar application by a number of South Wales miners.

Line to Take

As yesterday.

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