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## Daily Coal Report - Monday 3 December 1984

	<u>Number</u>
(i) Working normally	46
(ii) Turning some coal	18
(iii) Some men present	74
(iv) On strike/picketed out	36

253 new faces reported today (compared to 975 last Monday, and 2,282 the previous Monday). The total who have returned since 5 November now stands at 15,568. A detailed breakdown of attendances will be given later in the week.

Coal Movements

The NCB have confirmed that they moved 956,000 tonnes last week, of which 671,000 went to the CEGB.

179 coal trains ran last week, including 38 on Friday.

Law and Order

A typical Monday with skirmishing in a number of areas. In one serious incident in North Derbyshire a 3-foot long metal spike was dropped from a bridge on to a Coal Board van used to carry explosives. The driver and his colleague escaped unhurt.

NUM Special Delegate Conference

Today's special delegate conference, called in the wake of the Appeal Court's refusal to lift its receivership order, decided not to purge the union's contempt of court. According to press reports the NUM have now asked the TUC to call an emergency

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meeting of the General Council "to mobilise industrial action".  
(The current signs are that the TUC remains deeply divided: there is no sign of the new "initiative" to seek a re-opening of negotiations that was being spoken of last week).

Receiver

The Receiver was rebuffed this morning when he attempted to withdraw £4.38 million of NUM money deposited in a Luxembourg bank. There are reports that he may have to apply to the Luxembourg courts to get the funds released.

Line to Take

Today's shocking incident - in which a metal spike was dropped on to a Coal Board van - shows the terrible depths to which the militants have sunk. Over the last three weeks more than 15,000 miners have returned from strike to join their colleagues at work. Thousands more would have also returned had they been able to exercise their democratic choice, free of violence and intimidation. It is time for the TUC to stand up for democracy, condemn violence, and call for the NUM to hold a national ballot without further delay.

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