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Daily Coal Report - Friday 7 December 1984

	<u>Number</u>
(i) Working normally	47
(ii) Turning some coal	17
(iii) Some men present	75
(iv) On strike/picketed out	35

Yesterday's final total of new faces was 69. This morning 39 new faces reported, bringing to 15,951 the total who have returned since 5 November.

			<u>Change on</u>	
			<u>Yesterday</u>	<u>Last Friday</u>
Scotland	(24 hr attendance)	2,310	+ 42	+ 87
North East	(24 hr attendance)	3,172	+ 1	+ 117
Yorkshire	(24 hr attendance)	2,853	+ 37	+ 91
North Derbyshire	(24 hr attendance)	4,560	- 225	+ 157
Western	(24 hr attendance)	11,102	+ 20	+ 24
South Wales	(morning shift)	125	- 2	no change
Kent	(morning shift)	106	- 4	- 5

Coal Movements

Another good day: 194,000 tonnes were moved.

38 coal trains ran.

Law and Order

Another quiet day.

High Court

The Court ruled today that the NUM's funds must remain under the control of a Receiver. The Court approved the appointment of city accountant Michael Arnold - a senior partner of Arthur Young, McClellan Moores and Co - to take over as Receiver from Derbyshire solicitor Herbert Brewer.

A striking miner was today given permission to challenge in the High Court the £16 deduction from supplementary benefit paid to strikers' families. An early hearing is likely.

Scargill Article

A statement by Scargill published in the latest edition of "Labour Weekly" is attracting media interest this afternoon. The statements says "Trade union and Labour Party leaders must now stand up in contempt of laws being used against us - or remain forever in contempt of all those they represent".

Line to Take

Since the beginning of November some 16,000 miners have returned to join the third of the industry who have remained at work. The number not on strike in the industry now exceeds 100,000. Any responsible trade union leadership faced with such figures would either call the strike off or have a national ballot. The left wing militants who control the NUM National Executive refuse either step because they are bent on confrontation even if it means defying the law. They will not succeed.

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