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Daily Coal Report - Wednesday 12 December 1984

	<u>Number</u>
(i) Working normally	47
(ii) Turning some coal	20 ← up 3
(iii) Some men present	72
(iv) On strike/picketed out	35

54 new faces reported today, bringing this weeks total to 372.

Area attendances were as follows:-

			<u>Change on yesterday</u>
Scotland	(24 hr attendance)	2,365	+ 10
North East	(24 hr attendance)	3,103	no change
Yorkshire	(24 hr attendance)	2,986	+ 38
North Derbyshire	(24 hr attendance)	4,833	+ 90
Western	(24 hr attendance)	10,907	+ 320
South Wales	(morning shift)	126	+ 2
Kent	(morning shift)	108	+ 1

Manton pit, where 421 men reported this morning, has started turning coal. This is the first coal produced in Yorkshire since the start of the strike and therefore represents a significant breakthrough. Coal was also turned for the first time at Riccal in Yorkshire and Barony in Scotland.

Coal Movements

189,000 tonnes were moved yesterday.

35 coal trains ran.

Law and Order

Quiet again.

Pit fire at Rossington

This is still not fully controlled.

The Board said today that 34 coalfaces had been lost during the strike. 65 are causing concern and a further 19 serious concern.

TUC

The TUC tonight made a formal request to meet the Secretary of State for Energy. It is possible a meeting may take place shortly though the timing has still to be decided. Meanwhile the TUC have been asked to elucidate their request.

High Court

The power group section of the NUM today informed the High Court that they would be holding new elections for a representative on the NUM Executive. Two working miners had challenged last months vote as being irregular.

Line to Take

General situation - as Monday.

TUC approach - Government has always been willing to talk to trade union leaders about matters of common concern. No timing has been arranged for a meeting between the TUC and Secretary of State for Energy.

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