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## Daily Coal Report - Friday 15 February 1985

	<u>Number</u>
(i) Working normally	54
(ii) Turning some coal	26
(iii) Some men present	75
(iv) On strike/picketed out	19

93 new faces reported today bringing the total for the week to 2,174. Once again the North East has had the highest return with over 900 going back during the week. Over 500 have returned in Yorkshire.

Today's area attendances were as follows:-

		<u>Change on</u> <u>last Friday</u>
Scotland	(24 hr attendance) 4,936	+ 317
North East	(24 hr attendance) 7,650	+ 668
Yorkshire	(24 hr attendance) 7,031	+ 436
North Derbyshire	(24 hr attendance) 6,538	- 12
Western	(24 hr attendance) 11,995	+ 42
South Wales	(morning shift) 413	+ 34
Kent	(morning shift) 164	+ 9

Coal Movements

187,000 tonnes were moved yesterday.

50 coal trains ran.

Law and Order

Generally quiet.

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TUC Negotiations

Early this evening the NUM emerged with the following statement "the National Executive Committee, having taken note of the report by TUC General Secretary Norman Willis following his discussion with the Board, believe that the union's response should now provide a basis for an immediate resumption of negotiations without pre-conditions, and hopefully a resolution of this long and damaging dispute".

However the real message underlying this, as at 7.00 pm, was that the NUM had not accepted the MacGregor/TUC document and appeared to be seeking fundamental changes. NACODS - whom the Board have agreed to meet again early next week - were being used by the NUM as a tool in their negotiations. At the time of writing it is not clear how events will progress.

Line to Take

Please keep in touch with the No 10 Press Office for advice and guidance.

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