

NUM DISPUTE: KEY FACTS

PITS WORKING

	<u>Nov 2</u>	<u>Jan 4</u>	<u>Today (4 March)</u>
Working Normally	45	47	54
Turning Some Coal	10	24	26
Some men	26	68	81
Idle	93	35	13
NUM not on strike	53,300	70,000	almost 97,000
	(28%)	(37%)	(52%)

EX STRIKERS RETURNING

Start of dispute - end October	5,880	
November - December 1984	16,868	
1985 to date	29 525	(890 today)
	52,273	

COLLIERY FACES LOST

Producing	38
Salvage	22
Development	1

In addition a further 80 faces are causing concern.

WAGES LOST

Per miner £8004. In the industry as a whole £803 million.



NUM WORKING AT BOLSOVER, COVENTRY, IRELAND AND MARKHAM

<u>Colliery</u>	<u>MP</u>	<u>At Work</u> *	<u>% of NUM on books</u>	<u>(% on 21/2)</u>
Bolsover	Mr Skinner	829	92.0	(90.7)
Coventry	Mr Nellist	930	80.0	(77.9)
Ireland	Mr Benn	358	53.2	(37.7)
Markham	Mr Benn	1668	81.5	(74.9)

* Numbers paid by the NCB last week.



AMNESTIES IN 1972 and 1974

Line to take

- No comparison can be made between events following the strikes in the early 1970s and the position now.
- Those strikes were official and involved all members of the NUM; there were therefore none of the acts of intimidation and violence against other miners that we have seen in this dispute.

Background

The NCB have no figures available centrally on the numbers of men dismissed or reinstated as a result of the strikes in 1972 and 1974.

Those strikes were "all in/all out" disputes and of short duration. The level of violence was much lower and there was not the friction between different groups of miners that there has been in the past year.

During this dispute 709 men have been dismissed by the NCB.

A breakdown of charges brought in the dispute to the end of February is attached.

Penalties of dispute

THERE have been 9,750 arrests, 10,335 charges relating to the pits strike and 7,874 people charged, according to the Home Office; 5,528 cases have been dealt with, leading to 4,112 convictions and 1,416 acquittals.

There have been 152 prison sentences and 61 other sentences involving some form of custody before or after trial.

The following table shows the number and nature of charges faced by miners by the end of February.

Offence	Number
Section 5 of the Public Order Act (conduct likely to cause a breach of the peace)	4,089
Obstruction of a police constable	1,682
Obstruction of the highway	640
Criminal damage	1,015
Criminal damage with intent to endanger life	4
Arson	15
Assaulting a police constable	359
Assault occasioning actual bodily harm	424
Grievous bodily harm	39
Theft	349
Resisting arrest	19
Offensive weapon	49
Conspiracy and Protection of Property Act 1985	275
Burglary	31
Handling stolen property	1
Drug offence	1
Breach of the peace	207
Breach of bail conditions	32
Attempt (various offences)	18
Drunkenness	62
Unlawful assembly	509
Railway offences	20
Affray	21
Riot	137
Incitement	1
Reckless driving	16
Threat/conspiracy to cause damage	13
Explosive offence	3
Threats to kill	5
Unlawful imprisonment	2
Other offences	294
Murder	3
Total	10,335

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