

SCARGILL WRECKS IT!

He turns down

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pits peace deal

MINERS' leader Arthur Scargill last night killed off an ACAS plan to end the pits strike.

The proposed peace deal had earlier got the backing of Coal Board boss Ian MacGregor.

But rising hopes of a settlement in the 31-week dispute were dashed when Mr Scargill declared: "The issue between us is still as fundamental as ever.

"We believe we are in no different position from that we were at the beginning of the dispute."

The NUM leader pulled the plug on the peace plan after 20 hours of tense talks at the London headquarters of the conciliation service.

Demands

Union and Coal Board officials were confident that a settlement was close because Mr Scargill had tentatively supported the proposals on Thursday.

Then came the bombshell.

Mr Scargill gave the Coal Board a new set of proposals and arranged to meet negotiators again today for more talks.

ACAS had proposed setting up an advisory committee to consider views from all sides when a pit is faced with closure.

Although Mr MacGregor supports the plan, he made it clear that Coal

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Board chiefs would retain the right to have the final say on whether a pit should close or not.

TWO policemen were seriously injured yesterday in clashes with 4,000 stone-throwing pickets at Brodsworth Colliery, Doncaster.

BAIL conditions preventing arrested Yorkshire miners from rejoining picket lines other than at their own pits are legal, the High Court ruled yesterday.

Lord Chief Justice Lord Lane said Nottinghamshire magistrates had been right to impose conditions.

WEATHER

MAINLY dry, warm. Max 66F (19C). OUTLOOK: Similar.

SUN rises 7.21 am, sets 6.11pm. LIGHTS: 6.41pm to 6.51am. HIGH WATER: London Bridge 4.27am, 4.35pm; Dover 1.21am, 1.28pm.