

# SCARGILL'S

# CRISIS

# FIGHT

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Mr Scargill and minder arrive at the TUC

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gate conference which originally gave the go-ahead for area pit walk-outs which snowballed into the national strike.

Yesterday's crisis talks took place as the NUM receiver, Derbyshire solicitor Herbert Brewer, was flying to Luxembourg in a bid to grab £4.3m of the union's funds.

Fiercely attacking Mr Brewer's appointment, Mr Scargill declared:

"The decision for the first time threatens us with a situation where it becomes almost impossible for the union

to carry out its day-to-day operations

"The NUM has at all times acted in accordance with decisions of the special delegate conference and we have recalled the conference to determine the union's attitude."

Mr Scargill later met TUC General Secretary Norman Willis and demanded support for the NUM's battle.

The NUM chief added: "we will win this strike because the issue is right — because the campaign against job losses is as right today as it was on March 6.

## Union chiefs split

By CHARLES RAE

**MILITANT miners' leader Arthur Scargill was in a corner last night, with his pit war lieutenants deeply split over defying the law.**

The NUM president emerged from a stormy 6½-hour meeting of the union's

executive and revealed he was calling a special delegate conference today.

The fight among the NUM's 24-man ruling committee follows the High Court appointment of a receiver to take over the union's purse-strings.

Moderates and some left-wingers on the executive pressed Mr Scargill to give way to the courts and save NUM funds.

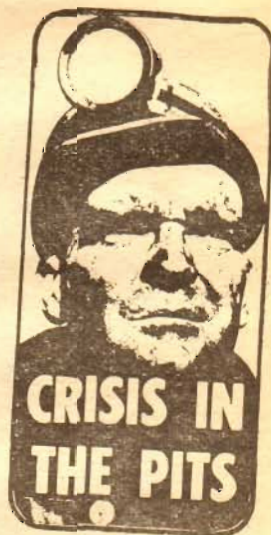
But hardliners were against toeing the line and urged the executive to go "underground"—to carry on running the bitter nine-month dispute.

### STRIKE

Mr Scargill fought desperately to stave off the biggest crisis of his stormy career.

After yesterday's crunch meeting at the TUC's London HQ, the executive reaffirmed their backing for the strike.

But the calling of the



special delegate conference highlighted the deep division among them.

The conference will be attended by more than 120 delegates from nearly every coalfield in Britain.

Most of them are Left-wingers—and Mr Scargill clearly hopes they will quash any move to end the stoppage.

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