

SCARGILL IN 'NO SELL-OUT' VOW

By TOM CONDON

DEFIANT Arthur Scargill vowed yesterday that he would **NEVER** sign an agreement involving pit closures.

And—with bosses preparing for another surge back to work today—the miners' president denied he was facing defeat in the 11-month-old strike.

He said: "They had better rewrite their obituaries and put someone else in them." Speaking on Brian Walden's Weekend World TV programme he repeated his offer of talks "without preconditions."

But Mr Scargill insisted: "I would not be prepared to sign any agreement to close any unit. It would in effect be a no-strike agreement."

Cost

The Coal Board has asked that before talks are resumed, he agrees in writing to discuss uneconomic pits.

Mr Scargill claimed there were **NO** uneconomic pits in Britain and said it would cost twice as much to close mines as to keep them open.

TORY Party chairman John Selwyn Gummer

I'll never sign closure deal

condemned Mr Scargill yesterday for his "lies and deceit"

He told the Young Tories conference in Bournemouth: "Deprivation, loss, unemployment. That's what Arthur Scargill has brought to the proud mining industry."

He added: "Every

miner's family who goes without today owes its deprivation to Arthur.

"Every miner whose coalface is destroyed owes that loss to Arthur.

"Every worker whose job to supply the mining industry is in jeopardy owes his unemployment to Arthur.

Scornfully, Mr Gummer declared: "We owe a great deal to Arthur Scargill."

He went on: "And yet the moderate government has offered to back better pay than the industry can afford.

IT'S MISERY BY RAIL

● **COMMUTERS** face misery today when railmen disrupt services for a day of action in support of the miners.

● Several main London stations will be hit by the 24-hour stoppage and strikers will later be addressed at a rally in Westminster by rail union leader Jimmy Knapp.

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Gummer . . . rap for Scargill



Mr Scargill . . . dashed peace hopes



Knapp . . . he's addressing rally