

Man fined £25 for Scargill 'bearhug'

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Samuel Bates, aged 60, a 6ft 2in tall former Royal Marine who took part in the Normandy landings, was fined £25 with £15 costs in Derby yesterday for grabbing Mr Arthur Scargill in a "bearhug".

Bates, a retired wood machinist, of Sevenoaks Avenue, Mackworth, Derby, was summoned before Derby magistrates for threatening behaviour likely to cause a breach of the peace, and pleaded guilty.

Miss Deborah Ellor, for the prosecution, said that Bates was in Derby market place on November 24 last year when a National Union of Mineworkers rally was taking place. Suffering from angina, he had a dizzy spell and sat on the platform, but then he leapt up, grabbed Mr Scargill in a bearhug and they fell to the floor.

Bates, who paid his fine immediately after the case, said: "When we fell over on to the platform Mr Scargill said only two words, 'Ey, up', he was so surprised. I have never been violent with anyone before and I can't imagine anyone else moving me to so much anger."

● A total of 7,785 have been charged with 10,153 offences so far during the miners' dispute, Sir Michael Havers, QC, the Attorney General, said in a parliamentary written answer.

● Thirteen people, 12 men and a woman, appeared before Bow Street magistrates on charges arising out of the coal

strike demonstration in London on Sunday. Charges they faced included assaults on the police and using threatening words or behaviour likely to cause a breach of the peace. All were remanded on bail to dates in March.

The 13 were: David Ellis, aged 23, of Cookson Street, and David Needham, aged 21, of Rosewood Court, both Kirkby in Ashfield, both Nottinghamshire miners; Peter Sandy, aged 38, public affairs director, of Mafeking Avenue, Ilford, Essex; Jan Ciombor, aged 25, unemployed, of William Covell Close, The Ridgeway, Enfield, Middlesex; Christopher Norwood, aged 19, of Avonway, Colchester, Essex, and Michael Brighthouse, aged 21, of Stradella Road, Herne Hill, south London, both students; Paul Harvey, aged 21, of Edward Street, Harwich, Essex; Dermot Trainor, aged 28, of Orwell Terrace, Dovercourt, Harwich, Essex; Graham Farrell, aged 27, of Fulham Park Gardens, Fulham, south-west London, all unemployed; Rachel Winters, aged 19, of West Beech Road, Wood Green, north London; Peter Lynton, aged 21, of Upper Street, Islington, north London; Peter Kelly, aged 20, of Sullivan Road, Crystal Palace, south London, all unemployed; Nathaniel Wall, aged 22, a patient at the Tropical Diseases Hospital, St Pancras, central London.



Bates after his court appearance.