

New bid Sun - 4 MAR 1985 to topple Arthur

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MODERATE pitmen will today launch a court-room campaign to topple Arthur Scargill in the wake of his pit-strike defeat.

They have drawn up plans to force him out of power and put more moderate members on their union's national executive.

Tony Morris, spokesman for the National Working Miners Committee, said: "We hope to get a court injunction.

"This would mean that in future NEC members would be picked by the broad membership instead of by militants at meetings."

He added: "We've also been advised that we can demand Arthur Scargill stands for re-selection because he has a vote on our national executive."

He added: "All we ever wanted is for the union to be run according to its own rules, which it hasn't been for the past 12 months."

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Returning miners will earn more than £1,000 by April 4, through holiday bonuses and a backdated 1983 pay rise—tax-free because they have earned so little in 12 months.

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