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BY THE QUEEN
A PROCLAMATION

ELIZABETH R

Whereas by Section 1 of the Emergency Powers Act 1920, as amended by the Emergency Powers Act 1964, it is enacted that if it appears to us that there have occurred or are about to occur events of such a nature as to be calculated, by interfering with the supply and distribution of food, water, fuel or light, or with the means of locomotion, to deprive the community, or any substantial portion of the community, of the essentials of life, we may, by proclamation declare that a state of emergency exists.

And Whereas the present industrial disputes affecting persons employed in the coal mines and in the electricity supply industry do, in our opinion, constitute a state of emergency within the meaning of the said Act of 1920, as so amended.

Now, therefore, in pursuance of the said Act of 1920, as so amended, we do, by and with the advice of our Privy Council, hereby declare that a state of emergency exists.

Given at our Court at Buckingham Palace this thirteenth day of November in the year of Our Lord nineteen hundred and seventy-three, and in the twenty-second year of our reign.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN