

TON EASTWOOD STRIKES COAL

Britain - dependent on coal for prosperity - strikes it rich. Near Lichfield, Staffordshire, 60-year-old geologist Tom Eastwood (who was due to retire six months ago) tells of his amazing discovery. 3,000 feet down, his boring team find extensive coal seams, nearly eight feet thick, and estimated to yield at least 400 million tons of coal. First to inspect this great find, is the Chairman of the West Midland Coal Board, Sir Ben Smith. Although it will take two years before production can begin, plans are already in hand for a model pit, with the latest amenities below ground and modern villages above.

Samples show that this is the richest find in Britain for 50 years. Its estimated value is £800 million - equal to four-fifths of the American loan. Indeed, the coal find of the century.