

Nuke Train Kills

A train carrying "Castors" of nuclear waste ran over a protestor severing one of his legs. He died before reaching hospital. The 23-year-old had chained himself to the track as the train passed near the town of Avricourt, eastern France. The train was carrying nuclear waste being sent back to Germany after reprocessing in northern France, and had already been delayed for two hours while police cut free two other protesters who had chained themselves to a section of track. Thousands of demonstrators had been gathering since the train set off from the La Hague reprocessing plant on its journey to the German town of Dannenberg where the 12 containers (holding 175 tons of nuclear waste) are due to be shipped to a nearby dump at Gorleben. The French protests followed a demonstration by 10,000 people in Germany.

<http://www.indymedia.org.uk/en/2004/11/300681.html>



The wall must fall

November 9th to 16th saw the 2nd International Week against the Apartheid Wall, with actions throughout the world, including a number of events in the UK. These included a blockade of the Hayes, Middlesex premises of Agrexco, Israel's national exporter of fresh produce. Activists erected a cage at the entrance to the factory, and a barrier at the exit, stopping all collections and deliveries for 8 hours, at an estimated cost of 30k - 40k to the company.

Seven activists were arrested and charged with Aggravated Trespass. They plan to use the court case to challenge the legality of trade with a company that deals in settlement goods, especially in light of the International Court of Justice Ruling which ruled that countries have an obligation not to not to render aid or assistance in maintaining the situation created by the construction of the wall.

<http://www.indymedia.org.uk/en/2004/11/301360.html>

'Now we're taking you to court!'

- Protestors insist on trial as government and 'plunder promoter' drop charges

In what is believed to be a politically motivated decision, the Crown Prosecution Service has dropped charges of 'Aggravated Trespass' against two female protesters who demonstrated inside an Iraq privatisation conference last April. The Crown stated that 'there is not enough evidence to provide a realistic prospect of conviction'.

Ewa and Pennie had been charged with intending to disrupt a "lawful activity" when they entered the Iraq Procurement Conference, unfurled banners, and addressed the delegates as collaborators in the daily massacres in Iraq. Their actions caused the conference venue to be evacuated and all activity to be suspended. Ewa and Pennie regard the prosecution's climb-down as a victory and a total vindication of the validity and necessity of their actions and legal argument.

Pennie and Ewa are now claiming their right to trial under Section 23 of the Prosecution of Offences Act 1985. This means they are in effect, taking the government and event organisers Windrush Communications to court. Prosecution witnesses from Windrush have refused to attend the trial. They will now be witnessed-summoned. Windrush have failed to disclose evidence, in violation of repeated court orders, to reveal invitations, attendees, order of business and contracts procured, relating to the event. They will now be ordered to submit again.

The defence will continue to argue that the meeting was not a lawful event as it was facilitating acts in breach of the Iraq constitution - illegal under the Hague Regulations of 1907 and Geneva Conventions 1949. Britain and the US are signatories to both the Hague Regulations and Geneva Conventions. This case will be the first time the legality of the pillage of Iraq is challenged in court. The defendants hope the court will rule that the conference was unlawful as occupying forces must comply with international law.

<http://www.indymedia.org.uk/en/2004/11/301483.html>

Breaking news: Monday 22nd Nov. At 3am protesters occupied two cranes at the Laing O'Rourke Kings Cross Rail Link construction site, in solidarity with workers on the site who are fighting a new pay deal. Work on the site continued despite the occupation.

<http://www.indymedia.org.uk/en/2004/11/300648.html>

In the courts

Bublin Mayday Two

A few days before the Mayday protests in Dublin earlier this year, 2 protestors from the UK, Polly and Joe, were arrested on suspicion of trespass. They were initially denied bail and kept in jail for a full week. When finally granted bail, stringent conditions were attached, requiring them to surrender their passports, and sign on in a police station every week. After being forced to stay in Ireland for seven months, their court case took place on 10th November and all charges against them were thrown out by the Judge. Thirty people were arrested during Mayday, many of whom still have to sign on at police stations and many of whom are still being dragged through the courts. Supporters say they were made victims of media sensationalism and made scapegoats by the State in an attempt to justify draconian and military tactics deployed during Mayday.

<http://www.indymedia.org.uk/en/2004/11/301572.html>

ESF Arrests

One of the four people who were surrounded by police and arrested at Kings Cross station on Sunday Oct 17th on their way to the European Social Forum closing demo, walked free from court on Monday 17th Nov. The defendant returned from Greece to attend court, only to find the prosecution dropped the case, saying they would be providing no evidence to support the charges.



G8 Justifies Lethal Police Actions

The judge investigating the Aubonne Bridge case has concluded that any mistakes made by the police on the bridge were "understandable" because of the stress of the G8 summit taking place nearby, and that the activists shouldn't have put themselves in such a dangerous situation. The report states that it was the activists' fault that the police cut the rope from which two climbers were suspended, whilst blockading a delegation on their way to the G8 summit in Evian in May 2003. The judge's declaration, which took 18 months to produce, seems to have been written to give "carte blanche to the police to do whatever they want without fear for any legal consequences", the activist's Swiss lawyer said.

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Protests Against Fallujah Attack

Protests against the attack on Fallujah have taken place all over the UK. Protests occurred during the much publicised build up to the assault with the 'Campaign for Justice for Gordon Gentle' Protest in Glasgow on 30th October, Manchester on Sat 6th Nov, and activists breaking into the US bomb store at Welford and chalking anti-war slogans onto the bombs on Thurs 4th.

In London several protests and action took place including road blocks and the scaling of the gates to Downing Street, as well as the Foreign Office being splattered with blood red paint. On Sunday 7th, there was a protest at Parliament Square, following which campaigners laid flowers at the Cenotaph, before locking on and blocking Whitehall.

On Monday 8th, the day the assault started, there were protests in over 30 towns and cities around the UK, including vigils and protests in Swindon, York and Brighton.

The weekend of the 12th to 14th Nov saw protests in Glasgow, Brixton, and outside the BBC building in London in response to their "one-sided and misleading" reporting of the attack. Four people were arrested when the US Consulate in Edinburgh was splattered with blood red paint and covered in anti-war slogans. In Cambridge, protestors staged a rush-hour demonstration, a rally in Market Square, as well as taking to the roof of the Guildhall with banners, and spraying anti-war graffiti. In London hundreds demonstrated outside Downing Street while others blocked roads and painted anti-war graffiti.



<http://www.indymedia.org.uk/en/2004/11/300761.html>

FBI SILENCE INDYMEDIA - BUT NOT FOR LONG

On 7 October, barely noticed by the mainstream media, Rackspace (a US company with offices in London) responded to an FBI federal order by handing over harddrives hosting around twenty Indymedia sites.

As well as taking offline IMC UK, Brazil, Prague, Uruguay, Belgium and many other countries, the servers had also been providing streaming services to several online radio stations, including one about to serve the European Social Forum.

There have been a number of attacks on Indymedia recently. IMC Holland is currently being hassled to hand over details of users to the authorities even though no logs exist. In the USA the Secret Service issued a subpoena disrupting NYC IMC just before the Republican National Convention. A few weeks before the servers were seized in London, the FBI had requested that Nantes IMC remove a post featuring a photo of undercover Swiss police officer. It seems likely that this incident is related to the seizure but it has proved difficult to obtain any explanation. A gagging order prevents Rackspace from giving any more information, although they have said that they were 'acting in compliance with a court order pursuant to a Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty (MLAT), which establishes procedures for countries to assist each other in investigations such as international terrorism, kidnapping and money laundering.'

Since the seizures more than 10,000 people have signed a solidarity statement and 26 MPs proposed to the House of Parliament to express "deep concern at the seizing of web servers belonging to the independent media organisation Indymedia; request that the Home Secretary explains under what authority their wholly independent news service was prevented from functioning; and expresses its disquiet at this attack on freedom of speech via the internet".

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