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National Bus Company: Industrial Action

The National Bus Company have taken legal action against secondary picketing.

Drivers employed by their "National Welsh" subsidiary are in dispute with the management about changes to Express Coach rosters. Pickets from other NBC companies have been disrupting coach movement in London, Bristol, and certain other centres. The NBC today sought, and obtained, high court injunction against this picketing, and they will if necessary seek its enforcement next week.

This is, I think, the first occasion on which a nationalised industry has used the new legislation. It is interesting that the injunction has been obtained despite the fact that the pickets concerned come from 100 per cent owned subsidiaries of the same holding company.

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