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First they ignore you, then they laugh at you, then they fight you, then you win.' Mahatma Gandhi

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"FRIGID" RAIN AND GUSTY WINDS

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#OccupyLA

Saturday is Bank Transfer Day ~PM http://pbckt.com/ pU.uvLEyi

#OccupyEugene

Today and tomorrow the main camp is relocating from Riverfront research park to Washington Jefferson Park @ 12 pm 11.4.

#OccupyParis

The police search the occupiers and confiscate their signs. And Freedom of Expression, Dame France?

Occupy Los Angeles Ne



[Los Angeles] Nature's first fierce challenge to Occupy LA came on Friday, November 4. Los Angeles saw unseasonably cold rain, gusting winds and even a threat of snow. By late evening most occupiers were snug inside tents presumably under blankets with modest dryness and warmth. This brings me to Cork, who asked that we spell his name "like the bottle." Cork was with Mark. They were cross-country traveling occupiers who stopped by to show support for Occupy LA. The two men who appeared to be in their 20s said they started out at Occupy Austin "by accident." Mark and Cork work for Cork's brother selling "farm dinners," they said. What are "farm dinners?" Cork said his brother would prefer he not go into much detail, and we discussed Occupy Austin further.

"There were a shit-ton of people there for the first march, but less within the occupation," Cork said. He and Mark were there to try and help out where they could. The two then moved on to Occupy Phoenix. "They had weird police rules there like they wouldn't let you sleep. They fined a lot of people really high fines for sleeping," Mark added. "They could have an elevated pallet to lay on, but no

blanket, no pillow. If you went to sleep you were ticketed. The cops would come by and say 'you asleep?"

"No asshole, I'm freezing!" Cork would reply.

We were standing under a canopy protecting about eleven people from the pouring LA rain, when Cork told me he was next heading to occupy in Hawaii.

"The big island," he said. And that was that. He went on, "Mark is going to Nevada."

Meanwhile, along the south steps of City Hall, a trio of Native Americans dancers, two women and one man, appeared and attracted a small crowd.

"We gotta go!" Mark shouted to Cork.

We shook hands as Cork mentioned "the movement needs to stay connected, help each other, wherever we are!" Then the two men ran off into the cold rain while dancers continued to the sounds of drumming. The crowd grew as the rain continued on.

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