

COURT WIN FOR RADIO JACKIE

RAUDIO JACKIE, a pirate station, won a victory at Kingston Crown Court yesterday when Judge JOHN BAKER said the Post Office had no right to grab a transmitter from a field at Malden Manor, Surrey.

Post Office men in January last year raided the site from which Radio Jackie was broadcasting and a running battle took place, the court heard.

During the battle ERIC GOTTS, a Post Office employee, assaulted MICHAEL DUNKERTON, 23, a Radio Jackie engineer. Gotts was convicted of assault and appealed but yesterday his appeal was dismissed.

Order required

Judge Baker said the Post Office had no right under the 1949 Wireless Telegraphy Act to take equipment without a court order which in this case it did not possess.

Gotts' conviction — a conditional discharge for 12 months — was ordered to stand. He was also ordered to pay Mr Dunkerton's costs of £350.

Radio Jackie is a local community station in South-West London which is campaigning for such stations throughout Britain. It has been broadcasting since March, 1969.