

THE TENT

EMBASSY

WAITS

FOR ORDER

TO MOVE

CANBERRA.— The Aboriginal tent "embassy", which has been on the lawns opposite Parliament House since January 26, will fold up this week or next.

A Government ordinance, a copy of which has been shown by police to members of the embassy, will be gazetted tomorrow or next Thursday.

There will be a protest rally when the order is carried out.

"But," said Mr. Bill Harrison, one of the six remaining members of the embassy, "we won't resist the police."

'Lowest'

Yesterday, the Labor MHR for the A.C.T. (Mr. Enderby) described the decision of the Government as "the lowest thing the Liberal - Country Party has yet done.

"Out of sheer spite and pettiness and intolerance, the Government moves to stop a political demonstration by Australia's most oppressed and neglected minority, merely because it is a source of political embarrassment," he said.

"The embassy has hurt nobody and has been a magnificent example of successful, peaceful political protest.

"Parliament will have been presented with a fait accompli when it resumes in only four weeks' time.

"In proceeding in this secret way, the Government hopes to have the Aborigines gone before anyone realises what has happened."