

Black Panther group heads for Canberra

BRISBANE. — A car-load of Black Panther Aborigines, the vanguard of a party of 50, are heading for Canberra to help re-establish the Aboriginal 'embassy.'

Queensland University students were yesterday raising money to bus the main group south.

Black Panther leader Denis Walker said many Aborigines had approached him offering their support to the Canberra venture.

He said six Aborigines had already set off by car for Canberra.

He feared further clashes in Canberra between Aborigines and police.

Although he believed the Aborigines would be "smashed" in Canberra, he said the confrontation was necessary.

"We have to show Australia and overseas what is happening. We need to show the white government's racist attitude," he said.

In Canberra yesterday a party of Aborigines took court action to re-establish their "embassy" on the lawns of Parliament House.

They say they have found a loophole in the ordinance which makes camping on unleased Commonwealth land in the A.C.T. illegal.

The group have taken out a writ in the A.C.T. Supreme Court against the Minister for the Interior (Mr. Hunt) requiring him to defend the legality of the ordinance.

They have also sought a temporary injunction seeking that no action be taken under the ordinance.

Mr. Justice Fox refused to grant the injunction yesterday, but gave leave for the Aborigines to apply for the temporary injunction on Tuesday.

Minister (Mr. McMahon) and Mr. Hunt.

They protested against the "discriminatory ordinance and its execution" which precipitated eviction of the "embassy".

They also called on the Law Institute to join the protest and back the land rights issue.

The lawyers, members of a body of about 50 who last year took up the civil rights question during the Springbok visit, labelled the eviction "hasty", "brutal" and "legalistically technical".

Police believe yesterday's daubing of the Captain Cook cottage in Fitzroy Gardens will be the first in a series of such incidents.

The daubing followed eviction of the "embassy".

Vandals pulled out shrubs and painted Black Power slogans on the walls and paths leading to the cottage.

Victoria's Minister for Aboriginal Affairs (Mr. Meagher) yesterday blamed a section of the white community for provoking young Aborigines to violence.

Commenting on Thursday's clash in Canberra, Mr. Meagher said it reflected badly on Aborigines and the country as a whole.

The Minister for the Environment, Aborigines and the Arts (Mr. Howson) said yesterday he would like to see some permanent machinery set up to help the Federal Government to consult with the Aboriginal

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