

Aborigines to try to reopen 'embassy'

Aboriginal militant Mr Dennis Walker said last night that Aborigines would try to re-establish the Aboriginal "embassy" on the lawns opposite Parliament House.

Mr Walker, the son of Aboriginal poet, Mrs Kath Walker, was being interviewed on the ABC television program, 'This Day Tonight', in Brisbane before leaving for Canberra by bus.

Although they did not have violence in mind, the Aborigines going to Canberra to re-establish the embassy had to prepare themselves for "violent conflict". He said the police would move in violently as they had done on Thursday when the embassy tents had been removed.

The Aborigines and supporters from university and church groups totalling about 60 people were cleared from the area opposite Parliament House on Thursday after about 10 minutes of violent struggle during which nine people were arrested.

The Minister for the Interior, Mr Hunt, had ordered the embassy's removal from the site it had occupied since January 26.

In a statement issued in Canberra last night, members of the embassy said it would continue to act as a "focus point" for Aboriginal action and would continue to function as such "now and in the future". They said that at no time on Thursday had "embassy" staff or anyone defending the "embassy" initiated violence.

A former "envoy" of the "embassy", Mr John Newfong, said yesterday that an Aboriginal guerilla movement existed in Australia.

Mr Newfong said the guerillas were being trained in Redfern, in Sydney, Fitzroy, in Melbourne, and

at an unspecified location in Brisbane.

"There are governments outside Australia anxious to see the guerillas successful", he said.

The Minister for the Environment, Aborigines and the Arts, Mr Howson, deplored yesterday the violence which occurred during the removal of the "embassy".

Mr Howson said this while outlining plans for a national conference of Aboriginal advisory councillors to be held in Canberra on August 10-11.

Between 70 and 80 Aboriginal councillors from all the mainland States the Northern Territory will meet in Canberra for the conference, the first of its kind.

'More talk less violence'

MELBOURNE, Friday. — Victoria's Aboriginal Affairs Minister, Mr Meagher, today urged "more talk and less violence" in relations with Australia's Aborigines.

Mr Meagher condemned both sides in yesterday's incident outside Parliament House, saying the clash reflected badly on both Aborigines and the country as a whole.

MELBOURNE, Friday. — Certain elements in Australia were trying to stir Aborigines to violence, Mrs Margaret Elizabeth Tucker, 67, president of the United Council of Aboriginal women said tonight.

"There are people at the back of my people, both dark and white, that are not concerned with what really happens so long as they get violence", she said.

Four of the seven police officers who were injured while removing the Aboriginal encampment opposite Parliament House on

Thursday were still off duty, it was stated yesterday.

One of them, who suffered severe injuries to the lower part of the abdomen, is expected to be on the sick list for some time, another has a fractured wrist, the third a broken finger and the fourth a suspected broken finger.

Former owners and occupiers of tents of the Aboriginal "embassy" were granted leave yesterday by Mr Justice Fox in Chambers to serve an application on the Minister for the Interior, Mr Hunt, for an interim injunction.

The leave was granted by Mr Justice Fox after submissions by Mr T. J. Higgins, for Mr Ambrose Francis Golden-Brown, Mr William James Richard Harrison and Mr Allan John Sharpley, of King George Terrace, Parkes, and Mrs Patricia June Eatock, of Hotel Acton.

The application is returnable on Tuesday, July 25.

Mr Higgins' submissions were in respect of an ex-parte application for an interim injunction to permit re-erection of the Aboriginal "embassy" until the validity of the Trespass on Commonwealth Lands Ordinance is decided.

Writs have been issued against the Minister for the Interior claiming a declaration that the ordinance is invalid and also an injunction to prevent the Minister, any Inspector of Police or any other person authorised under the ordinance from interfering with the re-erection of the Aboriginal "embassy".

PERTH, Friday. — Aboriginal leaders in Perth gave the Western Australian Premier, Mr Tonkin, an assurance today that they had no intention to erect a second tent outside Parliament House.