

BLACKS BATTLE POLICE



Commonwealth police and demonstrators clash on the lawns outside Parliament House, Canberra, yesterday when efforts were made to restore the "Aboriginal Embassy."

STRUGGLE FOR 'EMBASSY'

CANBERRA, Sun. — More than 250 police today foiled a bid to restore the Aboriginal 'embassy' to the lawns outside Parliament House.

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Aboriginal leaders afterwards predicted more violent confrontations.

"We will not let it rest here," Miss Bobbi Sykes, one of their leaders, said.

Demonstrators said they were unlikely to take any further action until after Tuesday.

when they will apply for a court injunction preventing police acting on an ordinance which forbids trespassing on Commonwealth land.

Storm

Gazetted of the ordinance last Thursday allowed police to storm the "embassy" and remove it.

Since Thursday do-

zens of Aborigines and their supporters have flocked to Canberra from NSW, Queensland and Victoria.

Today about 100 Aborigines and 100 white supporters marched to Parliament House and sat down, blocking the street outside.

Five white youths carrying a tent, poles

and pegs later joined the crowd.

Crowd

As two police moved to the back of the crowd, the demonstrators swarmed on to the lawns, and within seconds had restored the "embassy" to its former place.

Demonstrators, including several preg-

nant women, linked arms in a tight circle around the tent while some of their leaders shouted abuse at the police.

Others urged moderation.

After a 10-minute brawl the "embassy" disappeared and about a dozen demonstrators were arrested.