

# Aborigines fight to last tent

CANBERRA, Thursday. — Police used force today to break up the Aboriginal "embassy" outside Parliament House and arrested eight people who put up a struggle to save the last tent.

There were immediate protests from several prominent people, including the Leader of the Federal Opposition, Mr Whitlam, and the president of the Australian Council of Churches, Bishop David Garnsey.

The Senate Opposition Leader, Senator Mur-

## POLICE REMOVE 'EMBASSY'

phy, gave notice that the ALP would move for the disallowance of the ordinance empowering police to remove campers on unleased Crown land in the territory.

The police action began half an hour after the ordinance was gazetted.

The Minister for the Interior, Mr Hunt, whose department framed the ordinance,

said violence had been caused by outside people "hell bent" on creating a scene.

The campers at the "embassy" had been shown a copy of the ordinance last Monday and warned they would soon have to move, he said.

About 50 policemen took down the tents and loaded "embassy" property on to a trailer.

In the violent 10-min-

ute struggle a young Aboriginal was hurt and was taken to hospital for treatment.

One policeman had a broken wrist, two had broken fingers, three were bitten and one was kicked in the groin.

The eight arrested — five Aborigines, one of them the Black Rights activist, Miss Bobbi Sykes, and three white men — were charged with obstructing police, assault, blocking traffic and using indecent words.

They were released on bail and will appear in Canberra Court of Petty Sessions next week.