

BUILDING UNION PRESIDENT FINED

Robert Arthur Pringle, NSW president of the Builders Labourers' Federation, had been "evasive and vague" while giving evidence, a Central Court magistrate said yesterday.

Pringle, 30, of Blenheim Street, Waverley, has pleaded not guilty to having resisted and having hindered police on July 14.

Fining him \$40 on each

charge, Mr H. Berman SM said Pringle had evaded any question which required a response not in his own favour.

Sergeant G. Slyger, of Redfern, said police were trying to place an Aboriginal man in a police vehicle during an Aboriginal rights demonstration at Railway Square when Pringle grabbed him around the waist.

Sergeant Slyger said Pringle pulled the Abori-

ginal man back and both men fell to the ground.

Pringle said in evidence that he asked the officers why the Aboriginal was being arrested.

Pringle said he managed to break through the police line and pull the man back from the police vehicle.

Mr Berman said Pringle's own evidence showed he had hindered the police.