

# Tent embassy is up — and down

**CANBERRA. — Police pulled down a third aboriginal tent "embassy" yesterday.**

There was no violence. Demonstrators chanted claims for aboriginal land rights as the tent was hauled away.

More than 3500 demonstrators took part in the protest on the lawns opposite Parliament House.

Sixty A.C.T. police lined the front of the House and about 200 other police and two ambulances waited behind the building.

The "embassy" secretary, Mrs Pat Eatock, had said last week that the "embassy" would be re-established or Australia "would have its own Sharpeville"

The stage seemed set for a brawl similar to the clash when the police first pulled the "embassy" down on July 20 after the Government ordered the tents to be removed.

There was fighting, too, when demonstrators put up a tent and police pulled it down on July 23.

Yesterday, the rally organisers told the demonstrators to avoid violence and only retaliate if the police caused trouble.

The organisers searched the demonstrators for weapons before they started marching to the House from the Australian National University.

The marchers arrived at Parliament House at 12.20 p.m. and five minutes later put up a single tent.

Police waited until 3.30 p.m. before six of them moved in and pulled the tent down.

By then, many demonstrators had returned to the university on their leaders' orders, leaving

the "embassy" manned by six aboriginals.

The officer in charge of police at the demonstration, Insp. W. J. Osborne, said later the police had not wanted to provoke the demonstrators.

"We felt that if we gave them the opportunity, they would comply with the law," he said.

Black Power leader Mr Dennis Walker said: "We consider we have got a victory here today."

## Police baited

If not a victory, the demonstrators — who included aboriginal men, women and children from all over Australia, trade unionists and students — scored the last laugh.

They fooled the police into thinking the "embassy" was going to be re-established again within seconds of the tent's removal.

The six aboriginal "embassy" staff held a large piece of canvas above their heads, and hung out the sign "Aboriginal Embassy."

The police, their vision obscured by demonstrators milling around the aboriginals holding the canvas, pushed their way through the crowd only to be met by jeering and laughter when they confronted the group.

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