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THE STUDENTS' LEADER, Charles Perkins, being taken forcibly away from Moree pool, during the weekend desegregation drive.

RACE TOUR BUS DRIVER WALKS OUT



BOB GALLAGHER, hit by an egg at Moree.

Sydney university students involved in racial violence at Moree, northern NSW, on Saturday, were left stranded yesterday when their hired bus driver walked out because he said their anti-segregation tour was too dangerous.

"I believe there would be a risk of damage to the bus," said the driver, Mr William Packenham, of Punchbowl.

The driver left the students' chartered bus at Grafton, refusing to go on to Lismore and Kempsey where the students planned further efforts for Aboriginal rights.

The students' trip through NSW country centres was the worst charter trip he had made in his 25 years' experience, he said.

The company which chartered the bus to the students, H. T. Saint and Sons Pty Ltd, of Sydney, immediately arranged to fly up another driver for the students today.

SHORT OF MONEY

The 18 young men and nine women on the tour were forced to wait overnight at the local Methodist Hall.

The students are running short of funds. Several said they had only a few shillings left.

Their organisation, the Students Action for Aborigines, will provide temporary loans.

Mr Charles Perkins, the students' leader said: "We do not blame Mr Packenham for deciding to leave the tour.

"He has been intimidated into leaving for fear of danger to the bus and to himself."

MOB OF 500

At Moree on Saturday the bus was pelted with eggs and rotten fruit as it pulled up in front of the municipal baths to take on the students after their 3½-hour demonstration. Four men have been charged with offensive behavior. Three are Moree residents and one is of no fixed abode.

During the demonstration one student was punched to the ground, a former alderman was dumped to the gutter, and one of the girl students was spat on.

The students blocked the

