

# Protest On Aborigines

About 500 Sydney University students demonstrated outside Parliament House in Macquarie Street yesterday afternoon against discrimination against aborigines.

The demonstration was orderly but unformed police and detectives

watched as the students held up banners and placards and gave handbills to passing motorists.

Students paraded along Macquarie Street carrying signs which said: "End legal and social discrimination against aborigines," "Civil Rights for all Australians," and "You're Right if You're White."

When several students carried their placards into the grounds of Parliament House a detective told them to take the signs outside as the House was "private property."

The president of the Students' Representative Council, Mr M. Kirby, said the demonstration aimed to draw parliamentary backbenchers' attention to discriminatory clauses in the Australian Constitution.

It was hoped the State Government members would inform Federal M.P.s of discrimination against aborigines.

"The secondary aim was to get the State Government to support scholarships for aboriginal students," he said.

"The demonstration was organised by various clubs at the university—the religious clubs, the political clubs and the S.R.C.

"Students who took part in the demonstration interviewed about a dozen members."