



DENIS WALKER, son of aboriginal poet Kath Walker, addresses marchers in Sydney yesterday.

Racism march ends in violence

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SYDNEY. — A march against racism exploded into violence yesterday.

Aboriginals and white supporters tried to storm the city office of the Foundation for Aboriginal Affairs.

Militant aboriginals and whites wearing red headbands and Black Power badges and screaming "We are going in," fought police outside the building.

Four aboriginals and a white man were arrested.

The violence started at the end of the first joint Sydney demonstration by the anti-apartheid movement and those campaigning for land rights for the Gurindji tribe in the Northern Territory.

Black Power aboriginals halted a march of about 200 people at the foundation offices and called for a sit-down on the footpath.

About 50 people, some parents with young children, sat down shouting, "Down with Uncle Toms" and "This organisation is white-dominated."

Warned by police

Then came the call to storm the building.

The marchers charged, to be met by a solid wall of police.

Fists flew and several demonstrators went to the ground as police forced them back.

Earlier, the marchers had assembled in Chifley Square to hear Denis Walker, son of aboriginal poet Kath Walker, call on them to fight for aboriginal rights.