

# Violence and arrests when marchers storm building

**SYDNEY (AUP).** — A "march against racism" exploded into violence yesterday when groups of Aborigines and their white supporters attempted to storm the city office of the Foundation for Aboriginal Affairs.

Militant Aborigines and whites wearing red head bands and "Black Power" badges and screaming, "We are going in," fought police outside the foundation's glass-fronted headquarters.

Five people, four Aborigines and one white man, were arrested.

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

It began when the "Black Power" Aborigines 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".

The demonstrators were

warned by a police officer that they were forbidden to block the footpath and would be moved on.

Then came the call to storm the building.

The marchers charged

forward to be met by a solid wall of police.

Fists flew in a vicious confrontation.

Half a dozen demonstrators were knocked to the ground as police forced them

back.

It was a violent finish to what had begun — despite fighting words from "Black Power" speakers — as a mild, even somewhat apathetic gathering.

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