

POLICE HIT, KICKED BITTEN

Lawn
brawl

'Aboriginal Embassy'

CANBERRA, Thurs. — Three policemen had bones broken and others were bitten, kicked, and punched today as they pulled down the "Aboriginal Embassy".

Seven policemen were treated at Canberra Hospital.

One had a broken wrist; two had broken fingers; three had bite injuries.

The seventh had received a severe kick in the groin.

One of the demonstrators who tried to stop about 50 police destroying the "Embassy" went to the hospital.

He was examined for possible concussion and was found to be fit to leave.

Eight people were arrested in the brawl.

Land rights

The police moved on to the lawns opposite Parliament House a few hours after an ordinance was gazetted.

The ordinance gave them the power to move

the tent "Embassy" which aboriginal land - rights campaigners have maintained there since January.

About 50 people, many of them Aboriginals from Sydney and Cowra, arrived in Canberra early this morning.

Four tents

The police took about 45 minutes to pull down the four smaller tents.

An inspector then asked the people around the main tent to move away.

The demonstrators shouted out "land rights now," drowning him out.

Pushing and shoving quickly developed into a brawl with the police taking a great deal of the punishment.

After a melee lasting about 15 minutes the tent was down.



A policeman struggles with a protestor during the destruction of the "Aboriginal Embassy" at Canberra.