

VIOLENCE EXPLODES IN RACIST TOWN

Moree battles students

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MOREE, Saturday. — White women jeered and spat at girl freedom riders today as racial violence broke out for the first time at Moree.

The students were pushed and carried from the front door of the Moree baths while an angry crowd of 500 booed and catcalled.

A fist fight broke out between a local white woman and an Aboriginal woman but was quickly stopped by police.

A former alderman, Mr. Bob Brown, who is known for his support of the Aboriginal cause, was picked up on the street by hoodlums and dumped in the gutter as he tried to approach the demonstrating students.

The trouble erupted when 27 young men and women from Sydney University tried to escort six Aboriginal children into the baths.

The children were barred by the mayor, Ald. William Lloyd, and the baths manager, Mr. Don Ford.

Mr. Ford placed himself in front of the doors to the baths and would not let other people pass.

It was a hot day—with temperatures near 100 degrees—and a crowd quickly gathered, demanding admission.

Police trying to clear the crowd pushed Mr. Chris Page, 20, a medical student from Castlegar, to the ground.



A shack at Top Camp whose residents are barred from the town pool.