

Aboriginals in hotel "sit-in"

SYDNEY, Sun. — Forty aboriginals walked into the lounge of the Burlington Hotel, Haymarket, Sydney yesterday, to stage a "sit-in" demonstration.

They said they were seeking a guarantee that aboriginals could drink in the hotel lounge.

Earlier, they claimed, small groups of aboriginals had been turned away from the entrance to the Burlington lounge.

Men standing at the door gave no reason for turning them away.

When the aboriginals moved to the hotel in a large group, they were allowed into the lounge and served drinks.

They were led by part-aboriginal Ken Brindle, 31, of Redfern, Sydney, and Charles Perkins, a Sydney University student who led the "freedom riders" who recently toured NSW.

The aboriginals sat drinking and talking with hotel patrons. Others played at a small billiards table.

The Burlington Hotel, owned by the City Council, is leased by Mr W. A. McCombie.

Mr McCombie refused to talk to the "sit-in" leaders.

Mr Brindle said later: "We don't want to be

served today in a large group and refused tomorrow in twos and threes.

"We will organise a deputation to the Lord Mayor, Alderman Jensen."

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