

WHITES ATTACKED IN BLACK POWER PROTEST

BOBBI SYKES' VISIT

MORE THAN 100 angry Aboriginals ran riot on a Queensland island during a visit by the black militant authoress, Bobbi Sykes.

Whites on the island were abused and threatened, the houses and cars of administration officials were stoned, and windows were broken.

Queensland police flew a seven-man riot squad to the island to restore order.

Inspector Geary, of Townsville police told Truth that there were about 1500 Aboriginals on Palm Island—40 miles off Townsville—and about 100 whites.

He said the squad quickly quelled the trouble.

Miss Sykes was still in

the Townsville district, Inspector Geary said.

A former Aboriginal inhabitant of the island, Mr. John Logan, told Truth that he was afraid to return because his life had been threatened.

Mr. Logan, a former welterweight boxer, said his wife and seven children were still on Palm Island, and he had earned \$113 a week working on the wharves there.

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He told Truth that he had been warned: "You come back here and your head will be bashed in."

Black militants on the island had called him a traitor.

Mr. Logan said that his trouble with the other Aboriginals resulted from a

flight he made to Townsville to report the riot to a radio news service.



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