

# Bombs thrown in Darwin riot

**DARWIN.**—Serious violence broke out in Darwin yesterday between aborigines and whites.

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A group of about eight to 10 aborigines threw Molotov cocktails at a truck.

They fought with the truck's owner and his workmates and with police who tried to stop the fighting.

The trouble occurred at "Kualuk," a small area about eight miles from the city.

Aborigines of the Larrakia and Brinkin tribes have laid claim to the area.

They told the Government's Land Rights Commissioner (Mr. Justice Woodward) last month that it was an area of great significance to local aborigines.

Only yards from the block on which the aborigines are squatting a construction company is building a new suburban subdivision.

There have been minor exchanges in the past be-

tween the aborigines and the builders.

Yesterday, five Molotov cocktails were thrown at a truck owned by Mr. Paul Croker, of Rapid Creek.

Equipment worth about \$800 in the back of the truck was destroyed and the truck's cabin was gutted.

Mr. Croker saw the incident, and started moving towards the aborigines with some of his friends. The aborigines, one of them using a length of chain, attacked the men.

When police arrived, the man with the chain attacked them and hit Sergeant Tom Baker.

Three aborigines were arrested. Police are trying to find others involved in the incident.