

# Aboriginal girl's claim of illegal police raid

**CANBERRA, Fri.:** Sydney police who had kicked in the door of a young Aboriginal girl's house and carried out a search without a warrant, arresting a man on a charge of intimidating police, would face charges from the Aboriginal Legal Aid Service, a Senate Committee was told today.

Mrs. Lynette Thompson, of Bondi Junction, was giving evidence before the Senate Standing Committee on Social Environment.

She told the committee that two police had kicked in the door of her house at night and when she and her husband came downstairs, one policeman had a baton in his hand.

Other people had been staying in the house and when they came to the door, the two police called for reinforcements.

A total of nine police then searched the house.

When asked for a search warrant, the police said they were searching for a criminal and did not need a warrant.

They subsequently arrested a man on a charge of intimidating police.

Mrs. Thompson said police alleged that on an earlier occasion, the man had stuck two fingers up at police.

The charge was subsequently dismissed in court because of conflicting evidence, she said.

## Vigilante

The Aboriginal Legal Aid Service would charge the police with illegal arrest and illegal entry.

She said that after the Aboriginal embassy tent on the lawns of Parliament House in Canberra had been pulled down by police last year, police activity against

Aborigines had been intensified.

Intimidation by police seemed to happen in bursts, she said.

Vigilante groups, consisting mostly of white people, had been formed in the Redfern area to try and stop police intimidation of Aborigines.

They mainly stationed themselves outside hotels, Mrs. Thompson said.

Mrs. Thompson claimed that Aborigines in Sydney's Royal Prince Alfred Hospital were subjected to abuse and in one case, violence, by medical staff.

She said one Aboriginal woman had been abused and had her face slapped by a nursing sister, and other men and women were constantly abused by the medical staff.

Aborigines who had been sent to the hospital from settlements for medical treatment were told by doctors that they had their own medical service.

They were abused for coming to Prince Alfred Hospital.