

Extradition case delayed by dog

AN extradition hearing against Aboriginal leader, Dennis Walker, was delayed yesterday following an attack by a savage dog on the presiding magistrate on Tuesday.

The magistrate, Mr J. Fetherstone, SM, was unable to attend Redfern Court, Sydney, because of injuries received in the attack.

Walker, 27, a field officer, of Redfern, is charged, by a warrant issued in Queensland, with demanding money with menaces.

At an earlier hearing the police prosecutor, Sergeant K. Earl, said police alleged Walker had demanded \$10,000 from James Varghese, threatening to place a price of \$200 on the man's head.

Later yesterday the

hearing resumed before Mr A. Wilde, SM.

Mr B. Miles, for Walker, asked for a remand. He said the defence would seek to produce Mr Varghese, who was anxious to give evidence on behalf of Walker, and would return from overseas on December 17.

Mr Wilde remanded Walker to Redfern Court on December 18, and allowed him \$500 bail.

About 15 demonstrators formed a picket line outside the court. One of them, Mr K. Olerhead, said they included representatives of the Communist Party, the Communist League, the Spartacists League, and University political groups.

Placards carried by the group claimed the Queensland charges against Walker should be dropped as they were racially-based and had political motives.