

PROTEST BACKS WALKER

SYDNEY: More than 50 people demonstrated in support of Aboriginal activist **Dennis Walker** outside Redfern Court today.

They demanded that charges being heard in the court against him be dropped and that extra-

dition proceedings to send Walker to Queensland for hearing be dismissed.

Walker, 29, field officer, of Redfern, appeared before Mr. C. R. Briese, SM, charged with having

demanding money with menaces in Brisbane on August 6 this year.

He is the son of Queensland poet Kath Walker.

Mr. Briese said Mr. Featherstone, SM, who

heard proceedings earlier, was admitted to hospital this week for a serious operation.

Mr. Featherstone would be unable to hear the proceedings for some time and the case would be dealt with by another magistrate.

Mr. Bruce Miles, for Walker, said the length of the case would depend on the ruling of the court and admissibility of evidence.

"We have claimed it would be oppressive to send Walker back to Queensland and we would endeavor to show that Queensland has a particular bias against the Aboriginal people.

"This state of bias could run through the proceedings and a jury could hold that bias," he said.

Mr. Briese adjourned the hearing with Walker on bail, to the present sittings of the Central Court where he said that a long case could be more easily heard, if necessary.

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