

BLACKS HAVE A VICTORY

Pay goes on

From PETER REES

CANBERRA. — NSW aboriginals had a victory yesterday in their dispute with the Federal Aboriginal Affairs Minister, Senator Cavanagh.

The minister agreed to continue funding the NSW Aboriginal Legal Service until the end of the year—but got no assurance that the service would not be involved in future demonstrations.

This means the service will get \$11,000 a week to meet salaries and running costs until December 31.

But before then it will have to account for an outstanding sum of \$8000 — originally \$29,000 — otherwise the Government may cut off cash again.

Senator Cavanagh would not give an immediate undertaking to meet \$43,000 in barristers' costs for 1973-74.

He said he would give a decision by the end of the week.

The row started last week when Senator Cavanagh cut off money for the service after it failed to account for the \$29,000.

He said it would get no more money until talks were held with responsible officers of the service.

He said he was not prepared to see them until "all intimidatory actions" ended in Canberra.

The ALP and ACTU president, Mr Hawke, intervened to arrange yesterday's 90-minute discussions.

Eight members of the service, including the president, Mr Paul Coe, and the vice-president, Mr Bob Bellear, attended the talks.

Mr Coe said later Senator Cavanagh had been "extremely aggressive" in the talks.

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