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Mrs. Eatock said afterwards: "The Aboriginal people will not could lawfully have been required the white man's law has turned a blind eye to their plight.

"Law is not the same as justice — not a new discovery for the black Australian."

The Government had underestimated the determination and desperation driving the Aboriginal people, she said.

Two men arrested outside Parliament House on the day the "embassy" was removed appeared at Canberra petty sessions yesterday.

Christopher John Swinbank, 22, technical assistant, of Deakin, was charged with assaulting a policeman and hindering another.

George Imashov, 20 student, of Queanbeyan, was charged with the same offence.

Neither pleaded to the charges and Mr. Dobson, SM, remanded them until August 1 on \$100 bail.

dealt with in the ordinary way when the suit came on for hearing.

Mr. Justice Fox said that on the two occasions on which the police had removed tents, they had been carrying out the provisions of a law that was prima facie valid.

The "embassy" and its members could lawfully have been required to leave the land according to principles of the general law and without the aid of the ordinance.

The ordinance had not been shown to be invalid. However, he thought there were arguments that, on the hearing of the suit, would require further consideration on the question of validity.



IN BRIEF

Gaol for theft of bible

SYDNEY. — A 48-year-old man was sentenced to one month's gaol by Newcastle Court yesterday for having stolen a bible.

The man, Joseph Kenneth Booler, unemployed, of no fixed address, was also sentenced to two months' gaol on a charge of suspected vagrancy. The sentences are concurrent.

Constable W. Snow, of Newcastle, said he saw Booler at Newcastle on July 24 and amongst his belongings was the new bible in an unbroken package.

The Police Prosecutor, Sergeant C. Naylor, said Booler was released from gaol only last Saturday and had 70 previous convictions.

Another two police go

SYDNEY.—Two more NSW police have been dismissed for allegedly selling information to private inquiry agents.

This brings the total to 15

State to act on land prices spiral

More residential land will be released to prevent scarcity pushing up prices, the chairman of the Board of Works (Mr. A. E. Croxford) said last night.

He said he hoped the necessary procedures for releasing more land could be completed within eight to nine weeks.

"Many land owners are sitting on residential zoned land in the metropolitan area hoping that prices will be pushed up because of the shortage," Mr. Croxford said.

The board and the State Government were studying ways of releasing more land without awaiting for the amendment of the Metropolitan Planning Scheme to be proclaimed.

This, Mr. Croxford said, could be three to five years away, depending upon how long it took to hear the 2840 objections which have been made to the scheme.

"I have been talking with the Minister for Local Government (Mr. Hunt) on what action we could take," he said.

Mr. Croxford said there were several possible ways to cope with the land question.

The one with the fewest problems was for the State Government to revoke sections of the 1968 Metropolitan Planning Scheme and impose an interim development order.

"This would cover areas urgently needed for urban development," Mr. Croxford said.

"It would also give us planning flexibility and still ensure the rights of individuals.

"At the moment there is no shortage of residential land, but one could develop," he said.

"We are considering taking this action to ensure that a shortage of land does not contribute to rising prices."

Mr. Croxford was speaking at the Urban Land Institute of Australia award ceremony last night.

Earlier the Acting Premier (Mr. Hamer) presented Mr. Leslie Perrott with the institute's Total Community Development Award for 1972.

Mr. Perrott is a town planner and former president of the RACV.

Protection for homes promised

Bittern and Tyabb, the only two townships within the proposed industrial zone for Westernport, would have their residential areas protected, Councillor R. Rowley, chairman of the Western Port Regional Planning Authority said yesterday.

With the authority's director (Mr. Brian Harper) and other members, Cr. Rowley inspected the areas around the towns of Hastings, Bittern, Tyabb and Crib Point yesterday before further considering objections to the industrial plan.

They also visited Jack's Beach, Hastings Inlet, Yaringa boat harbor and Stony Point.

The authority will hear submissions from public authorities at a special meeting on August 10.

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