

WILD RIOT BY GIRLS IN P'MATTA HOME

Girls rioted for five hours in the hospital at the Parramatta Industrial Girls Home last night.

They got on the roof about 7 p.m. and resisted attempts by the home's staff and police to get them down.

People watching from outside the home said at least 20 girls were on the roof at one time.

Screaming and shouting

abuse, the girls tore off roof slates and hurled them at police below.

Under the rain of tiles, police turned four fire hoses on to the girls on the roof of the two-storey hospital block.

Spotlights On Roof

A fire brigade van brought the hoses on the request of the police.

Some of the girls, wet to the skin, came off the roof voluntarily.

As spotlights and torches played on the rest, Constables C. Swales and B. Fishburn, of Parramatta, climbed bare-foot on to the wet roof to bring them down.

They removed the last of the girls from the roof about 12.30 a.m.

Police said later no one was hurt.

Girls in other parts of the home screamed and yelled abuse during the disturbance.

Crowds of sightseers, including some parents of girls in the home, watched the riot from outside the home, in Fleet Street.

Heard News On

TV, Radio

The parents went to the home after hearing news of the riot on television and radio news bulletins.

Police were still at the home early this morning.

Officials of the Child Welfare Department and the home were not available for comment on the reason for the riot.