

# Screams, abuse at court

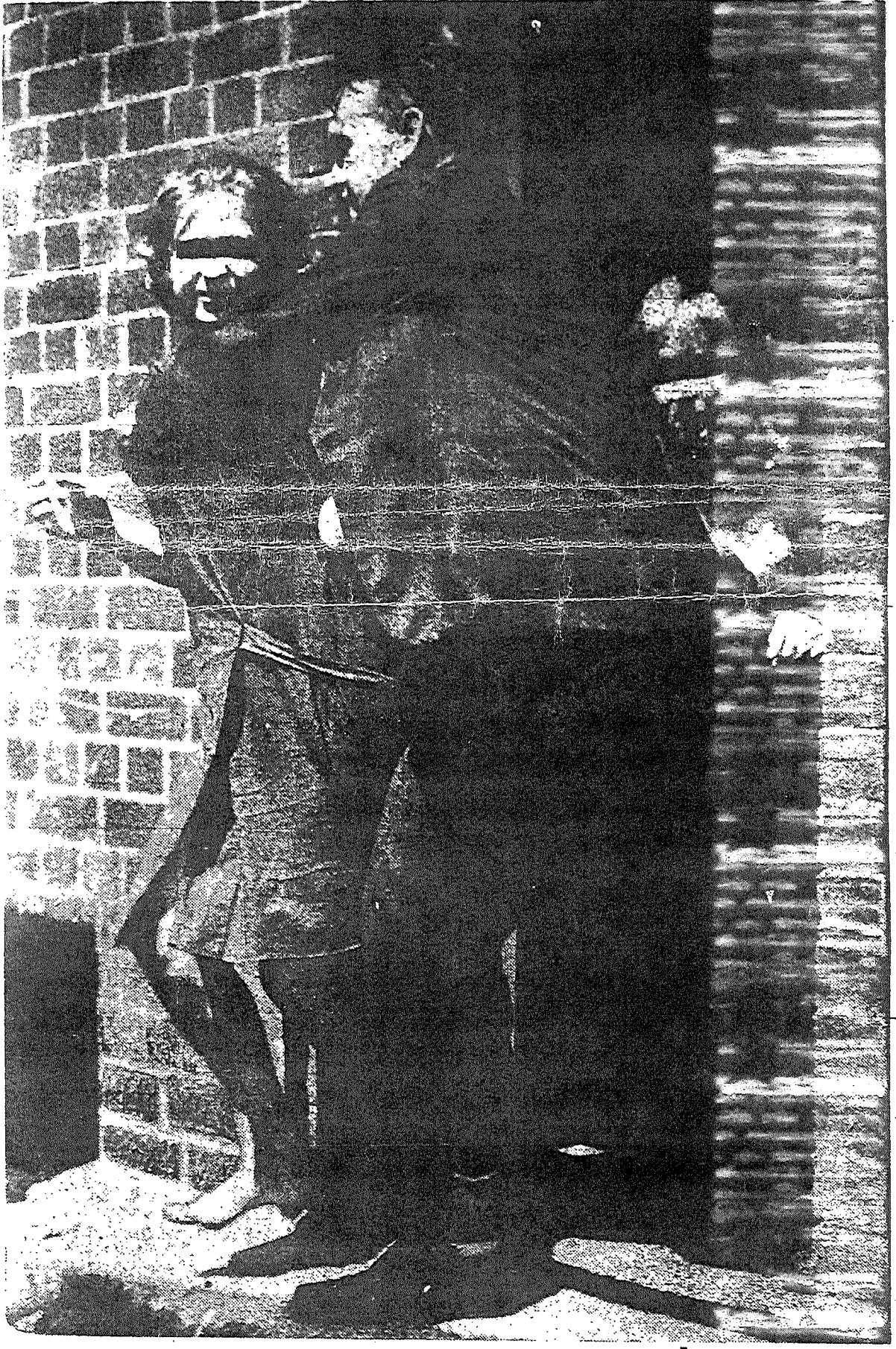
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**LAST RAIN**  
Sung by the Sydney Opera House  
today to mark the opening.  
Fine, warm and humid

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# 6 GIRL RIOTERS GAOLED



Riot ring-leaders at Parramatta Girls' Training School last night were today sent to Long Bay Gaol.

They received sentences of up to three months imprisonment in cases heard at Albion Street Children's Court.

A tall, thin blonde, said to be the leader, received three months' sentence.

Five other girls sentenced to one month's gaol. One girl was discharged.

## Hammered on van

The entry of the girls to and exit from Albion Street Court was a sequence of screams, shouting, biting, strong language and abuse.

Kept barefooted to tempt they were dragged, in a captivated group in dark, blue training school uniforms.

So savagely did they resist that it took powerful police to control them.

The worst performances came after they were sentenced.

Infuriated, the girls screamed obscenities and abuse at police and hammered on their cell doors when they were returned to Central Police Station this afternoon.

The noise of their screams could be heard in the courtyard of the court.

Police said that the language was some of the worst they had ever

heard from girls or women.

Placed in a police van to go to Long Bay they hammered on the back, screamed and abused police violently.

The van was driven to the CIB courtyard at Central Lane it had to brake sharply to avoid a car.

TMJ started the worst sort of language of the day. It continued as the van drove down Central Lane and into George St. on the way to the gaol.

The arrival of the girls at Albion St. for the hearing of the cases this morning was also a running display of language, abuse, kicking and fighting.

At the court they were taken straight to an upstairs room with heavily barred windows.

Soon after being placed in the room they began chattering and booing. They yelled to police officers, to "pull their heads in"

Neither court officials welfare officers nor police could suppress the cat-calls, loud yelling and bad language.

### Picked up

A crowd consisting mostly of factory workers in the Surry Hills Albion St. area watched a police truck take four of the girls away from the court after they had appeared before the magistrate.

Three of the girls fought and kicked at police who escorted them from a door at the rear of the court towards a waiting police truck.

They again hurled obscene language and abuse at the police and to men in the crowd.

Soon after the four girls left, two others were brought from the court, kicking and screaming.

One resisted so violently police had to pick her up to get her into the truck.

The truck left with both girls screaming at the tops of their voices.

Extraordinary precautions were taken by police to ensure that there was no possibility of the girls attempting escape from Albion St.

### Segregation

Police strength was increased to eight uniformed men under the direction of a senior sergeant and four plainclothes detectives. Welfare officers, includ-

ing several female members, were at strategic positions in and around the court.

Child Welfare Minister Hawkins said today that younger girls might soon be moved to Thornleigh from Parramatta Girls' Training School.

Alterations would have to be made to Thornleigh, Mr. Hawkins added.

Money for these had been approved and plans and specifications were being prepared.

Thornleigh had been used for some time to segregate girls who showed improvement at Parramatta.

Thornleigh was "open" and the girls could move freely around it.

Mr. Hawkins said the department was now considering whether to provide Thornleigh with more security against absconders.

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One of the girl rioters grapples with a detective at the Albion St. Children's Court while another looks on. The girls appeared in court wearing Training School overalls and were barefooted.