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ABOVE: The Reverend Fred Nile addresses the Decency Family Rally, in Garema Place, yesterday. LEFT: Two Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence were there to express their views.



Fred Nile battles with the Sisters of Indulgence

The voice of Fred Nile, speaking at a Decency Family Rally, in Garema Place, yesterday, was drowned out by about 60 members of the Canberra homosexual community.

The rally, against pornography in the ACT, turned into a bit of a hullabaloo when the gays and lesbians descended on about 40 Nile supporters, blowing umpires' whistles and yelling and shouting.

The organiser of the homosexual demonstrators, Tim McCann, said homosexuals were being encouraged to carry whistles at all times to use if under threat of attack.

He said Reverend Nile's actions incited "hatred" of homosexuals and encouraged homosexual bashings, which were on the increase in Australia and Canberra.

Above the din Reverend Nile said "we've never preached hatred or intolerance" and called the demonstrators "fascists".

Pornography was antifamily, promoted incest and adultery, was antiwoman and antihuman, he said, and called upon the ACT Legislative Assembly to ban all X-rated videos.

Reverend Nile asked his supporters to raise their arms towards the homosexual demonstrators in prayer.

He said the homosexual protesters had "no respect for freedom of speech ... they want their rights but aren't prepared to give anyone else theirs".

"We aren't discussing homosexuality at all here today".

Mother Edna Above Average, from the Canberra chapter of the homosexual group, the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, said he had attended the rally to protest at Reverend Nile's "condemnation of homosexuality and his ignorance of love".

A speaker at the rally, Dawn Casley Smith, of Concerned Citizens Against Pornography, told the homosexuals that they were "revolting", but because they were all brothers and sisters under God, "we love you".

After the speakers had finished, one Nile supporter approached the homosexuals and told them that their actions were "wrecking the nation". He said it was only a matter of time before there was divine retribution for not their actions.

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