

## SYDNEY SOLICITOR IN DARLINGHURST RECEPTION HOUSE

SYDNEY, May 10.—A Sydney solicitor who is at present suing two doctors for allegedly having wrongfully certified him insane, is in the Darlinghurst Reception House.

He was sent there after being arrested at Dee Why at 3 a.m. to-day.

Several police radio patrol cars were rushed to Alfred Road, Dee Why, after a resident, Henry Thomas Baker, had telephoned the police and stated that his wife and child were being terrified by an allegedly armed man.

He claimed that the man kept calling out to him and his wife to "come out and settle a debt."

When the first police car reached the street, detectives intercepted a man and questioned him for some time. Later they took him to Manly police station.

Later, Oliver Darcy Johnston (43), solicitor, of Delmar Parade, Dee Why, was locked up on a charge of being deemed insane.

## "Found Wandering"

He also was charged with having been found wandering at large.

He was taken to the reception house later.

On April 30, Johnston started a Supreme Court action against Dr. Horace Layton Spearman, a psychiatrist, and Dr. William Henry Norman Randall, claiming heavy damages for their action in having certified him insane in June 1951, and having caused his incarceration for six months in Callan Park Asylum.

He claimed that he was not insane, and that the doctors had wrongly certified him.

Doctors denied negligence in their observations of Johnston before certifying him.

After two days' hearing, the action was adjourned last Monday until to-morrow, because of the illness of counsel for the doctors.