Sydney, Australia (HIStory World Tour)

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There were more scenes of Michael-mania last night as Jackson left his Sydney hotel for his final concert in the city, sparking fresh concerns about the singer's security.

Newly arrived members of the US Marine Corp, in Sydney to support US President Bill Clinton's visit on Tuesday, were plucked out of the crowd to add muscle.

One guard revealed Jackson was "paranoid" and "a bit nervous" about being mobbed by fans after a security scare at the premier of his new movie Ghosts on Friday night at the Hoyts cinema in George Street.

Last night, leaving half an hour before he was due to appear on stage, Jackson greeted a 500-strong crowd of mostly screaming teenagers.

Accompanied by a small boy and close friends, he gave his fans a quick wave before climbing into a van and driving off. But the crowd, having waited several hours for a glimpse of their idol, ran madly onto the road after the Jackson entourage, stopping traffic and creating a headache for police.

Among the teenagers were Marie-Louise Dalton 16, and her sister Sarah, 13 from Lane Cove, Nicola Murgatroyd, 14, from Seaforth and Natalie Hilario, 15, from Manly Vale who had waited outside the Sheraton On The Park Hotel for more than five hours.

"We love his music and his dancing," they said excitedly.

In London, it was revealed that Jackson's new bride Debbie Rowe will go shopping for her own home when she returns to Los Angeles.

Rowe, who is six months pregnant with his child, has been told by Jackson: "You'll never work again, I promise."

But Jackson will not be living with his 37-year-old bride, who he married on Thursday in his Sydney hotel, The London Star reported last night.

Jackson has denied reports that she was artificially inseminated and that he paid her more than \$600,000 to carry the child.

Yesterday, London's "Daily Mirror" said that Rowe used to be a hell-raising biker who tore around Los Angeles on her Harley-Davidson. The paper said topless photos of her were doing the rounds.

The pictures were taken in the Beverly Hills office of her ex-boss Dr Arnold Klein.

Rowe grew up the pampered daughter of a property tycoon. Jackson's Sydney show sold out at 11am yesterday.

He plays Brisbane on Tuesday.

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A minor disaster was avoided during "Beat It" when Jackson's taped backing started repeating on itself. Ever the trouper, Jackson ploughed on and eventually the machinery corrected itself.