To all Aborigines!

"The Abo Call" is our own paper. It has been established to present the case for Aborigines from the point of view of the Aborigines themselves.

This paper has nothing to do with missionaries, or anthropologists, or with anybody who looks down on Aborigines as an "inferior" race.

We are NOT an inferior race, we have merely been refused the chance of education that whites receive. "The Abo Call" will show that we do not want to go back to the stone age.

Representing 60,000 Full Bloods and 20,000 Halfcastes in Australia, we raise our voice to ask for education, Equal Opportunity, and Full Citizen Rights.

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The Editor asks all Aborigines and Halfcastes to support the paper, by buying it and also by acting as agents for sale to white friends and supporters.

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OUR TEN POINTS

Deputation to the Prime Minister

The following is a full copy of the statement made to the Prime Minister at the Deputation of the Aborigines on 31st January last.

We hold in Sydney on 26th January of this year. This policy is the only policy which has the support of the Aborigines themselves.

URGENT INTERIM POLICY

Before placing before you the following POLICY FOR ABORIGINES, we wish to state that this policy has been endorsed by a Conference of Aborigines, held in Sydney on 28th January of this year. This policy is the only policy which has the support of the Aborigines themselves.

A LONG RANGE POLICY FOR ABORIGINES

1. - We respectfully request that there should be a National Policy for Aborigines. We ask that the Commonwealth Government control all Aboriginal Affairs.

2. - We suggest the appointment of a Commonwealth Ministry for Aboriginal Affairs, the Minister to have full Cabinet rank.

3. - We suggest the appointment of an Administrative Head of the proposed Department of Aboriginal Affairs, the Administrator to be advised by an Advisory Board, consisting of six persons, three of whom at least should be of Aboriginal blood, to be nominated by the Aborigines Progressive Association.

4. - The aim of the Department of Aboriginal Affairs should be to raise all Aborigines throughout the Commonwealth to Full Citizen Status and civil equality with the whites in Australia. In particular, and without delay, all Aborigines should be entitled:

(a) To receive the same educational opportunities as white people.

(b) To receive the benefits of labour legislation, including Arbitration Court Awards, on an equality with white workers.

(c) To receive the full benefits of workers compensation and insurance.

(d) To receive the benefits of old-age and invalid pensions, whether living in Aboriginal settlements or not.

(e) To own land and property, and to be allowed to save money in personal banking accounts, and to come under the same laws regarding intestacy and transmission of property as the white population.

(f) To receive wages in cash, and not by orders, issue of rations, or apprenticeship systems.

5. - We recommend that Aborigines and Halfcastes should come under the same marriage laws as white people, and should be free to marry partners of their choice, irrespective of colour.

EASTER MEETING

A general meeting of Aborigines will be held at La Perouse Reserve on Easter Sunday (17th April). The main purpose of the meeting is to adopt a Constitution and Rules for the Aborigines Progressive Association, also election of officers. Please make a big effort to attend this important meeting, which will put our fight for Citizen Rights on a proper legal footing.

SELECT COMMITTEE

The Select Committee upon the Administration of the Aborigines Protection Board (New South Wales) took a lot of evidence, and then dissolved without making a report.

Mr. BRUXNER'S PROMISE

His promise in his speech in the N.S.W. Elections, the leader of the Country Party, Mr. M. F. Bruxner, promised "a new deal for Aborigines." This is the same Mr. Bruxner who said to the Millions Club, Sydney, a few months ago, that "Jacky-Jacky is not a good advertisement for Australia." In Mr. Bruxner's own electorate, near Tabulam, N.S.W., the Aborigines are living in dreadful conditions, which are a very bad advertisement for Mr. Bruxner. He hopes that his "New Deal" will be a better deal than we had for the past 150 years.

PACKSADDLE

Our friends in Darwin inform us that a white man also was charged with rape at the same time as Pack saddles, but no mention was made of this in either Darwin or Sydney papers.