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EXTERMINATION OF BLACKS

Allegations Of Aboriginal

SYDNEY, Wednesday.

According to Mr. J. T. Patten, president of the Aboriginal Progressive Association, the death roll at Cummerogunya reserve in the last 22 months was six adults, four children and 15 babies. He declared that the babies were dying of malnutrition, and that mental and physical cruelty was inflicted by white men in charge of the reserves.

Mr. Patten, who is himself an aboriginal, declares that if orders are not obeyed food supplies are stopped. Aborigines are starved, and the children are allowed meat once a week with three onions and two potatoes. These rations, he said, were slowly exterminating the aborigines.