

ABORIGINALS: MORE SIT-INS

ABORIGINALS hope to set up 13 "settlements" in Victoria this year in a concerted effort to claim land.

An aboriginal leader, **Mr Eric McGuinness**, 36, said yesterday: "It is time we did something for ourselves and hold our heads up."

Today **Mr McGuinness** and five other aboriginals will set up a settlement on **Framlingham Reserve** — near **Warrnambool** — the site of a settlement many years ago.

It will be the second settlement — the first was established by **Mr Lin Onus**, 22, and others in **Sherbrooke Forest**, a mile west of **Belgrave** in the **Dandenongs**, last Saturday.

Mr Onus said yesterday: "We are hoping that there will be 13 settlements established all over Victoria during 1971."

Other aboriginals joined with **Mr Onus** yesterday to make the first permanent building on the **Sherbrooke** site — a lavatory.

But the building has caused trouble with the **Forests Commission**.

Commission workers told **Mr Onus** yesterday they would take action against him if he did not leave.

Mr Onus said they were not breaking laws by camping in the forest, but building something was another matter.

"We are really quite friendly with the **Forests Commission** blokes — they even brought us a couple of telegrams from well wishers because we haven't got a permanent address in the forest," he said.