

Protest greets the China aboriginals

SYDNEY. — Chants and slogans welcomed four members of the aboriginal delegation to China when they arrived at Sydney airport yesterday.

About 20 friends and relatives of the Australian aboriginal delegation to China staged an impromptu demonstration for aboriginal land rights.

Gerry Bostock, one of the four members of the delegation, led the

group's chants demanding "land rights now" and protesting against "police and government red tape."

The nine-man delegation has spent a month in China, as guests of the Chinese Government on a cultural exchange visit.

The protest, watched

by Sunday airport crowds, was over within minutes.

"Power to the people," grinned the leader of the delegation, Mr C. "Chicka" Dixon, as he came out of Customs to a welcome of hugs, enthusiastic handshakes and excited shouts.

"For the first time in our lives we were treated as equals," he said. "We were never called boongs or niggers."

He read a statement that had been prepared by the delegation.

"The concern, care and respect accorded to members of the delegation as people and members of the aboriginal race, was unique in the experience of all the members."

The delegation was particularly impressed with the treatment of the 54 minority groups in China.