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China puts off visit by natives

CANBERRA. — The Chinese Government has postponed a proposed visit to China by a group of 20 Aborigines.

Late last year the Chinese Government invited the Aborigines to visit the people's republic for a month. They were to have left Australia late in April.

However, a member of the Aboriginal "embassy" outside Parliament House, Mr. John Newfong, said yesterday the Chinese had asked the Aborigines to come later.

"We were supposed to have been there for May Day," Mr. Newfong said.

"I understand that the postponement had something to do with there being too many people in Peking on May Day."

Mr. Newfong said he had been assured that the China trip was still on.

"But frankly if they don't hurry up I am not interested — I want to get up to the Northern Territory for the Federal elections.

"The elections here are much more important than the trip."

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