

# MARCH TO MARK ABORIGINES DAY

Demonstrations will be held tomorrow in all State capitals and Canberra to mark National Aborigines Day.

Organisers of the Black Moratorium in Canberra expect at least 500 people to march from Garema Place to the Aboriginal Embassy tomorrow night.

The Federal Government has given \$10,000 to the National Aborigines Day Observance Committee to publicise National Aborigines Day.

Thousands of posters, leaflets and stickers demanding rights for Aborigines have been circulated by the committee and Black Moratorium organisers.

The Federal Council for the Advancement of Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders decided in Febru-

ary to hold on National Aborigines Day a massive protest against the suffering by Australia's original inhabitants.

A spokesman for the Black Moratorium in Canberra, Mr Allan Gould, said demonstrations in Sydney and Melbourne would be "really big".

"Aborigines will be taken to Sydney to participate in the demonstrations", he said. "They also will take part in demonstrations in Brisbane and Darwin.

"In Canberra Aborigines and people concerned with the problems of their rights will march by candlelight to the embassy".

Mr Gould said the slogan

for the protest marches would be "Ningla a-na", Arunta words for "We are hungry for our land".

A leaflet released by the Black Moratorium calls on people to "leave their arm-chairs" and participate in the marches.

"If you believe that nothing needs to be done, that is a reflection on your ignorance, not of Aborigines' well-being".

The leaflet claims that each year on July 14 the Federal Government tries to hide the fact that it is doing nothing for the advancement of Aborigines.

"This year National Aborigines Day will be different. It will not be in the hands of a white Government".

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