

# CHINESE AID FOR BLACKS

Aborigines will receive substantial financial aid from the Peoples Republic of China to help them in their fight for equality, Aboriginal Embassy spokesman, Mr John Newfong said today.

He said it would be one of the major results from their month long tour of China.

"We will be in Peking for May Day", he said.

"We hope to assemble in Sydney and leave for China late in April.

"There will be 20 Aboriginal representatives from all States and Territories".

Part of the financial aid program envisaged by the Aborigines and Chinese is the visit to Australia of President Nyerere, of Tanzania.

President Nyerere led an attack, with Mrs Ghandi of India and Prime Minister Trudeau of Canada, on Mr Gorton when he was Prime Minister at the Common-

wealth Prime Ministers Conference.

The attack was made on legislation operating in States and territories in Australia that discriminated against Aborigines.

Mr Newfong said today Mr Gorton had agreed to make a review of the legislation but the review was shelved when Mr McMahon became Prime Minister.

The Chinese Government will pay for President Nyerere's expenses on his visit to Australia.

He will be one of the main speakers at a conference on Aboriginal rights to be held in Alice Springs after the Chinese trip by the Aborigines.

Mr Newfong said the question of financial aid had been mentioned in earlier discussions and they were confident China would support them.

He would not disclose how much was promised by the Chinese.

"The only problem to the tour is if the Department of the Interior will allow the two representatives from the Northern Territory to leave Australia, he said.

"They have the authority to say no to any Northern Territory full blood Aborigine wanting to leave.

"So far they are denying they will stop the departure but we are not too sure.

"We will not release the representatives names for this reason", he said.

Mr Newfong, a journalist, will cover the Aborigines tour and syndicate the story through an overseas newspaper.

"We will be making a tour of all the universities in China and also be speaking to the cultural bodies.

"We will be taking Aborigines who are concerned in ballet and theatre with us", he said.

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