



TRIBES GATHER TO GREET MPs

Three busloads of Aborigines from the Yirrkala, Gurindji and Walbiri tribes will arrive in Canberra tomorrow to take part in a land-rights rally at the Aboriginal "embassy" outside Parliament House.

Federal Opposition Leader Mr Whitlam is one of six speakers who will address the rally — to coincide with tomorrow's opening of Parliament.

The rally will be held on the lawns opposite Parliament House at 12.30pm.

Organisers of the "embassy" staff, Mr John Newfong, said today 60 Aborigines had been invited to attend the opening of Parliament as guests of the Labor Party.

"Twenty Aborigines will sit in the Senate and 40 in the House of Representatives", Mr Newfong said.

Speakers from all States, including the Northern Territory, will address the rally.

More than 200 Aborigines are expected to attend.

Mr Newfong said official visitors to the Aboriginal embassy would include Mr Whitlam and Council for Aboriginal Affairs chairman Dr Coombs.

The Minister for Social Services, Mr Wentworth, is the only Liberal Party Member invited to visit the "embassy".

"The aim of the rally is to drive home the need for Aboriginal land rights", Mr Newfong said.

"Various politicians have had their say on the matter.

"The rally will give us a chance to have our say", Mr Newfong said Aborigines at the "embassy" would not disband after the opening of Parliament as previously stated.

"We have decided to stay on until successful with land rights", he said.

"Financially, we have just enough to keep going for the moment.

"But more fund raising activities are planned".

Aboriginal "embassy officials" sign for registered mail delivered today by postman Mr Noel Hayes, of Yarralumla.

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