

Out Australia, says Sykes. . .

LONDON, Today. — Australian aboriginal civil rights activist Bobbi Sykes last night called on Britain to ask the Commonwealth to expel Australia for practising racism.

In a speech to more than 400 people at a symposium on Australian aboriginals, Miss Sykes, who is in Britain on a lecture tour, said that Australia had managed to successfully keep all information about its black people within its boundaries.

Most of the white Australians were not even aware of the appalling conditions and problems that Australia's black people suffer from, she said.

She said that Australia's Government offices in London did not show any information about Australia's aboriginals.

Miss Sykes said that malnutrition was rife among Australian aboriginals and this was the first problem which should be overcome.

Black Australians should also be educated to realise what was available to them in the rest of Australia.

Miss Sykes illustrated her talk with slides showing conditions in Australian aboriginal reserves and the recent Canberra aboriginal embassy demonstrations.

She said the Australian

Government practised hypocrisy in regard to its all-white immigration policies.

"No-one is ever told Australia has a black population," she added.

"I think that Black Power in this country should be protesting against the discrimination which the Australian Government is levelling out.

"I think the British people should do something

about the racist treatment the aboriginal people are being subjected to in Australia.

"If the Commonwealth can expel countries for practising racism, I think the Commonwealth should be called on by British people to expel Australia," Miss Sykes said.

Miss Sykes was speaking at a meeting organised by aboriginal rights group,

Abjab (an aboriginal word meaning nonsense), in London.

It was held in the theatre of the Institute of Contemporary Arts in London's mall, only a mile from Buckingham Palace.

Before she spoke, the audience was shown films and addressed by speakers who outlined the development of Australian aboriginals. — AAP.

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