

# PM STRIKES BLOW FOR RACIAL FRATERNITY



The Prime Minister, Mr McMahon, poses for a picture with Miss Iris Hunter, 18, outside Adelaide Town Hall last night.

She was among Aborigines who went from the tent "embassy" in Brougham Gardens, North Adelaide, to the Town Hall to hand out leaflets.

They were taken by surprise when Mr McMahon stepped out of his car and instead of going inside for a reception walked up to them and began shaking their hands and saying "Hello, how are you?"

Already 15 minutes late for the reception, Mr McMahon discussed the Aborigines' land rights question and told them of his recent trip to the Gove Peninsula, in the NT.

He said permanent reserves had been established for the Aborigines.

A member of the group replied: "My brother is a heavy machine operator there and he gets \$60 a fortnight."

Mr McMahon said: "Wherever I went up there I found good will, real good will, and they said they did not like other people down here complaining.

"While I remain Prime Minister the interest of my people, the Aborigines, are my paramount concern."

Before entering the Town Hall, the Prime Minister asked Miss Hunter if she would pose for a picture with him.

"Yes," she said in surprise.

After the Prime Minister had gone supporters of the "embassy" group said the girl had been forced to pose for the picture for political purposes.