

THE WINDS OF CHANGE

On 17th September, 1969, a delegation comprising Mrs.S.Briggs, Mr. Bob Maza, and Mr. Harry Penrith was elected by an Aboriginal Meeting to present to the Aborigines' Advancement League, Melbourne, a request that the Management Committee and all paid positions of the League be occupied by Aborigines only.

It was unfortunate that through a lack of understanding and communications Mrs. Briggs was not present. Mr. Stewart Murray substituted for her when the delegation met the A.A.L. Executive and Management Committee on 3rd October. Messrs. Maza and Penrith accordingly wish to publicly apologize to Mrs. Briggs for the error on their part.

The delegation now takes great pleasure in presenting to the Koories of Victoria the result of their discussions and the following reply indicates the favourable way in which it was received by the League:-

"That at the next Quarterly Meeting of the A.A.L. (28/11/69) all members of the Management Committee be requested to resign to enable a new Management Committee to be elected in terms of the deputations submissions."

Such an unselfish and enlightened attitude is worthy of the highest praise and surely indicates that Kath Walker was not thinking of Victoria when she said recently:-

"White do-gooders would be far better off helping the poverty-stricken members of their own race. They have worked for Aboriginal Advancement because it was a damned easy way to earn a living. Aborigines to them were a cause worth holding on to. So dependent have these white people become on the Aboriginal cause that they cannot let go of it. They are thinking and working for themselves at the expense of the Aborigines."

Advance Australia DARK - and fair!!!

(Mr.) S.Murray

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