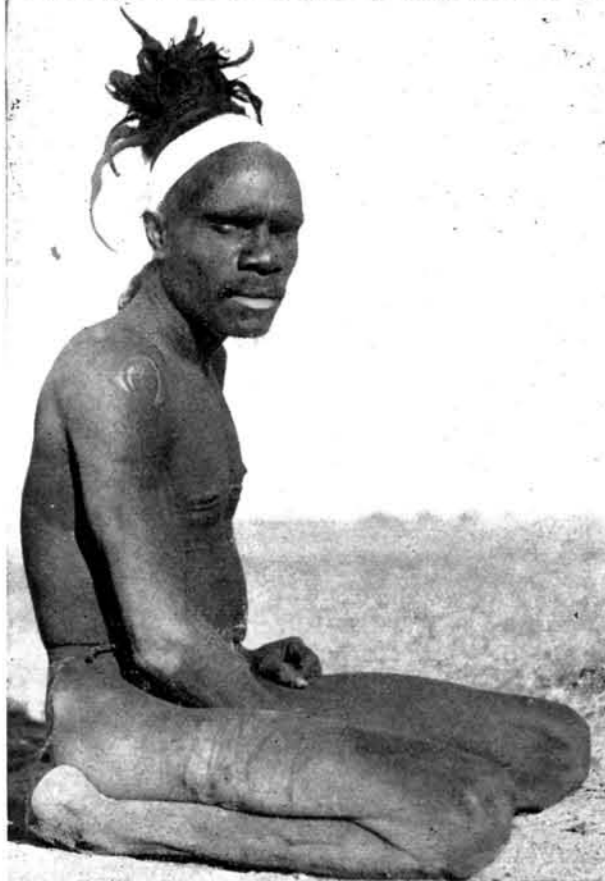


CURRENT CAMERA HISTORY: AUSTRALIA



A LARGE BLACKBOARD displayed outside the hall proclaims, "Day of Mourning." Leaflets warned that, "Aborigines and persons of Aboriginal blood only are invited to attend." At 5 o'clock in the afternoon resolution of indignation, protest, was moved, passed.



"I DO NOT KNOW THE NAME OF MY SADNESS," runs song of desert eagles. "Once plenty kangaroos sat on the hills."

ABORIGINES MEET, MOURN WHILE WHITE-MAN NATION CELEBRATES

THE following pictures, the press was told, "Could not be got." White-man photographers and reporters were politely refused admission to the meeting. MAN, only, made the meeting, got pictures. On January 26, 1938, while Australia celebrated, New South Wales aborigines mourned the coming of the white man, passed resolution of protest after all-day indignation-debate, asked full citizens rights. Protested Organising Secretary Ferguson, "We have been 'protected' for 150 years, and look what has become of us." Added Fitzroy footballer Douglas Nicholls, "We are not chickens, we are eagles."



SECTION OF ABORIGINAL MEETING in Australian Hall, Sydney, organised by Aborigines' Progressive Association mourners.



PRESIDENT PATTEN (right) reads resolution, "We, representing THE ABORIGINES OF AUSTRALIA . . . on the 150th Anniversary of the whitemen's seizure of our country, HEREBY MAKE PROTEST against the callous treatment of our people . . . AND WE APPEAL to the Australian Nation of to-day . . . for FULL CITIZEN STATUS and EQUALITY WITHIN THE COMMUNITY."