

ABORIGINAL TREATY COMMITTEE

PROGRESS REPORT

THE ABORIGINAL TREATY COMMITTEE (chairman Dr H.C. Coombs) reports that sponsors, who have given support and donations, have grown from 80 to 900 since August 1979, when an advertisement in *The National Times* first called upon Australians to consider the purpose and provisions of a Treaty, negotiated between representatives of Aboriginal Australians and Torres Strait Islanders and the Commonwealth.

One of the latest sponsors is Alan Renouf, Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs 1974/76 and Ambassador in Washington from 1977 until just before his retirement in August this year.

Sponsors will be sent an illustrated book, *'It's Coming Yet'*, which covers the whole subject. It recounts what hap-

pened to the indigenous people of the United States, Canada, New Zealand and Papua New Guinea and compares their experience to the Aboriginal experience in Australia. It examines the legal position today in these countries and in Australia, with a special emphasis on land and compensation. It examines the political situation today, within Australia and overseas. It looks at the future.

The 30,000 word manuscript, written by Stewart Harris, is with the printers and publication will be mid-January. Meanwhile the Committee is organising regional and group support committees. The work ahead will be hard and success will not be quick. We need your help.

The Aboriginal Treaty Committee:
Dr H.C. Coombs (Chairman)
Mrs Dymphna Clark
Mrs Eva Hancock
Mr Stewart Harris

Mr Hugh Littlewood
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(Solicitors for the Aboriginal Treaty Committee are Pamela Coward and Associates.)

I/we support the Treaty idea and enclose a donation of _____ to the costs incurred by the Aboriginal Treaty Committee, PO Box 1242, Canberra City, ACT 2601.

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