

# Country tour *Herald File 12. '66* in bid to aid aboriginals

**SYDNEY, Today.** — A bus tour of northern New South Wales towns to protest against aboriginal discrimination would not be a "freedom ride," an organiser of the trip said today.

It was aimed at breaking down barriers against aboriginals through "passive resistance," he said.

Thirty-five Sydney University students will take part in the two weeks' tour.

They will be led by part-aboriginal student Charles Perkins and several other aboriginal students will take part.

The organiser, Mr Alex Mills, said the students may hold demonstrations in some towns, but there would be no "sensational" behavior unless the group, as a whole, agreed to it.

"All depends on the conditions in each town on whether we will hold demonstrations, such as 'sit-ins'," he added.

"The response of people who we've asked to help in the tour has been marvellous.

"Several city stores have provided food, and an airline company has offered to fly out people who wish to join the tour later next week."

## MAIN AIMS

The tour is the first organised campaign against discrimination to be held in Australia.

Its main aims are to arouse public interest in aboriginal problems, break down social barriers as much as possible by student action, and stimulate the interest of aboriginals in resisting discrimination.

The students are paying their own fares, and are

being helped by gifts and money raised by folk concerts and other activities.

The group intends to visit Dubbo, Moree, Lismore and many smaller towns.