

# Cavanagh, NACC in agreement on constitution

The Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Senator Cavanagh, will support in Cabinet an amended constitution of the National Aboriginal Consultative Committee, provided the constitution is drawn up with his approval.

In a statement issued in Canberra last night, Senator Cavanagh said this arrangement had been agreed to during a meeting in Melbourne yesterday between himself and three members of the NACC.

The meeting was requested by NACC member Mr Bruce McGuinness, after he had been told that Senator Cavanagh wanted to refer the whole question

of the NACC and its constitution back to the Parliamentary Labor Party for review.

It was attended by Senator Cavanagh, Mr McGuinness, the chairman of the NACC, Mr Jim Stanley, and its secretary, Mr Phillip Hall.

Senator Cavanagh said in his statement that he had told the delegation he believed amendments were necessary to the constitution and they had agreed.

He also said "distortions" disclosed during a press conference given by Mr McGuinness last Friday had been explained.

A spokesman for Senator Cavanagh said last night that the meeting had been amicable and successful.

## Land-rights warning

It was almost inevitable that Aboriginal violence and sabotage would break out in Australia if Aborigines were not granted substantial land rights, the Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs was told in Canberra yesterday.

The committee was hearing a submission from Dr Alfred Barrie Pittock on

the situation of the Yirrkala tribe in the Northern Territory.

Dr Pittock said he had been actively engaged in Aboriginal affairs since 1958 and was a member of the Australian Quaker Race Relations Committee.

Goodwill built up at Yirrkala would vanish if the Yirrkala people did not benefit substantially from the Woodward report on land rights, he said.