



BRUCE MCGUINNESS

Blacks 'reject West'

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SYDNEY. — Aborigines are looking to communist countries for guidance in their approach to self-determination, aboriginal leader, Mr Bruce McGuinness, said today.

He told 200 school teachers and academics: "Aborigines are rejecting capitalist values and are looking towards China, Cuba and Russia as catalysts for the liberation of the aboriginal people."

Mr McGuinness addressed the Australian Teachers' Federation convention at the University of New South Wales.

Speaking on the subject "Problems on aborigines," he said the few well educated aborigines in Australia had become an "educated elite and a black bourgeoisie."

"This elite among aborigines is as oppressive towards our black people as the white controllers of our community are," Mr McGuinness said.

He said that even ten-fold growth of the numbers of educated aborigines would not benefit the black people, and it would only enlarge this "elitism."

"The system is allowing the privilege and benefits of higher education to the few, and denying the aboriginal people their right for advancement as a whole community.

"The aborigines are stood on like they are dead bugs, and if they do not want to be stood on they have to become like the people who are now oppressing them," he said.