

Aborigines in row over trade plans

CANBERRA. — A serious rift has developed in the National Aboriginal Congress over plans to set up an Aboriginal trading corporation in Canberra.

The NAC Federal president, Mr. Jim Stanley, has attacked the plans as "the pie in the sky dreams of a small unrepresentative group."

But a spokesman for the group, Mr. Keith Smith, said he had full NAC authority to negotiate with foreign traders to set Aborigines up as trade agents for Third World countries.

Mr. Smith said Mr. Stanley should resign from the NAC. He foreshadowed a no confidence motion at the next formal meeting.

Last week the NAC vice-president, Mr. Keith Saunders, said trade deals worth "millions" would be unveiled at the end of the month.

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Mr. Saunders said blacks wanted Federal Government support for the establishment of a trading corporation to represent Third World countries trading in and out of Australia.

Yesterday Mr. Smith said three ships carrying coffee, clothing and toys were already on their way to Australia with \$40 million worth of merchandise to be handled by the black corporation.

Mr. Smith would not say which countries supplied the goods or where the ships would dock.