

# *New Deal for Aborigines*

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**SYDNEY.** — *A new Aboriginal welfare society will give a new deal to Aborigines living in Sydney, the society's chairman (Professor W. R. Geddes) said yesterday.*

Professor Geddes, who is head of the anthropology department at Sydney University, said the society, the Foundation for Aboriginal Affairs, hoped to develop a counselling service through which Aborigines could seek advice and assistance.

The foundation, formed from the Aboriginal Affairs Association, would help Aborigines with problems of adjustment, housing, employment, education and contacts with their white neighbors.

"This will be a people's own show, and I hope the foundation will eventually

develop into a mutual-aid society," Professor Geddes said.

"We aim to give opportunities to the people to develop what personal associations they want."

Professor Geddes said that although Australia had been backward in its treatment of Aborigines, there was still time for most of the country's problems of assimilation to be solved.

A survey conducted by the foundation revealed that there were more than 12,000 full or part Aborigines living in Sydney.

Although persons of Aboriginal descent were mainly concentrated in Redfern and La Perouse, the survey also showed groups of varying size in 73 other suburban districts.