

# Funds needed in work for Aborigines

**SYDNEY, Thursday.** — Lack of funds could force closure of the Foundation for Aboriginal Affairs, its manager, Mr C. Perkins, said today.

Mr Perkins said the gifts to the foundation were closure could be as early as three months unless public gifts to the foundation were greatly increased. "Recently we opened a

hostel for 10 Aborigines in Chippendale," he said.

"It costs a great deal of money to keep running, but our only means of support has been a trickle of gifts."

The chairman of the foundation, Professor R. Geddes, launched an urgent appeal yesterday for \$80,000 (£40,000) to allow the organisation to continue its social work among Sydney's 12,000 aborigines.

He said the foundation had only \$24,000 (£12,000) in assets, but was committed to spend \$30,000 (£15,000) in renovations to the building it now occupied.

The professor said the foundation was a self-help organisation and aimed to make the Aborigines see their problems and then overcome them themselves.

Hand-outs did no good to them and, in fact, were bad, because they encouraged the Aborigines to seek the easy way out.

Prof Geddes asked that money gifts to the foundation should be sent to the headquarters at 810 George Street, City.

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