

Students demand aborigine equality

About 100 students from the Australian National University, bearing placards demanding equality for aborigines, took part in a demonstration in Garema Place yesterday.

The demonstration, which was arranged by the A.N.U. Labour Club, publicised National Aboriginal Day.

The participants, led by the club president, Mr. George Martin, marched from the university to Garema Place, where they handed out leaflets explaining the reasons for the demonstration.

The leaflets, under the heading, Australia's Disgrace, claimed that Australian State Governments were practising racial discrimination through a wide range of legislative enactments.

The leaflets said in Western Australia, no minimum wage existed for aboriginal pastoral workers, who might be paid as little as 10/- to 15/- per week.

In Victoria at the major aboriginal reserve at Lake Tyers, the infant mortality rate was five times that of the white community. Nothing, however, was done be-

cause the Government wished to discourage aborigines from living there.

In N.S.W., aborigines could not own land on their own reserves and could be removed compulsorily.

Students under the organisation of the Australian Student Labour Federation staged similar demonstrations in Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane, Adelaide and Perth yesterday.
