

Minorities in China 'equals'

SYDNEY, Sunday. —

The 54 minority groups in China were being actively encouraged to retain their culture and participate as equals in all spheres of Chinese life, an Aboriginal delegation, which returned to Sydney today, said at Mascot airport.

Overall, minority groups and the majority interacted nationally on a planned and informal basis.

"Unlike racist Australia they encourage minority groups to keep their own culture", a spokesman for the group, Mr C. Dixon, said.

The delegation had found the Chinese genuinely interested in their problems.

"We left China with the goodwill and the promise of continuing support of our friends for the unrecognised rights of our people", a statement concluded.

The nine-man delegation had spent a month in China as a guest of the Chinese Government on a cultural exchange visit.



Members of the Aboriginal party that visited China, Mr Chika Dixon, left, Mrs Lyn Thompson, Mrs Ruby Hammond and Mr Gerry Bostock are interviewed on their return to Sydney yesterday.

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