

Ten Aborigines going to Peking

Ten Aborigines left Sydney yesterday for Peking where they will spend a month as guests of the Chinese Government.

They will ask China to help form an international lobby designed to "shame" the Australian Government into recognising Aboriginal needs.

The group consists of five men and five women representing all States and is being led by Mr C. "Chicka" Dixon, a former manager of the Foundation for Aboriginal Affairs.

The invitation to visit Peking with a group of Aborigines was issued to Mr Dixon last year by the Chinese Government, which offered to pay all expenses.

In Hong Kong they will be met by Chinese Government officials who will accompany them to Peking.

An Aboriginal law student, Mr Paul Coe, 23, said yesterday that the group would make the point in China that the Australian Government did not represent Aboriginal views.

"They will seek China's support in forming an international lobby directed at shaming Australia to alter its policy to-

wards Aborigines," Mr Coe said.

African and other Asian nations would be invited to join the lobby, he said.



Mr Peter Long of the Northern Territory, a member of the delegation, at the airport.