



• THE "Aboriginal Embassy" on the lawns in front of Parliament House, Canberra. Sitting in front, from left, are Kevin Johnston of Cowra, Mike Anderson, of Walgett, and Billy Craigie, of Moree.

## 3 ABORIGINALS SET UP 'EMBASSY'

**CANBERRA.** — Three Black Power aboriginals have set up an "aboriginal embassy" on the lawns opposite Parliament House.

And they say they will resist all attempts to move them, their red tent and blue beach umbrella.

They hope 100 aboriginals from all states will join them soon for a national conference on aboriginal land rights.

Their leader is Michael Anderson, 30, vice-chairman of the Aborigines' Land Board, and "associated" with a more militant group.

Anderson, of Walgett, 434 miles north-west of Sydney, wears black jeans, a black shirt and large black sunglasses.

With Billy Craigie, 19, of Moree, and Kevin Johnston, 21, of Cowra, he sits beside placards which read:

• "Which do you choose: land rights or bloodshed?"

• "Why pay to use our own land?"

Says Anderson: "No matter how hard they try to move us off this lawn, we will stay here."

"We are sick of playing jokes. This time we mean business."

"We don't want violence, but if anyone comes along here calling us bloody niggers, there'll be a punch-up."

Of the Nabalco plan for a 5000-square mile woodchip industry on the Arnhem Land Reserve, Anderson warns:

"Arnhem Land is a spiritual place to us."

"I look on Arnhem Land as a place where we can dig in and re-establish our roots again."

"If they destroy Arnhem Land, we will start destroying something belonging to the white man."

Canberra police questioned the group yesterday but took no action.

The aboriginals said they would camp on the lawn at least until Parliament resumed on February 22.

The national conference would call on the Prime Minister, Mr McMahon, to reconsider Wednesday's statement freshening conditional leasing of land to aboriginals.