

▶ **ABORIGINAL AND ISLANDER CATHOLIC COUNCIL FORMED**

The Aboriginal and Islander Catholic Council was formerly established during a conference in Adelaide recently. Islanders and Aborigines from all parts of Australia and representatives of white people working with Aborigines attended the meeting. Some of the New South Wales delegates to the conference are pictured in the accompanying photo. It is envisaged that the national council

will not be a council in the way Europeans understand the term. It will be a loosely federated body which may never hold a formal meeting. But it is hoped that it will provide a machinery for Aborigines and Islanders to make their needs known to the bishops and the rest of the Australian Church. Mrs Shirley Smith, Chairman of the Sydney archdiocesan Aboriginal Affairs Advisory Council, was elected A.I.C.C. co-ordinator. Anyone wishing to contact the A.I.C.C. can do so by writing to the Secretary, A.I.C.C. P.O. Box J 124, Brickfield Hill, N.S.W. 2000.

*Some of the N.S.W. delegates who attended the inaugural meeting of the A.I.C.C. Front row: Mrs Shirley Smith (Sydney), Sr. Nicole (Moree), Mr Joe O'Donnell (Wilcannia), Sr. Thomas Mary (Sydney); Back row: Mr Eric Craigie (Moree), Miss Angela Breen (Paulian Association, Sydney), Mrs Mary Anne O'Donnell (Wilcannia), and Miss Debbie Swann (Moree)*

