

Treatment of the Aborigines

SIR, — AT A UNITED NATIONS seminar on human rights held at Canberra on May 3, Miss Shirley Andrews represented the Anti-Slavery Society for the Protection of Human Rights. She gave a report on the plight of the aborigines in Australia which must have shocked those present.

~~We are quick to condemn~~ the apartheid policy in South Africa or the racial discrimination in U.S.A., but what right have we to criticise when almost similar conditions exist in our own country?

Without going into details about the Lake Tyers issue, it is clear that we have a duty to protect our aborigines. They should be treated as human beings with equal rights.

Members of Parliament, Federal and State, must be made aware of these conditions and be urged to investigate these matters. Support should be given to Pastor Doug Nicholls in his fight to protect the rights of aborigines at Lake Tyers or elsewhere.

We cannot call ourselves a Christian nation if we sit back and leave it to a minority group of people to fight this injustice.

In Australia we too may be judged by how we treat and use God's blessings and the way we treat the aborigines. We must be concerned about this vital issue and speak out loudly.

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