

# Money Donated For Aborigines

SIR,—THE FEDERAL Council of the United Aborigines Mission desires to express its gratitude to those who have responded with gifts of money to alleviate the plight of the aborigines of the Warburton Ranges area.

May we make it clear that the people so drastically in need are not the aborigines usually located at the Warburton Ranges. The mission station, to a very large degree, takes care of these. The conditions certainly are not just what the mission would like.

Periodically, groups of aborigines come to the mission station from the Rawlinson Ranges area, a distance of about 200 miles; and occasionally groups from the Musgrave Ranges some distance further east. The long trek over waterless regions, with no provision for the journey, brings about the plight of which we have heard so much recently.

The last group of 46 came to the station some weeks ago. They were in a deplorable condition—naked, wasted and thin, repulsively unclean, and ravenously hungry.

They happened to arrive just when the Parliamentary committee was making its investigations.

The missionaries, with their already taxed resources, were able to cope with the needs of these natives. They fed and rested them.

The mission would like to establish a station further on, and has proffered its co-operation with Mr. Hasluck to this end.

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