

U.S. ATTACK ON OUR NATIVES POLICY

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CHICAGO, Wednesday.—The Australian Government has for many years been singularly insensitive to the human rights of native minorities entrusted to it, the Chicago Tribune asserts today.

In an editorial headed "The Humanitarian From Down Under," commenting on Dr. Evatt's proposal for an international court of human rights, the Tribune says:

"Dr. Evatt evidently yields to no man his devotion to human rights in Europe. As to Australia, however his conscience seems somewhat less clear."

The broad principle pursued in Australia has been to recruit native labor for mines and plantations by force when other means have been unsuccessful, and to pay the natives fantastically low wages.

"Even then deductions have been made to meet the costs of the constabulary, to keep the victims in subjection. It is a very fine scheme for a master race."

"Dr. Evatt's Paris proposal would carry a lot more weight if, in Australia, something like the court he proposes had been operating to prevent mistreatment of minorities and the protection of human freedom generally. As it is, his proposal will get nowhere, for the reason already mentioned, and also because the abuse of minorities is a favorite sport in Europe, and its practitioners will not abandon it lightly."

"Dr. Evatt's proposal has one great merit — it brings into high relief the hypocrisy of the whole collection of eminent statesmen gathered in Paris."