

# Aboriginal families may affect tourists'

The settling of aboriginal families among whites could affect Nambucca's tourist potential, Mr. H. M. Davis said today.

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He is one of 26 people who signed a petition to Nambucca Shire Council yesterday protesting against the sale of a house in a 'white' area to the aboriginal family.

He said the introduction of aboriginals could also bring down land values in the town. Nambucca is 250 miles south of Brisbane.

"I do not want anyone to get the impression I am in any way unsympathetic to aboriginal welfare," he said.

"But this town is developing as a tourist centre."

## "Little Rock all over again"

Mrs. A. Bandler, vice-president of the Aboriginal Australian Fellowship, said today the protest "was Little Rock all over again."

[Little Rock, in Arkansas, America, was the scene of anti-integration storm between whites and negroes last year.]

"I think it is absolutely shocking and disgusting," she said.

The shire president, Cr. A. J. Ballard, said today the council decided to pass the petition on to the Chief Secretary as an expression of its own views about the Aborigines Welfare Board policy of assimilation of aboriginal families into the white community.

He said some of the

objections in the petition were:

- Belittling of white children by their school-mates if they associated with aboriginal children.

- Possibility of undesirable aboriginals attaching themselves to decent colored families settled among whites.

Cr. Ballard said about 300 aboriginals lived in two settlements in the shire, which had a total population of about 10,000.

The aboriginal settlement at Nambucca Heads was well-conducted, and several attractive homes had been built there recently.

"Already they have their own school and churches there, and we must also consider whether the aboriginals would be happy living among the white community."

He said the father of the family buying the Nambucca house recently was granted full citizenship rights. He believed the family was well behaved.