

# 35 to defy color bar

A team of 35 university students will leave Sydney tonight on a two-week "freedom ride" tour of NSW country towns.

It is the first action campaign against Aboriginal discrimination organised in Australia.

The students will demonstrate against color bars with passive "sit-downs" in 12 of the 20 towns to be visited.

Theatres, swimming pools, cafes and hotels which have discriminated against Aborigines will be the targets of the "sit-downs."

The students, four of whom are Aborigines, will also make an intensive sociological survey of Aboriginal conditions in each town visited.

A leader of the team, Mr Charles Perkins, an Aboriginal student, said yesterday: "This is the first comprehensive survey of Aborigines undertaken."

## COMMITTEE PLAN

"We will survey the housing conditions, employment and health of Aborigines and the attitude of whites and Aborigines on important issues such as assimilation, discrimination and education."

He said discrimination varied from town to town.

"We hope to establish integration and assimilation committees in many of the towns," he said.

He said the party could meet with "some trouble" when it begins its "sit-downs" — "but we just don't know what to expect."

The students will travel by bus to Wellington and Dubbo in the Central West Moree in the North-West, across to Lismore on the coast and back to Sydney.

They will sleep in church halls.