

STUDENTS PICKET COLOR-BAR CLUB

Students from Sydney University will today picket the RSL club in Walgett, north-western New South Wales, in protest against racial discrimination.

The club does not allow Aborigines on its premises.

Thirty-one students of SAFA— (Student Action For Aborigines) — will carry placards denouncing the club's policy.

They will start their picket at noon.

Walgett, with a population of about 3000, is an important railhead for wool.

A big government-controlled Aboriginal settlement is about four miles from the town. Many Aborigines live in houses in Walgett and work as laborers, station hands, drovers and assistants at the railway.

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The SAFA leader, Mr Charles Perkins, who is of Aboriginal descent, said yesterday the group had found discrimination at its worst in the tiny town of Gulargambone.

Aborigines there were not allowed to sit down in cafes. Proprietors served them only as long as they were standing.

In the hotels, only selected Aborigines were allowed to drink — and they had to remain standing.

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