

# Aborigines preferred

CANBERRA. — Two white top administrators in Aboriginal affairs will step down so that Aborigines can take their place.

The Victorian Aborigines Advancement League wants a replacement for its present administrative director (the Rev. Bruce Silverwood).

The Federal Council for the Advancement of Aborigines and Torres Strait Islands (FCAATSI) is looking for someone to replace

its general secretary (Mr. Jack Horner).

The FCAATSI senior vice-president (Mr. Gordon Bryant), the Labor MHR for the Melbourne seat of Wills, said both jobs would be advertised throughout Australia.

But there was a color bar, he warned — Aborigines would be preferred.

[The Victorian Aborigines Advancement League has about 3000 members and is affiliated with FCAATSI.]

The resignation of Mr. Silverwood was prompted by demand from some Aboriginal members or the

league late last year for an all-black governing body.

Announcing his decision to step down, Mr. Silverwood said he had been accused by some of being "a sort of white boss for the black man".

Applications for the \$4000 plus post of administrative director close on February 14.

Applications for the job of general secretary of FCAATSI close on March 13. The post carries a starting salary of \$3000.