

Protest for

Royal visit

VICTORIAN aborigines plan to hoist protest banners and placards before the Queen when she arrives in Australia.

They also plan a protest march from Spencer St., along Bourke St., to the steps of Parliament House on March 29 — the day before the Queen arrives.

This was decided at a meeting of representatives of three aboriginal organisations in Melbourne last night.

Mr **Bruce McGuinness**, liaison officer of the Victorian Aborigines' Advancement League, said the meeting fully supported the proposals of the Queensland secretary of the Federal Council for the Advancement of Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders, Mrs **Kath Walker**.

He said Mrs Walker proposed that when the Queen arrived at Sydney airport, aborigines,

dressed in black and wearing black armbands, should stage a silent protest against Captain Cook bi-centenary celebrations.

"Added to her proposals we want banners and placards," Mr McGuinness said.

"We want the Queen to see them.

"They will read: 'Cook is Bad News,' 'Aborigines Refused Land Rights,' 'Aborigines—a Race of People Without A Country,' and 'Aborigines' Identity Lost.'

"We are hoping for a non-violent demonstration but whether they are going to allow us to have one is another story."