

(Est. 1904)

Phone: 67-5133

Aust. Press Cuttings Agency

Melbourne, Victoria

From

"AGE"

18 DEC 1973 Melbourne, Vic.

\$12,000 pay demand not on: black

By MICHAEL RYAN

Members of the National Aboriginal Consultative Committee had not demanded \$12,000 annual salaries, the Western Victoria delegate (Mr. David Anderson) said yesterday.

"We did not demand anything, we're a responsible body—we only recommend," he said.

Mr. Anderson, 26, an anthropology student, is one of the youngest members of the committee of 41 men and women elected by Aboriginal people.

In Canberra last Thursday, members discussed whether the \$6000 salaries, and expenses of \$2000 for city members and \$3000 for outback members, would cover their assignment.

"I've got five parliamentary electorates in my region," Mr. Anderson said, "but consider the task of my full-blooded fellow countrymen who have to cover a thousand-mile front and will need to charter aircraft at times.

"We don't want to be

forced back to cadging on the department in order to carry out our commission."

Mr. Anderson said members had tabled the case of Aboriginal artist Richard Martin, who is allegedly being refused parole from Wacol Prison Farm in Queensland "because he stood up for his fellow inmates".

"I would like to see the Commonwealth take over Aboriginal affairs from the racist State of Queensland, which has discriminatory laws against Aborigines," Mr. Anderson said.

Mr. Anderson was elected for the Mallee, Wimmera and Western District. Nessie Skuta is the Gippsland representative and Bruce McGuiness the Melbourne representative.



Mr. David Anderson, pictured after his return from Canberra yesterday.