

JULY 16 SYDNEY DEMO FOR GURINDJI

SYDNEY: A call for a public boycott of "Imperial" meat products and all other items marketed by subsidiaries of Vesteys Ltd. was made by a public meeting on Friday supporting the land demands of Aborigines, particularly the Gurindji at Wattie Creek.

The enthusiastic meeting of 250 insisted on formulating a program of action, after hearing an account of the situation of the Gurindji given by communist author Frank Hardy, who had convened the meeting.

A campaign committee was formed with action groups on: boycott, demonstrative actions, publicity, and direct assistance to the Gurindji.

On the proposal of Mr. L. Carmichael (AEU assistant Commonwealth secretary), approaches will be made to trade unions to develop the boycott and other appropriate actions.

Mr. Hardy stressed that the main issue of the Aboriginal struggle in Australia was land and that the companies monopolising land and the government were determined to refuse their claims.

The Wattie Creek occupation of traditional tribal land by the Gurindji on Vesteys' big Wave Hill station holding was an enormous initiative and its outcome will prove to be a watershed in the whole land struggle.

The meeting seized on the theme of pressure on the company holding the lease of the land.

The meeting adjourned to march down George Street to the office of Vestey companies where the final stage of the meeting was held on the footpath and the street.

A demonstration was called for this Thursday, July 16, at 4 p.m. outside Vesteys' Imperial House, 255 George Street, Sydney, to demand the granting by the company of the 500 square miles of tribal land sought by the Gurindji.