

WIND FROM THE EAST



Mrs. Ruby Hammond (left) and Mrs. Lyn Thompson — members of an Aboriginal delegation returning from a visit to China — play on Chinese flutes after arriving at Sydney Airport yesterday

SYDNEY—"For the first time in our lives we were treated as equals," Mr. C. Dixon, an Aborigine, said yesterday.

Mr. Dixon, leader of the Australian Aboriginal delegation to China, was speaking at Sydney's international airport when four members of the nine-man delegation arrived home.

The delegation spent a month in China as guests of the Chinese Government on a cultural exchange visit.

"We were never called boongs or niggers," Mr. Dixon said.

The delegation had found the Chinese gen-

Guests 'equal' in China

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uinely interested in their problems.

Asked what he thought he had learnt most from the trip, Mr. Dixon said: "Self-reliance and self-assertion."

About 20 friends and relatives of the delegation staged a brief demonstration for Aboriginal land rights at the airport.

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