Fishing in troubled waters

AN INVITATION, extended by the Chinese Communist government last week, to a delegation of 20 aborigines to visit China at its expense, was a further indication of the Peking government's desire to fish in the troubled waters of aboriginal policy in Australia.

The Department of Foreign Affairs announced through a spokesman, that the Department would have no objection, in principle, to the visit of the 20 aborigines to Communist China.

The delegation will spend 32 days in China. The cost to the Chinese Communist government cannot be less than \$30,000.

It is a clear intervention by Peking in the internal affairs of Australia.

The visit would have been arranged as the result of representations on the part of Maoist groups from Australia, headed by Mr. Ted Hill.

The manipulators

The invitation from the Chinese Communists comes at a time when the Aarons Communist Party of Australia, and the Maoist group, under Hill, are both engaged in the stimulation of violent activities among the Black Panther Party, recently organised in Australia on the American model.

The so-called Black Panthers would not last five minutes, unless financial and organising support were given by these two wings of Australian Communism.

At the recent so-called Queensland Racism Conference, the welladvertised leader of the Black Panthers, Mr. Denis Walker, described other aborigines as "puppets" of the Australian system. Among those attacked were Charles Perkins, Neville Bonner, and his own mother, Kath Walker.

The attitude to violence of the Black Panthers, whose connections with Communist China will be consolidated as a result of the coming visit, was indicated by Walker in the statement: "Revolution isn't going to come without an armed struggle."

Plea for guns

He went on: "The point is, we've got to clear the way first to legally carry guns in the street. Not concealable guns, but shotguns or rifles. "I believe that it is an infringement on my human rights, if one person in the community, a copper, is allowed to have guns and I'm not. That's infringing on my human rights.

"In the States, they're guaranteed this by their constitution. As a self-defence thing. Not as an aggressive action.

"Any aggressive action will be dealt with by the party itself. With very strict rules on that."

At the Brisbane conference, "Labor Press" warned a Black Panther representative that they were being "manipulated" by the Aarons led CPA.

Seeking an issue

Another "Labor Press" speaker said that the CPA was now taking up the black issue, the aborigines issue, because the Vietnam issue and antiapartheid were "dead".

An interesting extension of the activities of the Black Panthers is their determination to take over the university-based organisation, ABSCHOL.

"I believe," said Walker, "this is the first step in a political campaign, and if we can't handle taking over organisations such as ABSCHOL then we aren't going to have any success with things at local government and Federal government levels."