

SA man to lead Aboriginal body

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CANBERRA—A South Australian was elected president of the National Aboriginal Congress yesterday.

He is Mr. Jim Stanley, 31, one of four SA members of the national body.

His appointment was confirmed at a committee meeting following a recommendation by other delegates two weeks ago.

Mr. Stanley is one of the most outspoken critics of the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs (Senator Cavanagh), who is also a South Australian) and his department.

Last week Mr. Stanley described Senator Cavan-

agh as being arrogant and one who would not listen to reason.

"To me he does not have enough insight into Aboriginal problems and affairs," he said.

The 41-member Aboriginal body has been in conflict with the department since it was elected by a national ballot among Aborigines in November.

Earlier this month the members voted to change the name of the body from the National Abori-



Mr. Stanley

ginal Consultative Committee to the National Aboriginal Congress.

Yesterday's committee meeting also confirmed the appointment of nine "ministers" to administer various portfolios within the congress.