

# \$844,000 for

CANBERRA, Today: The Federal Government is to be asked to provide \$844,000 to set up a "mini Public Service" for the "Aboriginal Parliament."

# Aboriginal 'mini PS'

The money is over and above the \$390,000 paid to the 41 members of the National Aboriginal Consultative Committee (NACC) in salaries and allowances.

It also does not take into account the Federal money spent on conducting elections for the NACC every two years.

Included in the request is provision for a secretary general on a salary of \$9,000 a year, \$1,000 expense allowance and a car.

An "electoral and political officer" will also receive \$8,000 a year with \$1,000 expenses.

The request was presented to the week-long meeting of the NACC in Canberra today.

It was contained in a submission by the finance and administration sub-

committee of the "parliament."

The request was presented to the Aboriginal Affairs Minister, Senator Cavanagh, who is attending open sessions of the meeting.

## PERMISSION

The NACC wants what it has termed a "secretariat" to run the affairs of an as yet to be elected council of nine ministers.

Senator Cavanagh was asked yesterday for permission to establish the council of ministers.

The salary bill alone for 14 people to be employed

in the secretariat was estimated to reach almost \$80,000 in the first year.

Capital expenses such as office furniture was estimated at \$30,000, and rent for office space at well over \$20,000.

The NACC also wants 33 station wagons and 10 other vehicles at a total cost of \$117,000.

The setting up and maintenance of special regional councils and committees throughout Australia was estimated to cost \$38,000 a year.

These figures coupled with other incidental costs detailed in the submission came to a total of \$844,000.